



Meeting Minutes
Virtual – via Zoom
March 10, 2022

Meeting Called to Order: Chairman Shawn O’Dell (WA Water) called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM and introductions were made.

Minutes: Jacki Brown (City of Port Orchard) made a motion to approve the minutes from February’s meeting. Jason Nutsford (Kitsap Public Utility District (KPUD)) seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Diana Temple (Silverdale Water District (SWD)) reported that the current account balance is \$7,581.76. David Vasquez (KPUD) made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report. Jacki seconded. Following no discussion, the motion carried.

Old Business

- Jacki mentioned that the Office of Drinking Water will be postponing their training opportunities until further notice. Discussion ensued.

Regulatory Agency Reports

- WA Department of Health – Office of Drinking Water (WA DOH – ODW)
 - Jocelyne Gray (WA DOH – ODW) reported: ODW will be continuing to work remotely for the next two years; new submittals must be electronic; currently hiring new engineers; Water System Plan review times are considerably longer than in the past – extension letters are being sent out; sanitary surveys take precedent over Plan reviews; revised lead and copper rule, lead service line inventory funding and PFAS were discussed. Direct questions to Sophia Petro (WA DOH – ODW); sanitary surveys were discussed – surface water systems are prioritized over groundwater systems without compliance issues. Fern reiterated that DWSRF projects are a priority – contact Fern if you have a project. Consolidation loans were discussed – party agreements are crucial before the loan process begins. Shawn thanked Jocelyne and Fern for all of their efforts.
- Kitsap Public Health District (KPHD)
 - Melina Knoop (KPHD) reported: hiring two new staff members; standing by to assist the WA DOH ODW as needed.
- Department of Ecology
 - No report

Task Force Reports

- Public Outreach (*Primary Contact: Lisa Campbell, lisa.campbell@ci.bremerton.wa.us*)
 - Career video meeting last week – video completion deadline set for August 31st. Request was made for a project lead. Diana will email WaterPAK with request. Jason summarized his recent conversation with a BKAT representative. More information will be given at Taskforce meeting next week.
 - WA State Science Fair – Virtual this year. Judging for 9th – 12th grade projects will occur March 26th; judging for 1st – 8th grade projects will occur April 9th. Diana will email the group, asking for judges.

Diana made a three-part motion:

- i. increase the award amount to \$100 for both groups
 - ii. Judging will be limited to individual projects – no group projects
 - iii. A framed certificate will be provided to both winners on behalf of WaterPAK
- Courtney seconded. Following no discussion, motion carried.

- Legislative (*Primary Contact: Mike Pleasants, mpleasants@swd16.org*)
 - Mike Pleasants (SWD) reported on the recent WUCC meeting: Funding was discussed for: low-income communities; Ecology's drought response; PFAS; grants. Policy 20-30 update; Public Works funding may be used outside of the water industry. Mike shared the following link to the WUCC grant funding presentation:
<https://www2.grantsoffice.com/WWUCInfrastructureFunding>
- Conservation (*Primary Contact: Diana Temple, dtemple@swd16.org*)
 - No report
- Cross-Connection Control (*Primary Contact: Courtney Little, c.little@northperrywd.org*)
 - Court reported: Taskforce meeting this morning. Discussion on tracking failed tests in ASR submittals, DOH report cards, fire line DCDA and tracking software.
- Mapping/GIS (*Primary Contact: Jim Hershberger, jhershberger@calwater.com*)
 - Jim Hershberger gave praise for Bill Bernier's recent ASR presentation.
- Shared Resources (*Primary Contact: Andrew Cook, operations@northperry.org*)
 - Diana reminded the group that WaterPAK buys toilet dye tabs for utilities to distribute to customers. Diana will disseminate to utilities upon request.
- Emergency Management (*Primary Contact: Jeannie Screws, jscrews@swd16.org*)
 - Upcoming EOC training for utility emergencies. Contact Shawn for more information. KPUD's non-cellular radio technologies were discussed.

Meeting Topics

GIS Taskforce Presentation

Katrina and Jim presented on the progress made by the GIS Taskforce. A request was made for more utility & agency participation. Katrina stressed the importance of sharing data. Jim talked about the helpful features of ArcGIS.

General Discussion

- Challenges of the revised lead and copper rule were discussed. Jacki spoke with DWSRF about a coordinated effort with WaterPAK members to conduct service line potholing.
- Presentations to WaterPAK on technical topics, such as fluoridation and public education. David Vasquez would like to present on water-loss tracking. Fern will send information to Diana about a DCD presentation.
- Lobby closures and mask requirements within utilities/agencies were discussed.
- Sid cautioned the group on the unexpected issues since switching from 3G to 5G.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Sid made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Diana seconded. Meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Temple
WaterPAK Secretary/Treasurer