



Meeting Minutes
Silverdale Water District – Large Conference Room
November 14, 2019

Meeting Called to Order: Jason Nutsford (Kitsap Public Utility District (KPUD)) called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM and introductions were made.

Minutes: Jacki Brown (City of Port Orchard) made a motion to approve the minutes, pending one correction concerning the recent Crown West Reality vs. Dept. of Ecology case. Sid Williams (Silverdale Water District (SWD)) seconded. Minutes approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Diana Temple (SWD) reported that the statement balance as of October 31, 2019 was \$1,998.44. There is one outstanding debit to the City of Bremerton for drawstring backpacks for \$390.18.

Task Force Reports:

- Public Outreach: No report.
- Legislative: Thomas Hunter (City of Port Angeles (formerly with City of Port Orchard)) reported on water rights in Port Angeles. He also mentioned the intensity of the recent questioning coming out of the WUCC.
- Conservation: No report.
- Cross-connection: Courtney Little (North Perry Water) asked about the status of the backflow assembly taskforce. Diana will find out who is interested and will put together a group, possibly in January, to get together and discuss so everyone will be on the same page. Jacki asked if a sub-group for FOG (fats, oils, and greases) could be included for those utilities who also provide sewer service.
- Mapping/GIS: No report.

Old Business: Cami Apfelbeck (City of Bremerton) elaborated on the Crown West Reality vs. Department of Ecology case that was mentioned during October's meeting. Bill Broughton (attorney for KPUD) spoke of an experience the Kitsap PUD had with defining municipal water rights. Bill stressed the importance of including the tribes in all conversations related to water rights. Jacki talked about a recent meeting she was in with Robinson Noble and the Department of Ecology relating to the Foster case.

New Business: Ernie Klimek with Evergreen Rural Water of Washington presented the new ERWoW Apprenticeship Program. There are currently seven individuals in the program statewide: two in drinking water; two in wastewater; and three in Quest, including Robin Waldroop from Rhododendron Hts. Water Company. Diana will distribute a pdf of the presentation to the group.

General Discussion:

- Cami offered a correction to a comment she made at the October Meeting concerning employment for individuals with questionable pasts. The hiring organization is Kitsap Community Resources and the potential employees do not have minor criminal infractions, but rather they are individuals who are on Welfare and need on-the-job training opportunities.
- Jason reminded the group about ERWoW's free one-day classes that are available with the enhanced annual membership.
- Jason mentioned that the tribal spokesperson for the S'Klallam tribe may be available to come and speak to the group in January.



- Joel Purdy (KPUD) talked about his plans to give the group a presentation on the Newberry Hill Pump Test to show the results and observations of the test.
- Jacki discussed Port Orchard's plan to drill a new well and how it relates to the current Kitsap groundwater model.
- Mike Pleasants (SWD) gave an update on the annual AWWA Best Tasting Water and Meter Madness Competitions, annually held at Parametrix in Puyallup. The Puyallup Parametrix office is currently going through a re-model, so the event may be held at a different location in 2020. He also spoke about recent AWWA training classes, including corrosion control and 21st century managerial tools. Mike suggested that members view the PNW subsection's website (www.pnws-awwa.org). Diana will distribute the link for these classes to the group.
- Mike mentioned Silverdale Water's \$10 M bond to complete their list of capital projects.
- Jason reminded the group that the draft revision of the Water System Planning Guide Book is available for review on the Department of Health website. They are currently accepting comments and suggestions.
- Jason informed the group about Kitsap Public Health District's new operating permits for Group B systems that will start coming out soon.
- Jason reminded the group of the DWSRF's construction loan open enrollment period, which ends November 30th.
- Jason talked about Environmental Working Group's new tap water database report that was released on October 23rd. The "Working Group" would like to drastically reduce MCLs for drinking water.
- Jason and Mike brought up the upcoming class and document for education on PFAs. Cami asked if anyone has heard about any articles confirming a direct link between aluminum and Alzheimer's disease. Jason will forward the information to Diana to distribute to the group.
- Jacki asked if WaterPAK has thought about coordinating with the Pierce County Co-op, which meets at the same time as WaterPAK. She asked if the WaterPAK group would consider changing their date and/or time that they meet. The Pierce County Co-op will not change. Sid mentioned that WaterPAK has discussed the idea of sending a rotation of WaterPAK members down to the Pierce County Co-op meetings. Jason will discuss the idea with Shawn O'Dell.
- Cami gave an update on a recent workshop she attended that covered wildfire impacts on drinking water sources.
- Thomas encouraged the group to visit the industrial water plant in Port Angeles. Jason suggested organizing a future WaterPAK fieldtrip up to the plant.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Sid made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Temple
WaterPAK Secretary/Treasurer