



## Meeting Minutes

Virtual – via Zoom

July 13, 2023

**Call to Order:** Cochair Jason Nutsford (Kitsap PUD (KPUD)) called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM; Introductions followed.

**Minutes:** Rob Robinson (North Perry Water District) made a motion to approve the minutes from June's meeting. Jason seconded. Minutes approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Secretary/Treasurer Diana Temple (Silverdale Water District (SWD)) reported that the current account balance is \$9,803.32. Two associate members have outstanding dues, totaling \$100. Few expenses expected for the Fair booth in August.

### Old Business

- Jason asked about meeting with Kitsap Bank to set up online banking. The Board will aim to meet this fall.

### Regulatory Agency Reports

- WA Department of Health – Office of Drinking Water (WA DOH – ODW)
  - Diana reported on behalf of the WA DOH – ODW: two new planners on staff, engineering positions opening soon; Consolidation Feasibility Study Grant application cycle opens August 1-31 for municipalities, special purpose districts, and not-for-profit water systems. Applicant must be a Group A community water system; Q&A session is August 9 at 10 AM. The recording from the July 12 webinar will soon be available on the DOH [webpage](#) under *Consolidation Feasibility/Regionalization: August*. Water systems are encouraged to try the [Community Impact Matrix](#) to determine if they are disadvantaged; informal comments on the draft proposal criteria are being accepted. Additional guidance on the DOH [webpage](#) under *Disadvantaged Community*; emergency rule will be used for the definition of disadvantaged communities for this year's Construction Loan cycle; formal comment period for rulemaking will occur May/June 2024.
  - Jason asked if present water utilities have received low interest DWSRF loans, requiring payment of only 50 percent. Discussion ensued.
- Kitsap Public Health District (KPHD)
  - Kim Jones (KPHD) reported: PFAS levels above the SAL found in Group A system in Port Orchard. Jason talked about legal issues with a Group B system. Discussion ensued.
- Department of Ecology
  - No report.

### Task Force Reports

- Public Outreach/Conservation (*primary contact: Lisa Campbell, lisa.campbell@ci.bremerton.wa.us*)
  - Diana reported: Kitsap Fair, August 23-27. Taskforce met yesterday to discuss booth layout and purchasing needs. Next meeting is Wednesday, August 2 at 10 AM. Booth scheduling discussed. Diana asked for innovative ideas for the Fair booth.

- Legislation (*primary contact: Mike Pleasants, mpleasants@swd16.org*)
  - Mike Pleasants (SWD) reported: WUCC legislative committee has been active – discussion on prevailing wages; apprenticeships; disadvantaged communities; House Bill 1329; and public works assistance. Discussion on Policy 20-30, comments due in September; Cami Apfelbeck (City of Bremerton) will send out more information to WaterPAK. EPA is considering revisions to the Lead and Copper Rule; discussion ensued on House Bill 1329. Jason and Tom Colby (KPUD) discussed KPUD’s lead and copper inventory test case.
- Cross-Connection Control (*primary contact: Courtney Little, c.little@northperrywd.org*)
  - Court Little (North Perry Water) will be presenting on Cross connection software.
- Mapping/GIS (*primary contact: Jim Hershberger, jhershberger@calwater.com*)
  - No report.
- Shared Resources (*primary contact: Andrew Cook, operations@northperry.org*)
  - No report.
- Emergency Management (*primary contact: Sid Williams, swilliams@swd16.org*)
  - No report.
- FOG (*primary contact: Jacki Brown, jbrown@cityofportorchard.us*)
  - No report.
- Regional Water Cooperative of Pierce County (*primary contact: Shawn O’Dell, sodell@wawater.com*)
  - No report.

**General Discussion**

- The group discussed hybrid options for future WaterPAK meetings; expect hybrid meetings to begin in September.
- Diana welcomed Alex Gobble from Belfair Water District to the meeting.
- The group discussed sample analyses and reporting challenges with the local laboratory; some utilities are now using alternate labs or are searching for other options.
- Jacki Brown (City of Port Orchard) announced that she is the new interim Public Works Director; Tony Lang (formerly with City of Port Orchard) has accepted a position with Manchester Water District as their new General Manager.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Jason adjourned at 11:27 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Temple  
WaterPAK Secretary/Treasurer