

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Rhubright, Chairman
Mike McGinnis, Secretary
Tom Myrum, Treasurer
Jerry Louthain
Bill Smith

MEETING TIME, PLACE, AND ATTENDEES

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm 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 Mr. Jim Casebolt of the Pattison Water Company and Ms. Jill Van Hulle of the Pacific Groundwater Group representing the Pattison Water Company.

MINUTES

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

2. Approval of Minutes / Correspondence / Financial Report

- **Minutes** of the March monthly meeting were approved as presented with minor revisions.
- **Correspondence received by the Board:**
 - The Board received and reluctantly accepted the resignation of long time Water Board Commissioner Bill Smith, effective as of April 30, 2007. Bill feels that he can no longer dedicate the amount of time and energy necessary to make proper change decisions. The Board thanked Bill for his many years of expert and voluntary service to the people of Thurston County, noting that Bill was a founding member and cornerstone of the past and current Board. Bill requested to remain on the Board's mailing list as an interested citizen. The Board agreed to this request encouraging Bill to attend meetings and provide advice as he chooses.
 - 04/03/2007 - Email for Janet Rajala regarding "protest fees". Beginning immediately all public notices for water right change applications must provide the following address for filing

protests: Cashiering Section, Department of Ecology, P.O. Box 5218, Lacey, WA 98509-5128. The protest fee of \$50 must also be sent to this address. The regional office will no longer accept the fees directly.

- 04/09/2007 - Email from Janet Rajala confirming that the April 26th training for Water Boards on the Westside will be held at the Ecology Headquarters Office in Lacey from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Included was a draft training agenda.
- Received Ecology publication *Facing the Challenge of Climate Change* (#07-01--23) for Board review and use i.e., handing out this document to applicants and others as deemed prudent.
- Received announcement advertising an upcoming one-day seminar entitled Water Rights Sales and Transfers in Washington to be held in Tacoma, WA on June 28, 2007.
- 03/20/2007 – Email attachment from Janet Rajala of the revised statewide provisions for immediate use (June 1st) when preparing reports of examination. She also indicated that regional provisions were still being developed and would be forwarded to Boards when available.
- **Financial Report:** No new action, bank balance was \$41.29 per bank statement of 3/31/07.

3. New Applications

· Mr. Casebolt and Ms Van Hulle presented the Board with four proposed water right Applications for Change/Transfer with documentation for consideration by the Board.

1. **Certificate of Ground Water Right #G2-25606** (50 GPM) - proposed purpose, change point(s) of diversion/withdrawal;
2. **Certificate of Ground Water Right #G2-26217** (94 GPM) - proposed purpose, change point(s) of diversion/withdrawal;
3. **Certificate of Ground Water Right #G2-23793** (65 GPM) - proposed purpose, change point(s) of diversion/withdrawal; and
4. **Certificate of Ground Water Right #5734-A** (100 GPM) - proposed purpose, change point(s) of diversion/withdrawal.

The Board agreed to review these applications for acceptance and to consider filing costs per application (4) or per points of new withdrawal (2). The Board may call a "special meeting" to announce its decision.

- Bo Norbjerg (**Certificate #2215.A**): A site visit was conducted on March 27th by Commissioners Mike Rhubright and Mike McGinnis with proponents Ms. Van Hulle and Mr. Norbjerg. The purpose of the visit was to verify the existence of the site well and its operation for the irrigation of approximately 7.0 acres of pasture. Both site visit objectives were confirmed.
- Mountain View Prairie Estates (**Certificate #1118-A**): No new information was presented.

4. Applications in Progress

- Fagerness/Oakville (**THUR-04-01**): Nothing new to report.
- Keeneland Park (**THUR-04-04**): The Board received a final draft copy of the EIS for review. The Board will not issue a decision until the EIS has been finalized and issued by the County.

5. Administration

- Continuing Education (Ecology): Mike Rhubright and Mike McGinnis were declared eligible to carry on their Board duties per email from Janet Rajala dated April 16, 2007. Ms. Rajala will mail hard copies of this announcement to all concerned parties i.e., Ecology and the County Commissioners.
- Outreach: Nothing new to report.
- WCB Bylaws: Update of bylaws is still on hold.

6. Reports: Nothing new to report.

7. Expenditures: No new financial activity to report (Tom Myrum).

8. Other

- A suggestion was made that members of the Board give a presentation to the Water Resources Advisory Committee at one of their regular monthly meetings (3rd Monday of each month) regarding the function of Water Boards in Washington State.
- The Board conducted a discussion of fees pertaining to the four new change applications submitted (see above). Consensus of the Board members was to delay making a final determination pending a cost analysis and review of current regulations. The Chairman may call a special public meeting to make a final determination.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Minutes Prepared by Mike McGinnis, Secretary

Minutes Approved by the Board: May 21, 2007