

**Water Conservancy Board of Thurston County
Regular Meeting
May 21, 2007**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEETING TIME, PLACE, AND ATTENDEES

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Chairman Rhubright at the Board's regular meeting place: Percival Plaza Conference Room, 626 Columbia St. N.W., Suite 1-1F, Olympia, Washington 98501.

Guests included Ms. Keri Brenner reporter for the Olympian; Mr. Scott Clark of the Thurston County Department of Water and Waste Management; and Ms. Jill Van Hulle of the Pacific Groundwater Group representing Thurston County.

MINUTES

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

2. Approval of Minutes / Correspondence / Financial Report

- **Minutes** of the April monthly meeting were approved as presented with minor revisions (spell check).
- **Correspondence received by the Board:** No correspondence was reported by Board members.
- **Financial Report:** No new action, bank balance was \$41.20 per bank statement of 4/30/07.

3. New Applications

- Ms. Van Hulle presented the Board with three proposed water right Applications for Change/Transfer with documentation for consideration by the Board. Mr. Clark and Ms. Van Hulle gave an overview of the water rights followed by a general discussion

and question/answer period. The three water rights are presently located in Lewis County and proposed for transfer to the Grand Mound UGA in Thurston County. Following is a brief description of each certificate and proposed purpose.

1. **Certificate of Surface Water Right #10790** (0.83 cfs or 166 acre-ft/yr) – proposed purpose, change point(s) of diversion/withdrawal and use from seasonal irrigation of 83 acres to municipal supply, year-round as needed.

2. **Certificate of Surface Water Right #8031** (0.7 cfs or 140 acre-ft/yr) – proposed purpose, change point(s) of diversion/withdrawal and use from seasonal irrigation of 70 acres to municipal supply, year-round as needed.

3. **Certificate of Ground Water Right #220-A** (150 GPM or 45 acre-ft/yr) – proposed purpose, change point(s) of diversion/withdrawal and use from “unspecified” to municipal water supply, year-round as needed.

Following the presentation of information and discussion thereof, the Board voted all in favor to accept each for processing. Ms. Van Hulle and Mr. Clark presented the Board with the required processing fees of \$1,450.00 per request for a total of \$4,350.00. Each certificate was then given a routine processing number as follows: THUR-07-02 (Cert. #10790); THUR-07-03 (Cert. #8031); and THUR-07-01 (Cert. #220-A).

- Pattison Water Company(#G2-25606, #G2-23793, and #5734-A): Ms. Van Hulle, representing the Pattison Water Company submitted a single packet to the board for acceptance. The board voted all in favor to accept and process the three applications. Following the vote Ms. Van Hulle presented the board with a check totaling \$4,350.00 (\$1,450.00 per application) to cover the board’s processing costs. Commissioner McGinnis declared a “conflict of interest” and therefore recused himself from any further decision making regarding these requests. Each certificate was then given a routine processing number as follows: THUR-07-05 (#G2-25606), THUR-07-06 (#G2-23793), and THUR-07-04 (#5734-A).

4. Applications in Progress

- Fagerness/Oakville (THUR-04-01): Commissioner Hare reported that he had received no response from the proponent in regards to moving this application forward under the present calculated transfer amount of 46.58 acre feet (post ACQ). Due to the length of time this transfer has been under review and based on the difficulty of receiving guidance from the proponent the Board voted (all in favor) to proceed with the ROE for the transfer of 46.58 acre feet.
- Keeneland Park (THUR-04-04): Still awaiting final EIS issuance by the County, no new outcomes to report.
- Bo Norbjerg (Certificate #2215-A): Nothing new to report.
- Mountain View Prairie Estates (Certificate #1118-A): Nothing new to report.

5. Administration

- Continuing Education (Ecology): Chairman Rhubright made a statement in appreciation of Ecology for providing the continuing education opportunity on the west side (April 26, 2007). All Thurston County board members in attendance felt that the day-long training was well done and a valuable experience, particularly the exchange between board members regarding first hand processing experience and the presentation/discussion of the Muni Bill.
- Outreach: Nothing new to report.
- WCB Bylaw Updating: No progress reported.

6. Reports: None to report.

- Presentations: Commissioner Louthain and Fred Rajala (Ecology) attended last months Water Resources Advisory Committee meeting and gave an informational presentation on the Washington State Water Conservancy Board program.

7. Expenditures: No new financial activity was reported by Commissioner Myrum.

- Chairman Rhubright advised that Commissioner Myrum present the board with an itemized list of expenses that he has incurred since the board bank account has been at a low level. Commissioner Myrum has been personally covering monthly expenses i.e., PO Box and web-site fees for the past several months. Commissioner Myrum will present the board with an itemized list at the board's June meeting for review and reimbursement by the board.

8. Other

- Commissioner Louthain reported that WA State Archives will store the board's old business records at no charge to the board. The board must package its old records for storage in a suitable manner. All commissioners present agreed that this is a viable option and should be pursued.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Minutes Approved: June 18, 2007