

**Water Conservancy Board of Thurston County
Regular Meeting
July 16, 2007**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Rhubright, Chairman
Jon Hare, Vice Chair
Mike McGinnis, Secretary
Tom Myrum, Treasurer
Jerry Louthain

MEETING TIME, PLACE, AND ATTENDEES

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by Chairman Rhubright at the Board's regular meeting place: Percival Plaza Conference Room, 626 Columbia St. N.W., Suite 1-IF, Olympia, Washington 98501.

Guests included Ms. Jill Van Hulle of the Pacific Groundwater Group representing Thurston County and Mr. Kernen Lien Senior Planner / Environmental Review Officer for the Lewis County Department of Community Development.

MINUTES

1. Approval of Agenda: Meeting agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

2. Approval of Minutes / Correspondence / Financial Report

- **Minutes** of the May monthly meeting were approved as amended.
- **Correspondence received by the Board:**
 1. A billing from the Olympian News Paper for \$469.00 due for payment on July 21, 2007. The Board recommended payment by the due date.
 2. The monthly bank statement indicating a balance of \$8,741.29.
 3. Email from Ecology to Commissioner Hare providing guidance on where to hold public meetings when two counties are involved in a transfer.
- **Financial Report:** The Board's bank balance is \$8,741.29 per bank statement of 6/31/07.

3. New Applications

- Ms. Van Hulle submitted a complete application to transfer the Hamilton water right, Certificate #3210-A – 263 acre feet on behalf of Thurston County. The Hamilton water right will be brought out of trust with Ecology before this transfer

can be made. This request is a *change of purpose* (seasonal irrigation to year-round municipal), *change in point of diversion* (surface water to groundwater) and *change in place of use* (Lewis County to Thurston County). Ms. Van Hulle presented the Board with the application and supporting documentation. Following review of the information presented and a lengthy discussion the Board voted and unanimously agreed to accept this request for processing by the Board. Upon acceptance by the Board Ms. Van Hulle presented the Board with a Thurston County check in the amount of \$1,450.00 (Board processing fee). The new application for transfer was assigned the following Board identifier: THUR-07-07.

As agreed at the June monthly meeting, every attempt will be made to process this application in a timely manner to allow a public meeting to occur at the same time and place as the other Lewis County to Thurston County applications for transfer i.e., Thurston County-Grand Mound Water System THUR-07-01, THUR-07-02, and THUR-07-03. Monday, August 6th was tentatively scheduled as the date for the combined public meeting in Lewis County.

4. Applications in Progress

- Fagerness/Oakville (THUR-04-01): Commissioner Hare reported that he has nearly finished the ROW for this application, it should be ready for review, at the latest, for review at the Board's regular meeting in August. The Board reminded Commissioner Hare that Mr. Fagerness must notify the Board by letter or email of the change in the amount of water proposed to be transferred to the City of Oakville, Grays Harbor County. Commissioner Hare also will meet with Ecology regarding the finalization of the ROE.
- Keeneland Park (THUR-04-04): The final EIS has been delayed by appeal. At the present time a final EIS may be available in September for review by the Board allowing the Board to resume processing this application.
- Mountain View Prairie Estates (Certificate #1118-A): Nothing new to report.
- Pattison Water Company (THUR-07-04, THUR-07-05, THUR-07-06): The legal was run in the Daily Olympian on June 5 and June 12, 2007. No public protests or comments were received by the Board regarding this proposed transfer. Ms. Van Hulle submitted the following date as the time for a site visit: July 24, 2007 at 6:00pm. Commissioners Louthain and McGinnis will field review the existing water works that are pertinent to this proposed transfer.
- Grand Mound Water System (THUR-07-01, THUR-07-02, THUR-07-03): As of this month's meeting the legal's for these transfer requests had yet to be published in the appropriate news papers for public notification. Therefore, the Board decided to advertise the Grand Mound applications at the same time as the Hamilton application. This would allow a combined public meeting to take place

during the first week of August i.e., August 6th as mentioned above. The meeting will likely take place from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the City of Centralia Utilities Building.

5. Administration

- *Continuing Education (Ecology):* Nothing new to report.
- *Reappointment:* A vote was taken to reappoint Commissioner Myrum to another 8-year term; all in favor. A letter previously composed by Chairman Rhubright will be sent to the County Commissioners to inform them of this action.
- *Board Website and Administrative Assistance:* Anna Giesman was recommended to update and maintain the Board's website and act as an administrative assistant to the Board for an hourly rate of \$15.00; all in favor. Commissioner Myrum presented the Board with a voucher indicating the amount of time (20 hrs.) Ms. Giesman had previously spent enhancing the website and performing administrative assistance since the June monthly meeting. The Board agreed (all in favor) to pay for this effort i.e., 20 hrs x \$15.00 = \$300.00.
- *WCB Insurance:* The discussion regarding the purchase of insurance for Board members was put on hold pending the gathering of more information regarding costs vs. coverage. Commissioner Myrum stated that he would investigate. Additionally, Commissioner McGinnis suggested that we discuss insurance coverage with the County Commissioners, under an existing County Policy.
- *Record Storage:* It was decided (all in favor) to maintain the existing records storage area currently in use by the Board. At the present time this storage facility is secure and our records are not creating a space problem.
- *New Application/Board Recruitment Outreach:* Nothing new to report.
- *WCB Bylaw Updating:* No progress reported.
- *Annual Board of County Commissioners Briefing:* Each Commissioner agreed to inform Chairmain Rhubright of possible dates available in September to meet with the County Commissioners and brief them regarding Board activity during the preceding year of operation.

6. Reports: None to report.

- *Seminars:* Commissioners Rhubright and Louthain attended a seminar entitled "Sales and Transfers of Water in Washington State" on June 28, 2007.

7. Expenditures:

1. \$469.00 to the Olympian News Paper: all in favor.
2. \$300.00 to Anna Giesman for services rendered: all in favor.
3. Pay Commissioner Myrum for personalized costs incurred while the Board was unable to afford the following services, PO Box and mailings: all in favor. Total reimbursement \$194.02.

8. Other: Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 pm.

Minutes Approved: _____