



Meeting Minutes
Silverdale Water District—Large Conference Room
August 10, 2017

Meeting Called to Order: Jason Nutsford (KPUD) called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

Minutes: Skip Beahm (SWD) made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction. Sid Williams (SWD) seconded. Minutes approved, pending correction.

Treasurer's Report: The current account balance is \$2,756.55.

General Discussion:

- Chuck Smiley (Kitsap County Public Works) provided information on upcoming construction projects.
- Kathleen Cahall (COB) and Shawn O'Dell (WA Water) talked about the Pierce County Cooperative meetings.
- Joel mentioned the recent controversies with Water Rights laws for property owners in Watcom County.
- Shawn mentioned King County's recent decision to raise their water and power rates 30% over the next 3 years.
- Kathleen brought up City of Bremerton's current job posting - Shawn suggested it be posted on *BC Water News*.
- City of Bremerton's *100 Years of Bremerton Water Service* exhibit is on display at the Kitsap History Museum through the end of September.
- Kathleen talked about an available product called a Down-Hole Separator – used to keep sand out of the water.

Utility Participation in WaterPAK Events

- Discussion ensued regarding the WaterPAK booth at the upcoming Kitsap County Fair
 - Diana Temple (SWD) explained Silverdale Water's compensation structure for employees who work a shift in the booth.
 - Rob Robinson (N. Perry Water) said that North Perry employees are also compensated for working a shift.
- The group discussed the lack of participation from many utility members in WaterPAK events.

City of Bremerton's Casad Dam Tour

- Discussion about the upcoming tour on September 14th, in lieu of the next WaterPAK Meeting.
- Kathleen would like to limit the group to WaterPAK utility members.
- Kathleen gave an overview on the recent AWWA tour of the Dam.

Discussion about the Environmental Working Group's Recent Press Release

- Jason advised utilities to be aware of what this site says about their water system.
- Kathleen mentioned that the MCLs are not looking at the whole picture—some of the data is incorrect.
- Jocelyne Gray (WA DOH) said that the incorrect data is the result of different agencies not talking to each other.
- Jason pointed out that UCMR sampling is only for systems with a population of 10,000 or more.
- Jason and Kathleen talked about the probability of the EPA regulating manganese in the future.



Discussion about Wellhead Protection Areas

- Kathleen talked about reevaluating the boundaries of wellhead protection areas.
- Morgan mentioned Silverdale Water's experience with different developments who have encroached on SWD's wellhead areas. The developers have been required to mediate their development to comply with the wellhead protection area.
- Joel mentioned that there is an available website that shows the different wellhead protected areas.

Update from the DOH

- Jocelyne gave an update on the current *State Revolving Fund* budget.
- The next construction loan cycle begins October 2nd, however loans will not be issued until the DOH finalizes a new budget. This is the first time the application process will be completely online - All loans will be done electronically going forward.
- Jocelyne discussed the Asset Management Program requirement for all applications.
- The SRF WAC is changing - Tribal entities will now be able to apply for DWSRF loans.

Discussion on System Mapping

- The group discussed system mapping options.
- Jason mentioned that KPUD is looking into an "enterprise license."
- Thomas Hunter (City of PO) said that Port Orchard hired a full-time employee for their mapping and it has been successful. They are in the process of purchasing new Asset Management software. Port Orchard keeps two systems: GIS and AutoCAD. Trimbles are still being used to GPS valves and hydrants since they are more accurate.
- Kathleen talked about how beneficial it is for the techs in the field to have iPad's with GIS maps.
- Brent Winters (WSUD) brought up how helpful the features from ESRI are for finding water mains and sewer lines.
- Rob mentioned that North Perry uses ESRI, which is hosted in-house. Techs are not authorized to make changes in the field.

Conferences and Classes

- Shawn talked about ERWoW's upcoming conference at the Tulalip Resort, August 29-31st. Participating members are encouraged to submit a sample from their system for the Water Taste Test competition, August 29th. The winning utility will compete at the National Rural Water Rally in Washington, D.C.
- Shawn also mentioned ERWoW's *Enhanced Member Training Endorsement* - utilities pay one upfront annual fee that allows their employees to attend as many single-day training classes as desired.
- Members who attend the spring conference can voice their opinions about what they would like to see at future conferences.

Adjournment: Skip made a motion at 11:32 AM to adjourn the meeting. Jason seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Temple
WaterPAK Secretary/Treasurer