



Meeting Minutes
Silverdale Water District—Large Conference Room
October 12, 2017

Meeting Called to Order: Jason Nutsford (KPUD) called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

Minutes: Sid Williams (SWD) made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 10th meeting. Jason seconded. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: The current account balance is \$2,201.89.

General Discussion:

- Jason introduced the new DOH Coliform Program Manager, Charese Cryderman.
- Discussion about the recent stories in the media related to water rate increases.
- Morgan Johnson (SWD) mentioned the current joint projects between SWD and KPUD.
- Ned Lever (COB) stated that the City of Bremerton PW&U has a plan in place to replace older (radio-read) meters with new (iPerl or similar) meters.
- Mark Morgan (KPUD) gave an overview of his recent meeting with the League of Women Voters. The League put together a list of questions that they would like him to answer. The goal is to educate the public on water utility functions.
- Follow-up on Down-Hole Separators—discussion ensued about better options, such as suction control devices.
- Ned mentioned the City of Bremerton's recent issue with a reservoir's interior coating. Morgan noted Silverdale Water's past issue with the same problem.

WaterPAK tour of the Casad Dam and Advanced Treatment Facility

- Jason and Morgan thanked COB for giving the tour last month.
- Jason reminded the group that, due to group-size limitations, this particular tour was only for utility members of WaterPAK.
- Jason gave an overview of KPUD's new MBR facility in Port Gamble and suggested a possible future tour of the site for WaterPAK members.
- Marcus Hoffman (SWD) was very impressed with COB's tour and suggested that WaterPAK have regular tours of different facilities.

WaterPAK Vice Chairman Nomination/Election

- Shawn O'Dell (WA Water), current WaterPAK Vice Chairman, has relocated to California. Jason asked for nominations from the group.

Department of Ecology's "Active Compliance" Argument

- Jason brought up a recent legal case in Spokane between Crown West Realty and the Department of Ecology, which is centered on the definition of municipal water rights.
- This case, and the Department of Ecology's decision, affects PUDs and other water utilities around the state.



WaterPAK Website and Social Media

- Sid asked if any utility is actively using a social media presence.
 - Lisa Campbell (COB) mentioned that the City of Bremerton uses Facebook to relay information about upcoming events.
 - Jason stated that KPUD uses Facebook to report main breaks and other emergencies.
 - Lisa pointed out that the WaterPAK website was originally designed for the customer to learn about conservation efforts and have links available for each utility.
 - Morgan would like to see the same common conservation message(s) for all utilities.
 - Jason suggested creating a WaterPAK taskforce for website design and social media.
 - Morgan would like to see WaterPAK have a Facebook presence, with public comment abilities disabled.

DOH Capital Budget/DWSRF

- Alan Rickett (City of PO) mentioned that Port Orchard received a stop-work order until state funding has been approved.
- Jocelyne Gray (WA DOH) reported that everyone who had a project underway received a stop-work order. Until there is a new capital budget, projects will continue to be approved for this construction cycle, but there are currently no monies to pay out. There are also no guarantees the payments will be retroactive.

Asset Management

- Ned mentioned COB's work on an Asset Management plan for submittal with future SRF loan applications. He asked if anyone in the group has used dye tests to measure the remaining life of the water main by measuring its viable thickness.
- Jason suggested inviting a presenter to talk to the group about Asset Management Program requirements. Fern Schultz (WA DOH) offered to look in to finding someone.
- Discussion ensued about the importance of making your water system plans as accurate as possible the first time. This cuts down on wasting time and eliminates holes in the data.

Adjournment: Sid made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 AM. Jason seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diana Temple
WaterPAK Secretary/Treasurer