

Whidbey Island Water Systems Association

Annual Meeting Minutes

December 16, 2021 – 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Call to Order: Board and Guest introductions by John Lovie, Roll call of 2021 members.

Quorum Call: At least one-fifth of membership present - yes

Approve Agenda: Jeff Tasoff added to the agenda for sampling and testing re: water rights. Members voted to approve agenda – passed unanimously.

Secretary's Report: Randi Perry presented the minutes for the September 2021 General Membership meeting. Members voted to approve the meeting minutes – 11 yes votes, passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bethel Hart presented the year-to-date treasurer's report. Members voted to approve treasurers report – passed with 81%.

Bethel explained the status of the Apprenticeship/Scholarship program. City of Langley will be looking for a new water/sewer/maintenance positions that could be eligible for this apprenticeship scholarship.

Bethel presented the 2022 proposed Budget. Randi Perry made a motion to approve the budget, seconded by Joe Grogan, members voted to approve the budget with 13 yes votes.

Election of Directors: Randi Perry and Bethel are each running for a new 3-year term. Members voted 11 of 16 yes for Randi, 11 of 16 yes for Bethel. Both directors re-elected for another 3-year term.

Office of Drinking Water: Derek Pell from DOH office of drinking water Introduced Alexis Medina as new ODW engineer for Island County. Bob James formally retired again. ODW new Director is Holly Meyers. Field Operations Sheri Miller, New Deputy Director Kay Rapel. Mike Means Capacity Development Director. ODW now fully staffed. EPA introduced strategic road map to understand PFAS. Research, restrict, remediate going for MCL PFOA PFOS for 2022-23. Washington State Action 1/1/2022 all Group A's must test for 5 chemicals PFOA, PFAS, ST PF&N, PFBS. Ecology is trying to set clean up levels. DOH has grant for Group A's to monitor for PFOA/S. Some money will be available for free sampling. Derek Denis/Steve Hulsman call to ask for assistance with testing.

Derek discussed Federal Infrastructure money expected to fund safe drinking water, expected to fund through DWS State Revolving fund. Noted that expected funding will be about 5X previously received.

EPA announced the Lead Copper rule, Lead Copper improvement rule.

Jeff Tasoff, DCG: Discussed sampling and testing requirements related to water rights. 4 yearly tests that should be done: Static water level, pump test flow gpm, pumping water level. Chloride and conductivity.

Review of 2021: John Lovie reviewed events and accomplishments in 2021. Shared PDF of new 2021 members.

Preview of 2022: Sound Waters virtual booth. Quarterly meeting topics: Security, Lead and Copper. Would also like to offer an in-person symposium. Volunteers for board members, under-represented in water districts and Group B on the board.

Floor Open for General Discussion: no questions

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.

Minutes submitted by Bethel Hart.