



## Meeting Minutes July 9, 2015

**Meeting Called to Order:** Jason Nutsford (KPUD) called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

**Minutes:** Shawn O'Dell (WA Water Supply) motioned to approve the minutes from June. Jason seconded. Minutes approved for June.

**Treasurer's Report:** The bank account has a balance of \$3,743.10.

### **Task Force Reports:**

- ❖ Thomas Hunter (*City of Port Orchard*) talked about Esri, the new GIS mapping software. This program includes a list of applications (SCADA, operation reports, etc.) that allow for districts and municipalities to be able to use the same software. Currently, there are issues with GIS locating, such as zooming in on the whole lot rather than the meter box. There will be classes on how to import each agency's data into one usable database. Having a monthly or quarterly GIS taskforce meeting was discussed.

### **General Discussion:**

- ❖ The recent increase in water demand and drier climatic conditions was discussed. Thomas talked about an artesian well in Port Orchard that has dried up. Melina Knoop (*Kitsap Public Health District*) anticipates an increase in private homeowner's asking for assistance with their shallow wells.
- ❖ Diana Temple (*Silverdale Water District*) mentioned the Drought Assistance Grant Application—the state legislatures have approved \$18 million, split over two years. Applications are on the DOE's website. All approved and funded projects must be *completed* by December 31, 2015.
- ❖ Shawn O'Dell (*Washington Water Supply*) talked about a crack in the casing of a well in Pierce County. Drillers came out and successfully installed a new casing inside the old one to increase the PSI. This may be a useful solution for other utilities with similar issues.
- ❖ Jason Nutsford (*Kitsap Public Utility District*) announced that KPUD has recently purchased Island Utility Water System and South Bainbridge Water System (both systems are on Bainbridge).
- ❖ Mike Pleasants (*RH<sub>2</sub> Engineering*) mentioned there will be a September training session in Spanaway for customer service—they want everyone; operators, administrators, etc. Mike thinks that CEU's can be earned by attending. There will also be an Asset Management class in October.
- ❖ Kathleen Cahall (*City of Bremerton*) discussed looking into earning CEU's for watching webcasts—talked about viewing them together as a group.
- ❖ There was further discussion about hosting an AWWA class in Kitsap next spring—need topic ideas. Jason says his office needs more customer service training, even for operators.
- ❖ Possible classes on ice-pigging and reservoir-mixing were mentioned.
- ❖ Kathleen brought up the idea of having a *Water 101* training class for their new employees; Mike mentioned that they have had success in South Sound with similar training programs.
- ❖ Jason and Kathleen talked about reservoir-coating. There have been past issues with failing paint. Ned Lever (*City of Bremerton*) recommends hiring someone; Custom Coating Consultants was mentioned.
- ❖ Eric Evans (*Kitsap Public Health District*) talked about the updated Group B system rules. Melina elaborated by saying the new ordinance holds Group B system owners accountable for maintaining their systems.



- ❖ The lack of young applicants for water and utility positions was discussed. Kathleen talked about implementing a program to help kids go into water and wastewater fields. There's an applicable grant that pays for high school kids and recent graduates to take classes in the field. The idea of having kids attend future WaterPAK meetings was discussed. Briana Kinash (*Spectra Laboratories*) mentioned posting job announcements and internships at the Salmon Center in Belfair.
- ❖ Ned talked about their Cross-Connection Control Program—COB charges \$35 to test customer connections. Thomas mentioned that COPO wants to implement a rule that every house has a double check assembly.

**Future Presentation Ideas and Meeting Topics:**

- ❖ Presentation by DOE about water-rights issues and change applications; elaborating on new rules and regulations
- ❖ Cost-reimbursement options for projects
- ❖ *Cornelius v. Department of Ecology*

**Adjournment:**

Shawn O'Dell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.