



## Hybrid Meeting Minutes

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

April 11, 2024

### Call to order and introductions

Cochair/Chair Jason Nutsford (Kitsap PUD) called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM. Introductions followed.

### Approval of minutes

Jacki Brown (City of Port Orchard) motioned to approve the minutes from March'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 \$11,220.92. Recent expenses include a \$200 check to the WA State Science Fair for two presentation awards, and \$27.59 for re-plating the two awarded trophies. Twenty-two of twenty-three members have paid their 2024 dues. Diana will investigate the status of the outstanding payment. Jacki motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Mike seconded. Following no discussion, the motion passed.

### Old business

- No report

### Regulatory agency reports

- WA Department of Health – Office of Drinking Water (WA DOH ODW)
  - Ben Majors (WA DOH ODW) reported on EPA's new PFAS rule; Washington State is moving towards adopting these new federal regulations. He will send resources for distribution to WaterPAK. DWSRF funding is available. Fluoridation discussed.
- Kitsap Public Health District (KPHD)
  - No report.
- Department of Ecology (Ecology)
  - No report.

### Taskforce reports

- Public Outreach & Conservation (*contact: Lisa Campbell, lisa.campbell@ci.bremerton.wa.us*)
  - Diana reported on the recent WA State Science Fair: WaterPAK chose two projects that focus on drinking water, awarding each \$100, a trophy, and a certificate. Shawn O'Dell judged both days. The Home & Garden Expo is approaching; May 3-5. A new backdrop and signage have been purchased. The Kitsap Water Festival is Tuesday, April 16. Diana invited WaterPAK members to attend the event.

- Legislation (*contact: Mike Pleasants, mpleasants@swd16.org*)
  - Mike reported: the legislative session has concluded. The latest draft of DOH's Policy 2030 update is expected soon. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the WA DOH and Ecology is being finalized. Ecology received funding for surface water mapping. Funding is available for groundwater monitoring. AWWA's Fly-in is occurring this week in Washington, D.C.
- Cross-Connection Control (*contact: Jim Monaghan, jmonaghan@calwater.com*)
  - Jim Monaghan (WA Water) reported: the first taskforce meeting occurred this morning. The group will meet monthly going forward.
- GIS & Asset Mgmt (*contacts: Jim Hershberger, jhershberger@calwater.com; Katrina Lewis, kharris@kpud.org*)
  - No report.
- 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*)
  - No report.
- Regional Water Cooperative of Pierce County (*contact: Shawn O'Dell, sodell@wawater.com*)
  - No report.

### General discussion

- Hydrant meters—Jason explained recent issues with contractors using hydrant meters within the boundaries of other utilities. The group discussed built-in hydrant meter GPS trackers, meter deposits, and backflow assemblies. Mike spoke about issues with contractors pulling water from hydrants that are not metered. Discussion ensued.
- Mike talked about the WSDOT's project study for fish passage outreach, <https://gisdata-wsdot.opendata.arcgis.com/search?q=fish%20passage>
- Mike discussed the county's interest in adopting the federal fire flow requirements. Jason and Katrina discussed recent fire flow information requests from local fire districts. Discussion ensued.
- Binding water/water availability letters were discussed. Owners are considering relinquishing rights to their connections. Discussion ensued.
- Kitsap Community Resources' LIHWAP funding for water bill payment was discussed.
- Lead service line inventory—lead has not been found, but galvanized pipes have been spotted on the utility side. Some goosenecks have been discovered and are being removed. The group discussed problems with DOH's inventory submittal process. Alex Gobble (Belfair Water District) shared the added benefits of conducting the inventory—the process has allowed their techs to find leaks. Other utilities are using the process to simultaneously replace meters.
- Satellite-linked phones were discussed. Jason would like to share phone numbers between utilities and agencies who also use these phones.
- PFAS—EPA's new guidelines were discussed. Ben will ask Sophia Petro (WA DOH) about presenting to WaterPAK. Jim Hay (Robinson Noble) shared a link to an article about the uncertainty of PFAS sources, <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41561-024-01402-8>.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Jason adjourned the meeting at 11:43 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Craigen  
WaterPAK Secretary & Treasurer