

Island County  
WATER RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE



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<https://www.islandcountywa.gov/Health/DNR/WRAC/Pages/Home.aspx>

## Meeting Notes

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

**Thursday, September 6, 2018 2:30—4:30 PM**

**Coupeville Library - Sno-Isle Libraries**

**88 NW Alexander St, Coupeville, WA 98239**

### Call to Order and Introductions

**Citizen Members:** Don Lee, Julius Budos, John Lovie, Tom Fox, Bob Boehm, Al Williams, Maddie Rose, Dave Thomas

**Island County Staff:** Jenny Schofield, Matt Colston, Dawn Spillsbury-Pucci, IC Natural Resources; Jill Wood, Doug Kelly, Aneta Hupfauer IC Environmental Health; Beverly Zendt, Tony Mills, IC Planning & Community Development Department

### Adoption of June WRAC Meeting Summary Notes

Bob Boehm made a motion to approve the June meeting minutes. John Lovie seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### Announcements

- **Whidbey Island Water Systems Association (WIWSA)- American Water Works Association (AWWA) Training**
  - **John Lovie:** Whidbey Island Water Systems recently joined the Northwest chapter of the American Water Works Association and currently are offering the AWWA member rate for \$80. WIWSA will try to sponsor a couple of trainings in the near future.
- **Privatization of Water Systems in Island County**
  - **John Lovie:** Whidbey Island Water Systems received a letter from NW Natural to acquire it from the residents or work with them to get upkeep the systems while maintaining current ownership. Possibly to gain franchise rights. They have two subsidiaries, a natural gas company and a water company. NW Natural has recently purchased Lehman Enterprises, Inc.'s water systems who service systems across the county. Washington Department of Health (WADOH) does not know much about this company as well.
- **NAS Whidbey Island Restoration Advisory Board Meeting**
  - **Maddie Rose:** Maddie and Al went to the NAS Whidbey Island Restoration Advisory Board Meeting. Citizen Board does not have any input to the results of the USN report. Now they will be allowed to input. Outreach is a major priority. Due to change of command.
  - **John Lovie:** PFA Chemical Action Plan Advisory Committee meeting is the same time as the WRAC meeting. He will not be in attendance for the Oct. Meeting.
- **Additional Water Connection**
  - **Don Lee:** His water association has gotten the chance to add a water connection.

### Discussion

- **Coordinated Water Systems Plan (CWSP) Review Discussion**

- **Beverly Zendt:** Since Nathan's departure Tony Mills has taken on the CWSP Review as the new long range planner. To get the WRAC's propositions to the Board of Island County Commissioners (BOICC), it has to make it onto the work plan. Where is the committee on the review?
- **Don Lee:** Momentum was definitely affected by the turnover in positions in the County.
- **Julius Budos:** There was some confusion about what the purpose of each packet. Was there a theme or overarching plan for the packets?
- **Tom Fox:** The WRAC was presented with the choice that the subject would be used. The subject matter included:
  - Timely & Reasonable Requirements for a water system to provide answer to applicants
  - Receivership for infrastructure.
  - Joint Use Facilities for water systems.
- **Beverly Zendt:** Camano Water Association System's presentation two years ago showed that this planning is important and that the committee should take the CWSP.
  - Independent research in each subject will be required.
  - Subject matter in each packet can take even more time, including dealing with receivership conflict resolution and conservancy policy.
- **Doug Kelly:** As the WRAC begins to get more serious about these conversations WADOH and WADECY should be involved with plan changes. Members should ask is the current set of rules working. Do the components of the plan even need to be corrected (as it is reviewed)?
- **Summary: Before the Oct. Meeting WRAC members will read the first packet and make recommendations via email to Island County DNR staff where they will be shared with the members of the WRAC and the relevant Island County Surface Water Quality Staff. The Oct. Meeting will be a discussion of those member's written comments and questions submitted previous to the meeting.**

#### Public Comments

- Citizens Award for Julius Budos
  - **Dawn Spillsbury-Pucci:** Presents Julius Budos with citizens award

#### Meeting Closure

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

*Next Meetings:*

*October 4, 2018 Coupeville Library - Sno-Isle Libraries, Coupeville*