



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Virtual – via Zoom**  
**January 13, 2022**

**Meeting Called to Order:** Chairman Shawn O’Dell (WA Water) called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM and introductions were made.

**Minutes:** Vice Chairman Jason Nutsford (Kitsap PUD (KPUD)) made a motion to approve the minutes from December’s meeting. Rob Robinson (North Perry) seconded. Minutes approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Diana Temple (Silverdale Water District (SWD)) reported that the current account balance is \$7,587.76. Diana will set up a meeting with the bank to change account signers and establish online banking, saving WaterPAK \$36/year for paper statements. Jason made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Mike Pleasants (SWD) seconded. Following no discussion, the motion carried.

**Old Business**

- Jason asked about the WaterPAK career video. Diana will send out possible dates/times for a virtual meeting to discuss production ideas.

**Regulatory Agency Reports**

- WA Department of Health – Office of Drinking Water (WA DOH – ODW)
  - Jocelyne Gray (WA DOH – ODW) reported: new position as the Assistant Regional Manager; engineering position will be opening soon. PFAS – new public sources required to sample for PFAS; sampling window for all public sources is 2023 – 2025. Samples collected in 2021 and 2022 will count towards requirement. Lead & Copper (Pb & Cu) Rule revisions discussed. Recommend all sources be regularly tested for pH, temperature, alkalinity every two weeks; distribution checked quarterly. Systems with Pb & Cu exceedances must submit parameter testing results. New tier criteria for sampling; now five tiers instead of four with updated definitions. Lead service line inventory for customer and purveyor sides due to DOH by October 16, 2024. Information must be made public e.g., website. A DOH draft spreadsheet is available. Shawn asked about identifying customer’s service lines. More information will be sent to the group, covering the requirements. \$63 M may be available for lead service line replacement projects. Brandy Milroy (Mason Cty PUD 1) talked about financial/personnel struggles for smaller systems to pothole all meters. Jocelyne will look into funding options for smaller systems. Shawn asked if homes built after 1990 will need to be potholed. Peter Tonder (North Perry) asked if “customer side” includes the internal plumbing of the residence – Jocelyne will research and send out information. State Revolving Fund was discussed – \$80 M available. Not all available money utilized last year; unaccepted projects from 2020 and 2019 are being considered. Over \$100 M available for future construction projects during 2022 – 2026 cycle. Systems must have an approved water system plan to be eligible. Fern Shultz (WA DOH – ODW) talked about document interpretation. Jocelyne congratulated Fern on her new position as the Environmental Justice Reviewer. Fern suggested having Daren Gurnee, Senior Planner for Kitsap County’s Department of Community Development (DCD) present to WaterPAK on DCD’s improved formalized review process.

- Kitsap Public Health District (KPHD)
  - Melina Knoop (KPHD) reported: Sanitary surveys this year; new staff training
- Department of Ecology
  - No report

### Task Force Reports

- Public Outreach (*Primary Contact: Lisa Campbell, lisa.campbell@ci.bremerton.wa.us*)
  - Diana reported: Home & Garden Expo scheduled for May 13 – 15. Member participation unlikely at this time. Alternative suggestions discussed, including an un-occupied booth to display literature and giveaways. Discussion has been tabled until February meeting. Diana will contact Expo officials with questions and report at the February meeting.
- Legislative (*Primary Contact: Mike Pleasants, mpleasants@swd16.org*)
  - Mike reported: WWUC – new session began last week; short session with a few priorities. Lead WWUC contact will change in 2023. Fern asked about a recent Receivership. Jocelyne clarified.
- Conservation (*Primary Contact: Diana Temple, dtemple@swd16.org*)
  - No report
- Cross-Connection Control (*Primary Contact: Courtney Little, c.little@northperrywd.org*)
  - Rob reported that North Perry will be appointing someone to the Public Outreach/Conservation Taskforces.
- Mapping/GIS (*Primary Contact: Jim Hershberger, jhershberger@calwater.com*)
  - Katrina Harris (KPUD) reported some challenges experienced with browser updates. Rob asked to join the taskforce.
- Shared Resources (*Primary Contact: Andrew Cook, operations@northperry.org*)
  - Shawn reminded the group that having multiple utilities involved on a schedule (e.g., tank cleaning) lowers the cost. Christy Shipman (City of Bainbridge Island (COBI)) mentioned COBI's new cellphone-like meter reading devices. Discussion ensued.
- Emergency Management (*Primary Contact: Jeannie Screws, jscrews@swd16.org*)
  - Brandy talked about the challenges Mason PUD 1 experienced during the recent snow storm. Discussion ensued.

### Meeting Topics

- Presentations for 2022
  - Jim Hershberger (WA Water) suggested presentations by vendors and program developers. Shawn suggested Emergency Operation Centers. Mike recommended local suppliers present to the group on new technologies and products, such as meter reading devices. Discussion ensued.
- Email distribution list
  - Diana will be consolidating the email distribution list. An email will be sent out soon, asking for response.
- Staffing shortages
  - The group discussed staffing shortages. Few applicants and/or qualified personnel. Shawn reminded the group about ERWOW's Apprenticeship Program. Discussion ensued.
- WaterPAK funds
  - Jason recommended the Public Outreach Taskforce look into updating booth display components in preparation of future events. Discussion ensued. Jason made a motion to suspend the 2022 dues invoices until April, where fund utilization can be further reviewed and discussed. Mike seconded. Motion carried.

### **General Discussion**

- Jason would like to see a presentation on ShakeAlert. The group discussed fleet vehicles. Andrew Cook (North Perry) mentioned new vacuum trucks and hydro excavators are two years out. CDL classes were discussed.
- Rob reported that North Perry is working on a new Fe & Mn plant (ATEC System).
- Mike mentioned SWD's current construction at the admin & shop buildings.
- Jason would like to use WaterPAK to coordinate AWWA trainings throughout the year.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Diana made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Temple  
WaterPAK Secretary/Treasurer