

## Meeting Minutes

Virtual – via Zoom

September 14, 2023

### Call to order

Cochair Jason Nutsford (Kitsap PUD) called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM, followed by introductions.

### Approval of minutes

David Vasquez (Kitsap PUD) made a motion to approve the minutes from August's meeting. Joel Purdy (Kitsap PUD) seconded. Minutes approved.

### Treasurer's report

Secretary/Treasurer Diana Temple (Silverdale Water District (SWD)) reported that the current account balance is \$8,942.51. Recent expenses include supplies and giveaways for the fair. Toilet dye tabs were discussed – please let Diana know if you would like some for your customers. Jacki Brown (City of Port Orchard) made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Mike Pleasants (SWD) seconded. The motion passed following no further discussion.

### Old business

- Analytical laboratories – Randy Screws (West Sound Utility District (WSUD)) and John Tapia (WSUD) mentioned WSUD's plan to become a courier location for Water Management Laboratory in Tacoma. More information to follow.

### Meeting topics

*Presentation – Department of Ecology (Ecology)*

- Austin Melcher (Ecology) presented on updates to Policy 2030; recommendations & clarifications can be sent to Austin at [amel461@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:amel461@ecy.wa.gov)

*Underground Utility Damage Act*

- Diana relayed information from Shawn O'Dell (WA Water) about revisions to RCW 19.122.010. Discussion ensued. More information will be provided at October's meeting.

### Regulatory agency reports

- WA Department of Health – Office of Drinking Water (WA DOH – ODW)
  - Ceci Welch (WA DOH – ODW) introduced two new DOH Planners, Ben Majors and Meredith Jones. She also discussed upcoming interviews for engineering positions; funding opportunities for construction loans and lead service line replacement (visit the [DWSRF webpage](#) for more information); the Navy's PFAS open house (September 20); DOH's hybrid PFAS conference (September 19 & 20); the WPUA Conference (September 28) – Ceci and Joel will present on LSLI; *Day with DOH* (October 12) in Vancouver, WA; and the IACC Conference (October 24-26) in Wenatchee.
- Kitsap Public Health District (KPHD)
  - No report.
- Department of Ecology (Ecology)
  - Doug Wood (Ecology) reported: Working with Kitsap PUD to authorize a new source; new water rights applications soon open for public review. Jim Hershberger (WA Water) asked about the rules for using PFAS-contaminated water. Discussion ensued.

### **Task force reports**

- Public Outreach/Conservation (*primary contact: Lisa Campbell, lisa.campbell@ci.bremerton.wa.us*)
  - Diana reported on the fair. Discussion ensued about missing carwash coupons; WaterPAK will purchase a lockbox next year.
- Legislation (*primary contact: Mike Pleasants, mpleasants@swd16.org*)
  - Mike Pleasants (SWD) reported: WUCC meeting tomorrow; Water Rights Committee now has over 60 active members; WUC's annual tristate meeting is in November (Vancouver, WA).
- Cross-Connection Control (*primary contact: Courtney Little, c.little@northperrywd.org*)
  - No report.
- 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**

- Jacki and Jim discussed ESRI's new lead service line inventory tool.
- Hiring challenges were discussed.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Jason adjourned the meeting at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Temple  
WaterPAK Secretary & Treasurer