



Meeting Minutes

Hybrid

Silverdale Water District Office
5300 NW Newberry Hill Road, Silverdale
(also, via *Zoom*)

November 9, 2023

Call to order

Cochair Shawn O'Dell (WA Water) called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, followed by introductions.

Approval of minutes

Jacki Brown (City of Port Orchard) made a motion to approve the minutes from October's meeting. Mike Pleasants (Silverdale Water District (SWD)) seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report

Secretary & Treasurer Diana Craigen (*formerly Diana Temple*) (SWD) reported that the current account balance is \$8,936.51. Mike made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Jacki seconded. Following no discussion, the motion passed.

Old business

- Jacki discussed the results of her recent survey related to local laboratories. The group decided to create an ad hoc committee, consisting of Jacki, Cami Apfelbeck (City of Bremerton), and Tony Lang (Manchester Water). The committee will develop a list of questions for Spectra's owner, who will attend WaterPAK's December meeting. Alternative laboratories were discussed.

Regulatory agency reports

- WA Department of Health – Office of Drinking Water (WA DOH ODW)
 - Ben Majors (WA DOH ODW), DOH's new planner, reported: staffing updates; Charese Gainor is leaving the coliform program. Ceci Welch (WA DOH ODW) reported: current loan cycles; Ecology offering grant monies for drought preparedness.
- Kitsap Public Health District (KPHD)
 - Kim Jones (KPHD) reported: Group B operating permits; sanitary surveys.
- Department of Ecology (Ecology)
 - No report.

Taskforce reports

- Public Outreach & Conservation (*contact: Lisa Campbell, lisa.campbell@ci.bremerton.wa.us*)
 - Diana mentioned the upcoming application period for the Home & Garden Expo, May 3-5, 2024.
- Legislation (*contact: Mike Pleasants, mpleasants@swd16.org*)
 - Mike reported: Recent WUCC meeting in Spokane; upcoming tri-state WUCC hybrid meeting. DOH lead and copper inventory requirement is less than a year away; Climate Resiliency – Ecology to offer grant; DOH and Ecology looking for shared lead for recycled water; updates to Policy 2030; PFAS class-action settlement – utilities are automatically

included in lawsuit; must opt-out to be removed. Sid Williams (SWD) mentioned that the DOH-paid PFAS sampling program ended earlier this year. Discussion ensued.

- Cross-Connection Control (*contact: TBD*)
 - Peter Tonder (North Perry Water) notified the group that Courtney Little will not be continuing as the taskforce lead. The position is open. Shawn and Jim Hersberger (WA Water) discussed a possible candidate. Conversation has been tabled. Sid recommended the lead be a member who is active with their utility's cross-connection program. Jason Nutsford (Kitsap PUD) suggested Diana email the group with taskforce information.
- Mapping & GIS (*contacts: Jim Hershberger, jhershberger@calwater.com; Katrina Harris, kharris@kpud.org*)
 - Jim proposed changing the committee name to *GIS & Asset Management*. Mike made a motion, Sid seconded. Motion carried.
- Shared Resources (*contact: Andrew Cook, operations@northperry.org*)
 - No report.
- Emergency Management (*contact: Sid Williams, swilliams@swd16.org*)
 - No report.
- Fats, Oils, & Grease (FOG) (*contact: Jacki Brown, jbrown@cityofportorchard.us*)
 - Shawn is working to set up a presentation. The City of Port Orchard will soon be hiring for its vacant FOG position.
- Regional Water Cooperative of Pierce County (*contact: Shawn O'Dell, sodell@wawater.com*)
 - No report.

General discussion

- Cami reported that Ted Danielson (Bremerton's operations supervisor) is retiring – soon to be an open position.
- Jason talked about *First Amendment Audits* (FAAs). Ned Lever (COB) discussed recent training at COB for FAAs. Diana will share the training link with the group. Discussion ensued. Shawn mentioned the federal "No Trespassing" signs available through Evergreen Rural Water.
- Evergreen Rural Water is hiring a new circuit writer. Hiring challenges discussed.
- The group discussed recent class-action settlements against DuPont and 3M for PFAS; utilities must opt-out to repeal their participation.
- Shawn talked about Pierce County's recent wildfire training. The group discussed bringing the training to Kitsap County, represented by WaterPAK. Sid will investigate if WaterPAK's membership with the EOC is active. Mike suggested WaterPAK join with Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue to host a joint training. Ned discussed the importance of educating new firefighters on the City's water infrastructure. The discussion was tabled until December.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Sid made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:28 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Craigen
WaterPAK Secretary & Treasurer