



## Meeting Minutes

March 14, 2024

Virtual, via Zoom

### Call to order and introductions

Cochair Shawn O'Dell (WA Water) called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM, followed by introductions.

### Approval of minutes

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

### Treasurer's report

Secretary & Treasurer Diana Craigen (SWD) reported that the current account balance is \$11,151.51. Recent expenses include a reimbursement to Silverdale Water District for a new booth backdrop and signage. Twenty members have paid their dues; three have outstanding balances, totaling \$150.00. Diana will contact these members with reminders. Jacki made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Mike seconded. Following no discussion, the motion passed.

### Old business

- Christy Shipman (City of Bainbridge Island) will get together with Sid Williams (SWD) in person to discuss requirements for updating bank account information.

### Regulatory agency reports

- WA Department of Health – Office of Drinking Water (WA DOH ODW)
  - Ben Majors (WA DOH ODW) introduced Candida Granillo-Dodds, ODW's new regional engineer (Candida.Granillo-Dodds@doh.wa.gov). Funding opportunities were discussed.
- Kitsap Public Health District (KPHD)
  - No report.
- Department of Ecology (Ecology)
  - Doug Wood (Ecology) reported on water rights applications; PFAS. Ecology is working with the WA DOH. Contact Doug or Ben Majors for more information.

### Taskforce reports

- Public Outreach & Conservation (*contact: Lisa Campbell, lisa.campbell@ci.bremerton.wa.us*)
  - Diana reported on upcoming WaterPAK events, including the WA State Science Fair, the Home & Garden Expo, Kids' Day, and the Kitsap Fair. More information can be found on the WaterPAK website (waterpak.org).
- Legislation (*contact: Mike Pleasants, mpleasants@swd16.org*)
  - Mike reported: not a lot of significant movement on bills regarding the water industry in this year's short session. Both DOH and Ecology expect more water-related legislative efforts in the 2025 session.
  - Ecology reported that they expect to publish a new draft of the 2030 Policy Update sometime in April. They will provide another period for public comment. The length of the comment period is unknown.
  - AWWA provided a comment letter to the EPA on February 2, 2024, regarding the proposed Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI). The document is 152 pages (<https://www.pnws-awwa.org/member-groups/subsections/washington-south-sound-subsection/>).

- Cross-Connection Control (*contact: Jim Monaghan, jmonaghan@calwater.com*)
  - Jim Monaghan (WA Water) plans to send out possible meeting dates.
- GIS & Asset Mgmt (*contacts: Jim Hershberger, jhershberger@calwater.com; Katrina Harris, kharris@kpud.org*)
  - Jim Hershberger (WA Water) reported on ESRI's new application and shared his appreciation for Katrina. Cami Apfelbeck (City of Bremerton) suggested a WaterPAK presentation by the taskforce, which would include information on GIS and lead and copper. Discussion ensued.
- Shared Resources (*contact: Andrew Cook, operations@northperry.org*)
  - No report.
- Emergency Management (*contact: Sid Williams, swilliams@swd16.org*)
  - Shawn reminded the group about WA Water's EOC training event in the fall. Mike offered Silverdale Water's meeting room(s) as a possible venue.
- Fats, Oils, & Grease (FOG) (*contact: Jacki Brown, jbrown@cityofportorchard.us*)
  - Jacki talked about staffing issues; Port Orchard's new hire, Brandon Sather, will report to the group on new developments within the taskforce. Discussion ensued.
- Regional Water Cooperative of Pierce County (*contact: Shawn O'Dell, sodell@wawater.com*)
  - No report.

### Meeting topics

WA State Science & Engineering Fair (WSSEF) – WaterPAK judges

- Diana reported: The 2024 WSSEF is Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6. Grades 1-8 will present on Friday; grades 9-12 on Saturday. WaterPAK will award a trophy, a certificate, and a \$100 check to both chosen projects. Judges are needed.

FOG Taskforce

- Possible upcoming WaterPAK presentation on FOG. Discussion ensued.

### General discussion

- Shawn discussed highlighting a WaterPAK member each month. The member would present a brief overview of how their utility/agency operates, challenges they face, and solutions/triumphs they have experienced. Diana suggested the group highlight both a utility member and an associate member each month. Discussion ensued.
- The group discussed DOH's chlorine reporting methods and requirements; specifically, about reporting daily/monthly usage vs. percentages. In-the-field programs for recording data include *Google Sheets*, *Smartsheets*, *ArcGIS Survey 123*, and *Microsoft 360*. Discussion ensued.
- AWWA's South Sound Subsection's annual Water Taste Test is next Thursday, March 21. Sid (SWD) will drive Kitsap samples to Tacoma on Wednesday afternoon.
- AWWA's South Sound Subsection is hosting a hybrid Waterworks 101 class on March 26 in Tacoma (and via Zoom) from 8 AM to 4 PM. Participants earn 0.6 CEUs.
- Shawn mentioned WETRC's upcoming conference in Ocean Shores, March 26-28. Presenters are needed.
- ERWOW is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year. The Apprenticeship Program was discussed. Contact Shawn for more information.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Jacki made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:48 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Craigen  
WaterPAK Secretary & Treasurer