



Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2015

Meeting Called to Order: Jason Nutsford (KPUD) called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

Minutes: Approved for July.

Treasurer's Report: The bank account has a balance of \$3,684.94 with no outstanding checks.

Task Force Reports:

- Thomas Hunter (City of Port Orchard) talked about the GIS taskforce meeting, which was held earlier this month. Greg from ESRI will be meeting with the group through FaceTime on September 23rd to present some ideas about integrating multiple systems into one GIS program.
- Having a fly-over implemented was discussed. Bob Hunter (KPUD) has some concerns about letting a private company decide what resolution they want to use then charging the purveyors for it. The group agreed that future discussion on this topic is needed.

General Discussion:

- Water conservation was discussed. Kyle Galpin (WSUD) talked about his company's HE Washing Machine Rebate program, offering customers \$50 for updating their appliance
- Sid mentioned the idea of offering rebate programs for saving water through irrigating less; our Water Wheel for our KC Fair booth this year shows an emphasis on smart watering.
- Kathleen Cahall (City of Bremerton) and Thomas talked about making the public aware of conservation efforts
- Kathleen expressed her concern for the dry winter coming up; COB has a calculator that shows how much water can be pulled from their wells before the reservoirs begin to see an impact
- Anna Vosa (Dept. of Health) mentioned that many systems have mandatory outside watering restrictions; Clallam County has seen minimal increase in their usage; people are upset with the restrictions, but are abiding by the rules
- Jason talked about customer complaints pertaining to high water bills; people don't believe they use as much water as they actually do. The idea of billing people in gallons rather than cubic feet was discussed
- KPUD tried using irrigation controls to give customers a 50% break, but it backfired when people started using more water
- Testing meter accuracy was discussed. KPUD can pull the meter and send it to a lab for testing, but the customer pays the bill if it's accurate. Shawn O'Dell (Washington Water) has an apparatus that can test meters at different flow rates



- Involving younger people in utility work was discussed. Kathleen shared a drafted letter to send out to school districts that emphasizes WaterPAK. AWWA has a website for possible careers. Kathleen mentioned her success with hiring four interns for full-time jobs; COB has budgeted another intern for this coming year. Have Chris McCord (Section Manager with Washington DOH) come talk to WaterPAK about what they're doing at state-level to reach out to the younger workforce was discussed. American Public Works Association (APWA) for public works jobs is another resource
- Kathleen presented her poster board showing what careers are available to younger people; mentioned possibly doing a job display at the Water Festival. Shawn participates in the Pierce County Water Festival and has success teaching kids who are in 5th grade and up. Improving our connection with Olympic College and posting more jobs was discussed
- Other ideas: Adding a job section to the WaterPAK website; using Craigslist
- Interest was shown in having someone from the DOE come and talk about water rights
- Kitsap PUD's new above-ground sewer system in Port Gamble was discussed. Removing current sewer system opens up 90 acres of geoduck harvesting
- Susan Clark talked about the emergency pre-construction loan opportunity
- The Silverdale Peewees water system was mentioned. They are their own system (Group A), but a 16" SWD water main runs right next to them. It's a transient system with someone new in charge consistently. The idea of having SWD acquire the system was discussed, but it would be very costly for the PeeWees

Future Presentation Ideas or Meeting Topics:

- Inviting a speaker in to discuss the Cornelius case
- Chris McCord (DOH)—Bringing younger workers into the field
- DOE—Speak to the group about recent Water Right changes

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.