

Whidbey Island Water Systems Association

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2022 – 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Call to Order: Board and Guest introductions by John Lovie, Roll call of 2021 members. Welcome 2022 new members.

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

Approve Agenda: Members voted to approve the agenda - passed

Secretary's Report: Bethel Hart presented the minutes for the December 2021 General Membership meeting. Members voted to approve the meeting minutes –passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bethel Hart presented the treasurer's report. Members voted to approve treasurers report – passed.

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.

Water Security including physical security, cyber security and Fraud: Denny Scott, from North Bend presented on a security breach that occurred at his water system that included a police and FBI investigation. White pellets were found on and around one of the reservoirs. The white pellets were determined to be paint balls. For corrective action the water system added power to the site, lighting, intrusion switches and alarms. The vandal was caught.

John Lovie: Mentioned other examples of fraud and noted free resources available from the EPA. These will be posted to the WIWSA website. Qualitative risk self-assessment tool from EPA includes a checklist that covers a wide range of risks: [VSAT.EPA.gov/usat](https://www.epa.gov/vsat).

John also described how a virus to the WIWSA treasurers' computer several years ago led to the total recreation of files.

Jeff Lundt: mentioned water loss software that is free and an upcoming workshop.

WIWSA is hoping for the 2nd quarterly meeting to be in person, the 3rd Thursday in June.

Meeting adjourned: 7:12 pm

Minutes submitted by Bethel Hart.