



## Meeting Minutes February 12, 2015

**Meeting Called to Order:** Shawn O'Dell (Washington Water) called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

**Minutes:** Morgan Johnson (SWD) motioned to approve the minutes from January. Kyle Galpin (West Sound) seconded. Minutes approved for January.

**Treasurer's Report:** The bank account has a balance of \$3,331.56. Dues have been received from seven utilities.

### **General Discussion:**

Topics discussed:

- ❖ ERWOW: Utilities can pay a one-time fee for classes for the whole year. The cost is approximately \$900.
- ❖ Operators need to make sure they have the required number of CEUs by December 31, 2015.
- ❖ The group discussed iron bacteria. It is a nuisance but not a health issue.
- ❖ There was discussion regarding utilities coordinating ice pigging projects.
- ❖ Mark Dorsey (City of Port Orchard) discussed manganese issues at his utility. They received different results from two different labs.
- ❖ The group discussed receiving emails or notices from the Department of Ecology regarding water use. It was noted that they were directed by the legislature in the 1970s to collect water use data. They have not been collecting this data but they are beginning to.
- ❖ The group discussed cross-connection and utility responsibility versus plumbing code. It is the county or city building department's responsibility to enforce within customer's facilities.
- ❖ January was really dry and snowpack levels are low. The group discussed the possible impact if King County puts out a conservation message.
- ❖ Highlights from WASWD Section II Meeting:
  - There is legislation to increase bid limits from \$20,000 to \$90,000.
  - Part of the fee assessed by the county for filing utility bill liens goes to help the homeless.
  - The Spring WASWD Conference will be held in Yakima in April.
  - Mike Pleasants (RH2) is currently Section II Chair. His term is up in the fall.
- ❖ AWWA South Sound Subsection
  - The Best Tasting Water Competition is scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - They are looking to increase membership, especially with younger utility workers.
  - The section conference will be held in Bellevue at the end of April.
- ❖ Kathleen Cahall (City of Bremerton) discussed the West Sound Technical Skills Center and developing interest in utility jobs.
- ❖ Olympic College is having a bottled water debate on February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ The Peninsula Home & Garden Show sign-up will be coming out soon.

### **Future Presentation Ideas or Meeting Topics:**

- ❖ Pierce County Co-op Shared Resources Committee
- ❖ KPUD has someone coming in to do Davis-Bacon training.
- ❖ Utility Service Group would like to give a presentation.
- ❖ Manganese expert
- ❖ Construction
- ❖ Water Quality
- ❖ Maintenance



- ❖ Training
- ❖ Cross-connection control
- ❖ Morgan noted that there is supposed to be a list of meeting topics for the year.
- ❖ Kathleen suggested sending out a survey to get suggestions for meeting topics.

**Adjournment:** Sid Williams (SWD) motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bob Hunter (KPUD) seconded.  
Meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.