

SNO-KING WATER DISTRICT COALITION

Minutes of the May 11, 2020 Regular Meeting

Location: Via Zoom Teleconference

Attendance:

Suzi O'Byrne	Coal Creek Utility District
Skip Schott & Mike Johnson	Cross Valley Water District
Jim Voetberg & Kendra Chapman	Mukilteo Water and WW District
Steve Lindstrom	Sno-King/Coalition Lobbyist
Lynne Danielson & Lora Petso	Olympic View Utility District
Tom Harman	Sammamish Plateau W&S
Dave Barnes	Alderwood Water & WW District
Patrick Sorensen	Woodinville Water District

1. Call to Order

Sno-King President Mike Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m.

2. Introductions

The attendees introduced themselves and noted which District they represented.

3. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda

None.

5. Review & Approve Minutes

The March 9 regular meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion: Approve the minutes of March 9 as presented.

Moved: Motion by Patrick Sorenson

Second: Motion by Skip Schott

Passed: All in favor of motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Financial Report

Jim Voetberg reviewed the operating revenue and expenses for 1st Quarter.

Motion: Approve the 1st Quarter Financials.

Moved: Skip Schott

Second: Jim Voetberg

Passed: All in favor of motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Voetberg reviewed the operating and revenue expenses for ending May. No motion needed.

7. Legislative Activity Report ~ Steve Lindstrom

Legislative Update

Mr. Lindstrom discussed seven key issues:

1. There was no action in the Legislature regarding UIC, protection of sources, but the issue remains important to Sno-King. We will see what emerges during the interim. Senator Wellman introduced senate Bill 6619 in an attempt to address the UIC issue. The language fell short, so they abandoned the bill and did not move on it. Senator Wellman will try again with better language, next session, to address the UIC issue on our behalf.
2. The court is still pondering the issue regarding charging for the use of rights of way, with fees, taxes, or other charges.
3. The Department of Ecology has formed an advisory committee regarding the strength of certain components of sewage. The Puget Sound Nutrient General Permit group will meet again on-line on May 13. Eleanor Ott at DOE is staffing the advisory committee which has several (eight) wastewater system operators or representatives on it. The stay at home requirement has not deterred this effort, so it will continue moving ahead. There is a draft agenda and other materials is in circulation that I will send separately to you. The early reports are that the first efforts of the advisory group and the broader group has been poorly handled and still are being “ram-rodged” by DOE because of their fears of being sued.
4. Reclaimed water distribution and use remains of interest. Distribution in King County currently is only with short-term agreements between King County & Woodinville, Seattle, and Cascade, at least.
5. We were successful with the passage of Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2565 to reduce flushing of wipes. Brief Summary of Engrossed First Substitute Bill 2565: establishes labeling requirements for non-flushable, nonwoven disposable wipes packaging; provides cities and counties with concurrent authority to enforce requirements; establishes penalties for non-compliant labeling of packaging; and, preempts all current and future local ordinances for labeling of non-flushable, nonwoven disposable wipes packaging. There will be much more to do on this issue, but only after we see, how the implementation of the labeling works. Therefore, here we have a victory, but a year or so to wait to see how the wipes manufacturers implement the bill.
6. Sno-King interests in reducing chemicals and pharmaceuticals in wastewater collection systems did not catch on this session. There has been nothing new on the subject.
7. Senate Bill 6420 (companion of House Bill 2694) passed the Legislature and was signed into law. The bill made four adjustments to the language of the “Call 811 Before You Dig” law. Very successful result of the interim committee work. The Sno-King focus was to prevent further influence of the Utilities and Transportation Commission on the dig law. We were successful in that regard.

Mr. Lindstrom asked members to begin thinking about issues for the next session.

8. Other Business

None.

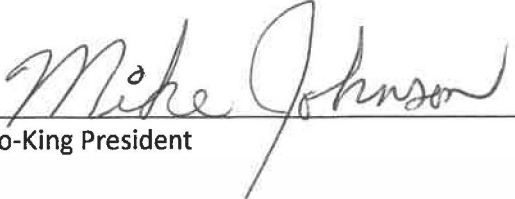
9. Next Meeting Location & Date

The next scheduled Sno-King meeting is Monday, June 8, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. (location TBD).

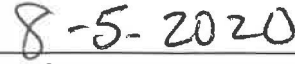
Mike Johnson noted that notification would go out to members.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.



Sno-King President



Date of Approval