



## Hybrid Meeting Minutes

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

May 9, 2024

### Call to order

Chair Shawn O'Dell (WA Water) called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM; introductions followed.

### Approval of minutes

Mike Pleasants (Silverdale Water District (SWD)) made a motion to approve the minutes from April's meeting. Joel Purdy (Kitsap PUD) seconded. Minutes approved.

### Treasurer's report

Secretary/Treasurer Diana Craigen (SWD) reported that the current account balance is \$10,452.92. A check for \$890.00 has recently been issued to the Kitsap County Fair office for WaterPAK's booth at the August event. Upcoming expenses include a \$99 insurance policy for the fair and giveaways. Mike made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Joel seconded. Following no discussion, the motion passed.

### Old business

Kitsap Bank account—Sid Williams (SWD) reported that he will put Christy Shipman (City of Bainbridge Island) in touch with Jessica Williams (SWD) to discuss the needed paperwork. Morgan Johnson (SWD) will be removed as a signer from the WaterPAK account. Shawn O'Dell, Jason Nutsford (Kitsap PUD), and Mike Pleasants will be added as signers. Morgan made a motion for WaterPAK to apply for non-profit status so a tax ID number can be obtained, and the account signers can be updated. Mike seconded. After further discussion, the motion carried.

### Regulatory agency reports

- WA Department of Health—Office of Drinking Water (WA DOH ODW)
  - Ben Majors (WA DOH ODW) reported: The [Draft Intended Use Plan](#), which identifies projects funded between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024, is accepting comments until May 31; proposed rule revisions for Chapter 246-296 WAC will be published on May 22, which will include revisions to the *Disadvantaged Community* definition—expect a public hearing, likely in June. DWSRF technical assistance is available for small water systems—contact Ben or Candida to begin the process. Planning & Engineering Loans, Consolidation Feasibility Study Grants, and Emergency Loan applications are accepted year-round through WALT. There is potential for other funding for planning, rehabilitation, or consolidation. Contact your regional staff to identify the project and DWSRF will work with the water system and regional staff to identify potential funding. Construction Loan and Lead Service Line Loan cycle opens October 1, 2024.
  - Candida Granillo Dodds (WA DOH ODW) reported: ALS Environmental Lab in Kelso is now accredited for PFAS analysis.
- Kitsap Public Health District (KPHD)
  - Kim Jones (KPHD) reported: Sanitary survey scheduling and Group B newsletters; KPHD is hiring for the drinking water onsite program.

- Department of Ecology (Ecology)
  - Doug Wood (Ecology) reported on water system plans, water rights applications, and extension requests.

### Taskforce reports

- Public Outreach & Conservation (*contact: Lisa Campbell, lisa.campbell@ci.bremerton.wa.us*)  
Diana reported: The Home & Remodel Expo occurred last weekend. This year's booth had a new backdrop and signage. WaterPAK members who participated said the information was well-received and patrons appreciated the giveaways and handouts. A common comment from patrons was that some of the seeds in the wildflower packet are not native to Washington. The taskforce will look into finding native seeds for future events. The booth also featured a raffled planter of drought-tolerant succulents, which received several entries. A winner has been selected. Kids' Day is approaching; Saturday, June 1 from 10 AM to 2:30 PM. Lisa Campbell will be sending out a sign-up sheet this week. Also, mark your calendars for the Kitsap Fair, occurring August 21-25.
- Legislation (*contact: Mike Pleasants, mpleasants@swd16.org*)  
Mike reported: Several changes expected at federal and state positions in this year's elections, including new committee leadership; AWWA's recent Fly-in had eight WWUC representatives; scholarship provided to a YP. Six areas of focus: PFAS, affordability, SRF funding, cybersecurity, relocation costs, and climate change. Ecology's Policy 2030 has a new April draft—comment period is open.  
Cross-Connection Control (*Jim Monaghan, jmonaghan@calwater.com*)  
Jim Monaghan (WA Water) reported: Taskforce meeting this morning—fire suppression systems (Talco fire systems in residential homes) and unapproved auxiliary water sources were discussed. Bill Bernier (WA DOH) joined the discussion.
- GIS & Asset Mgmt (*contacts: Jim Hershberger, jhershberger@calwater.com; Katrina Harris-Lewis, kharris@kpud.org*)  
Jim Hershberger (WA Water) reported: The GIS presentation is ready for June's meeting; taskforce meetings have had detailed conversations about the lead and copper service line inventory and PFAS. Possible guest speaker from ESRI at next taskforce meeting.
- Shared Resources (*contact: Andrew Cook, operations@northperrywd.org*)  
No report.
- Emergency Management (*contact: Sid Williams, swilliams@swd16.org*)  
Shawn reported that the EOC is constructing a new building by the Bremerton Airport.
- 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*)  
Shawn reported that future meetings will be hybrid. Discussion ensued.

### General discussion

- WA State Science & Engineering Fair—Microsoft has expressed interest in taking over the science fair and moving it to Seattle, where it will be modified. WaterPAK wants to advocate for keeping the event in Bremerton, where it's been for 67 years. WaterPAK can set up a booth at future events. Discussion ensued.
- Sid talked about a class he attended at the AWWA conference earlier this month. There's a recently formed group of water purveyors in Oregon that have a similar mission to WaterPAK's. Sid gave kudos to WaterPAK for being ahead of its time, 32 years ago.
- Sid reported that SWD is looking to host training sessions. Utilities interested in joining are encouraged to reach out to Sid. Shawn suggested the Shared Resources Taskforce spearhead the discussion. Rob Robinson (North Perry Water District) pointed out the challenges of getting contacts from each utility to join the Shared Resources Taskforce. Diana will disseminate an email to WaterPAK, asking for more participation.
- Joel mentioned a recent meeting he attended for hydrogeologists. PFAS was discussed. Military bases, fire installations, and wastewater treatment plants are the largest contributors of PFAS in groundwater.
- Diana mentioned Ecology's statewide drought declaration on April 16. Discussion ensued.

- Cami Apfelbeck (City of Bremerton) mentioned that Bremerton has received an increased number of water quality-related calls from concerned citizens, primarily about PFAS and microplastics. Candida pointed out that, currently, there is no approved accredited method for microplastic analysis. The current method is present/absence. Discussion ensued.

**Adjournment:** With no further business to discuss, Rob made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sid seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:33 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Craigen  
WaterPAK Secretary & Treasurer