

Hybrid Meeting Minutes

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

May 8, 2025

Call to order

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

Approval of minutes

Joel Purdy (Kitsap PUD) made a motion to approve the minutes from April's meeting. Tony Lang (Manchester Water District) seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's report

Secretary/Treasurer Diana Craigen (Silverdale Water District) reported: the current statement balance is \$8,094.89. Three members have not paid their annual dues. Tony made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Joel seconded. Following no discussion, the motion passed.

Old business

- FOG Taskforce
 - Joel and Diana talked about the taskforce's irrelevancy to WaterPAK. Antonio Romaelle (City of Port Orchard) added that the idea of the taskforce is to have a platform to discuss issues. Shawn made a motion to dissolve the FOG Taskforce. Diana seconded. After further discussion, the motion carried.

Regulatory agency reports

WA Department of Health—Office of Drinking Water (WA DOH ODW)

- Ben Majors and Jocelyne Gray [via email] (both with WA DOH ODW) reported:
 - Jacki Brown (former City of Port Orchard Water Utility Manager) was awarded the AWWA/WA DOH Lifetime Achievement Award.
 - The DWSRF Intended Use Plan is on the WA DOH ODW webpage for review and comment. Comments are due by June 1, 2025. Updated funding guidelines will be published by July 1. There is also a 30-day comment period. Applications are due November 30, 2025, for review in December for all DWSRF programs. Applications are accepted year-round. Ben talked about funding challenges.

Kitsap Public Health District (KPHD)

• No report.

Department of Ecology (Ecology)

 Doug Wood (Ecology) reported: Water rights backlog; fifteen applications remaining—all need mitigation. Hansville—saltwater intrusion in well; Doug thanked Joel and the Kitsap PUD for giving technical assistance for a Hansville well dealing with saltwater intrusion. City of Bainbridge Island's Groundwater Management Plan discussed.



Taskforce reports

Public Outreach & Conservation (contact: Lisa Campbell, lisa.campbell@ci.bremerton.wa.us)

• Diana reported: Home and Remodel Expo went well. Kids' Day is coming up, June 7, followed by the Kitsap Fair, August 20-24. New brochures are in.

Legislation (contact: Mike Pleasants, mpleasants@swd16.org)

• Shawn reported: Legislative Session concluded with 419 new laws. The Washington Water Utility Council (WWUC) is waiting for the final draft of the WUE.

Cross-Connection Control (Jim Monaghan, jmonaghan@calwater.com)

No report.

GIS & Asset Mgmt (contacts: Jim Hershberger, jhershberger@calwater.com; Katrina Harris-Lewis, kharris@kpud.org)

 Katrina Harris-Lewis (Kitsap PUD) reported: 2025 ESRI Washington Water User Group meeting coming up on June 4 at the Skagit Public Utility District. Invitations will be sent soon. Discussion ensued.

Shared Resources (contact: Andrew Cook, operations@northperrywd.org)

No report.

Emergency Management (contact: Sid Williams, swilliams@swd16.org)

• Diana reported that she has reached out to both Kitsap DEM and PSE about possible presentations to WaterPAK.

Fats, Oils, & Grease (FOG) (contact: Antonio Romaelle, aromaelle@portorchardwa.gov)

• Taskforce dissolved during *Old Business* segment of this meeting.

Regional Water Cooperative of Pierce County (contact: Shawn O'Dell, sodell@wawater.com)

No report.

General discussion

- A new primary contact for WaterPAK member *Kitsap County Public Works* is needed following Chuck Smiley's retirement.
- Tony reported on Manchester Water District's recent First Amendment Audit.
- Joel reported on City of Bremerton's Well 9 replacement.
- Rob Robinson (North Perry Water District) discussed North Perry's recent purchase of the Perry Avenue Mall.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, Rob motioned to adjourn the meeting. Joel seconded. Shawn adjourned the meeting at 11:02 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana Craigen
WaterPAK Secretary & Treasurer