

# **Whidbey Island Water Systems Association**

## **General Membership Meeting Minutes**

September 19, 2019

### **I. Call to Order**

Jim Patton called to order the regular meeting of the Whidbey Island Water System Association General Membership Meeting at 5:00 pm on September 19, 2019 at the Coupeville Library. Attendees introduced themselves and gave the number of connections they represent. Patton presented new member certificate to Widarama.

### **II. Quorum Call**

Confirmation of a quorum was made.

### **III. Approval of Agenda**

A request to add biosolids land application statement by Kyle Flack of Bells Farm to the agenda was made. A motion was made to approve the agenda with Kyle's statement, a second received from the floor. Motion approved unanimously.

### **IV. Biosolids Statement**

Island County is looking to purchase the property behind Bells Farm for land application of class B biosolids. DOE has oversight of the permitting process for Land application. Kyle is concerned about legally allowed chemical limits of Nitrate, phosphorus and heavy metals. The fertilization and crop selection process differs from the traditional farming that Kyle practices.

### **V. Approval of Minutes from last meeting**

Jim Patton presented minutes as prepared by Randi Perry. A motion was made from the floor to approve June 13, 2019 General Membership Meeting Minutes, second from the floor, motion passed unanimously.

### **VI. Treasurer's Report**

Bethel Hart presented the Treasurer's Report. An overview of expenditures and income for the year was given. Progress update regarding the Scholarship program. Hart is optimistic as the trades are getting more support. Patton proposed scholarship be named after the organizations founder Joe Waldrup. Jeff Tasoff made a motion to approve naming scholarship in honor of Joe Waldrup, a second made by Bethel Hart, motion passed unanimously. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report, second from the floor, motion passed unanimously.

### **VII. Pass the word**

Patton announced AWWA Emergency Preparation and Recovery workshop is scheduled for October 25 in Coupeville at the Rec Hall from 8am- 4pm. Look for email with details. Patton gave update on the Water Resource Advisory Committee charter is to advise County Commissioners. The WRAC is working to get the update of the Coordinated Water System Plan on the 2020 work plan. Once this happens a larger group of stakeholders will be assembled to work on the update. The next quarterly meeting will take place on December 12, 2019 the topic will be The Financial Capacity of the SWSMP

### **VIII. Meeting Program – Drafting Small Water System Management Program Chapter Two, Technical Capacity.**

Binders and DOH #331-134 provided to those systems not in attendance at previous meeting.

**Jim Patton (WIWSA-President).** Patton gave an overview of the SWSMP. Chapter 2 –Technical capacity will identify current and future demands, shows ability to meet water quality, water rights, will identify limitations, operators and operations required, and water use efficiency (production vs consumption and unaccounted for lost).

**Sandra Bodamer (King Water).** Bodamer discussed contracts with SMA's the most important thing to have in the contract is what the SMA will do and what the system plans to do. King prefers oversight of the entire operation, they can participate in long range planning and can assist with elements of the plans such as the WUE, and O&M.

**Jeff Tasoff (David Engineering).** Tasoff discussed component inventory and asset management. He provided references from the EPA- Asset management best practices. He discussed the importance of knowing your systems assets which includes revenue, operation costs and future liability. He provided examples of component inventory forms for both long and short lived assets. Assets are future liabilities and identifying service life helps to plan future replacement. IF YOUR CURRENT RATES ARE NOT AT LEAST \$50 PER MONTH, YOU ARE NOT FUNDING INFRASTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT. Things to do to assess condition visual inspection, leak rates, repair history, start and stop frequency/pump run times, noise, static and pumping water levels, treatment effectiveness.

**Ben Ware (Coffman Engineering).** Ben offered another reason to complete the SWSMP is that Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loans require it! Well production data needed, consumption data (what is sold to customers) and future consumption can be predicted using zoning data. This data is used to justify equivalent residential units (ERU's). He talked about identifying the sources, noting that an intertie counts as a source.

Minutes submitted by: Randi Perry

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**Jim Patton (WIWSA-President).** Patton gave an overview of the Water Use Efficiency Rule WAC 246-290-810 DOH publication 331-375. The rule requires an annual report on water use (production) – (consumption and accounted for loss) = (distribution system loss). The rule requires the system have a consumption goal on the customer side of the meter.

**Floor was open to discussion/questions.** Question from member “how do you find a leak?” Perry stated that walking the lines and looking for water bubbling or green spots is a great place to start. Some leaks are difficult to find, there are leak detection services that use acoustic leak detectors and correlators to determine a leaks location.

**IX. Adjournment** Jim Patton adjourned the meeting at 7:21 pm