

# **Whidbey Island Water Systems Association**

## **General Membership Meeting Minutes**

**March 16, 2023**

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

Culley Lehman called to order the regular meeting of the Whidbey Island Water System Association General Membership Meeting at 5:00 pm on March 16, 2022 Coupeville Library online via zoom.

### **II. Quorum Call and Introductions**

Quorum confirmation made. Present: WIWSA-John Lovie, Randi Perry, Bethel Hart, Joe Grogan, and Culley Lehman.

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

Agenda presented. Motion to approve the agenda from the membership. Second by member. Motion passed unanimously.

### **IV. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes presented for January 2023 Special General Membership meeting. Motion to approve minutes from the membership. Second by Lehman. Motion passed unanimously.

### **V. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer's Report presented reports and gave update on apprentice program. Motion to approve the agenda from the membership. Second made by member. Motion passed unanimously.

### **VI. Meeting Program**

**John Lovie** presented on the December 2022 flooding. Storm surge and king tide created the modeled 2' increase tide expected to be sea level rise in 2050. The FEMA vulnerability map identified areas that were impacted as predicted.

**Jenifer Kropack and Alexis** from DOH talked about emergency preparation and the Sumas 2021 flooding response lessons learned. Identify and prepare system interties, mark, and locate valves and exercise them for good operation, regular training for good communication during event, and regular cross training. DOH is available for support in emergencies for boil water orders and public messaging guidance. (877) 481-4901 is the after-hours emergency number.

**Donna Keeler** – Coupeville Planning Director. Coupeville received a grant to conduct a vulnerability study for shoreline flooding and public outreach, draft was presented by Coastal Geological. Focus was on Shoreline recession and flooding and sea level rise vulnerability. The determined which assets would be vulnerable. SLR rates and recession rates are above historic projections. Coupeville is now looking for grants to implement adaptation measures such as relocation and elevation.

**Chris Kelley** – Island County Hydrogeologist. Discussed Seawater Intrusion. As water level rises the boundary between the upper freshwater lens can become mixed and there is potential for wells to be impacted. SLR can increase the frequency of flooding which can inundate wells.

**John Lovie** – Talked about the EPA Vulnerability Self-Assessment tool, there will be a link on the WIWSA website. He also talked briefly about Community Emergency Response Team training.

### **VII. PFAS UPDATE**

**John Lovie** presented. Is the PFAS in toilet paper a significant problem? Focus should be on larger sources.

Discussion took place on the process underway at EPA to establish an MCL. The levels are set on treatability and ability to analyze, even though public health may be impacted at lower levels.

**Panel was open for Q&A**

**Adjournment** Culley Lehman adjourned the meeting.