



Meeting Minutes April 9, 2015

Meeting Called to Order: Jason Nutsford (KPUD) called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Minutes: Shawn O'Dell (Washington Water) motioned to approve the minutes from March. Jason seconded. Minutes approved for March.

Treasurer's Report: The bank account has a balance of \$4,000.34. The majority of expenses have been paid for the year. As mentioned at last month's meeting, dues have been received from all utilities.

General Discussion:

Jason highlighted the following topics from the Washington PUD Association Water Committee meeting:

- Utility leaders flew to Washington DC to discuss the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA). WIFIA is unfunded at this point.
- Bill Clark noted that the Public Works Trust Fund is in dire straits. Repayments to the fund have been robbed by Congress to help fill the budget gap. It is unclear if it will be sustainable.
- Clark Halvorson noted that \$30,000 grant funding for consolidation of water systems is still available.
- Chris McCord will be leading up changing SMA requirements. Discussion ensued on SMAs.

Anna Zaklikowski (DOH) discussed the following:

- Anna followed up on Jason's discussion about the Public Works Trust Fund and stated that they have been doing a lot to make the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program more efficient. They will be able to continue to fund consolidation grants (\$30,000) for feasibility studies or connection fees. She noted there is a push towards consolidation and that Washington is fourth in the country for having the most water systems.
- The Department of Health will be giving a presentation on the Revised Total Coliform rule at the June WaterPAK meeting. They have a first draft of the revisions.

The following was discussed by the group:

- Group B Systems
 - Fines and operating permits for Group B systems.
 - The program that is being developed will help solve some of the issues that come up when a home is sold in a Group B system.

Future Meeting Topic Ideas:

- May Meeting Topic - Iron Manganese Presentation from Confluence Engineering.
- Purveyors could be assigned a month to give a presentation.
- Consultants could sign up for a small block of time at each meeting.
- Meetings could be targeted to other staff members besides regular WaterPAK attendees.
- Carolyn Cox from the Office of Drinking Water will be presenting on Emergency Response. Any questions that you would like addressed regarding emergencies (bacterial, other types) can be sent to Anna. Morgan noted he would be interested in drought response.
- Jason noted that Dave Christensen gave a presentation on how the drought was affecting Washington state and a few specific counties. Dave may be a possible presenter for a future meeting. Joel Purdy discussed the drought website.



- Send out a survey to WaterPAK members for topic suggestions.
- Discussion ensued on setting a goal to have trainings twice a year that count towards CEUS.

Diana Temple (Twiss) discussed the following:

- Diana volunteered at the Peninsula Home & Garden show. She felt that the WaterPAK booth was well received.

Mike Pleasants (RH2) discussed the following:

- AWWA Water Taste Test was held a couple weeks ago in Puyallup. There were 13 competitors. Valley Water won first place. Silverdale Water was the only purveyor from Kitsap County. Mason County took second place.
- WASWD conference is next week.
- AWWA section conference is in Bellevue at the end of April.
- Pierce County Co-Op: The Co-Op does equipment sharing. This maybe a good future meeting topic. Shawn noted that there was a suggestion made to have WaterPAK join the Co-Op. He also stated that the Co-Op does more than just equipment sharing. Shawn gave an example of how a few utilities were able to save money by collectively hiring a company to clean their tanks.
- Legislation:
 - The bid limit went to the floor at \$50,000 and will likely move forward. There was talk about having a step system like cities/counties.
 - Architectural engineering bill is moving forward.
 - Assumption bill is still not worked out.

Shawn O'Dell (Washington Water) discussed the following:

- There was a suggestion made to list which WaterPAK members perform what duties on the website.
- On April 30th, there will be a Competent Person Cave-In Protection class held at Washington Water. Attendees will earn 0.7 CEUs and the class is free. Contact Shawn if you are interested in sending any staff members.
- Shawn will be attending a water loss training next week. This is a possible future meeting topic.

Joel Purdy (GeoEngineers) discussed the following:

- Joel gave an update on the USGS study. They are having an issue with trying to calibrate Big Beef Creek. They were looking at a September submittal but this issue might push that back.

Thomas Hunter (City of Port Orchard) discussed the following:

- The City of Port Orchard has been working with the City of Bremerton on GIS. They will be looking at putting together a GIS/asset management users group and will notify WaterPAK when the group starts up. Meetings will likely be held quarterly. Shawn suggested making the WaterPAK website more interactive, where the GIS users group could interact on the site. Jason also mentioned that our monthly minutes should be available on our website and he will talk with Melissa in his office to update the site.

Adjournment: Jason motioned to adjourn the meeting. Shawn seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM.