

**Water Conservancy Board of Thurston County
Regular Meeting
September 17, 2007**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Rhubright, Chairman
Mike McGinnis, Secretary
Jerry Louthain

MEETING TIME, PLACE, AND ATTENDEES

The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm 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.

MINUTES

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

2. Approval of Minutes / Correspondence / Financial Report

- **Minutes** of the August 20, 2007 regular monthly meeting were approved as amended.
- **Correspondence received by the Board:**
 1. A letter from Ecology which included the official report to the legislature form.
 2. Two billings (9/17/07) from the Olympian News Paper for \$712.00 and \$559.00 for payment by 9/22/07; and one for \$85.41 from Anna Giesman for services rendered. The Board recommended payment of each.
 3. Letter from the Thurston County Commissioners (August 20, 2007) in response to the Lewis County Commission's letter (8/7/07) expressing concerns regarding the proposed transfer of water from Lewis County to Thurston County.
- **Financial Report:** The monthly bank statement of August 31, 2007 showed: 1) a balance of \$7906.95; and 2) the payment of two bills, one for \$975.50 (Centralia's Chronicle News Paper), and one for \$155.82 (Anna Giesman for services rendered).

3. New Applications

- At the present time there are no new applications in progress by the Board.

4. Applications in Progress

- Fagerness/Oakville (THUR-04-01: 60): Commissioner Hare reported via email (September 17, 2007) that this application remains on hold awaiting a change in venue. The Board decided (all in favor) to waive additional application fees in lieu of another public notice.
- Keeneland Park (THUR-04-04): Commissioner Louthain attended a meeting on September 7, 2007 at which possible mitigation measures were discussed with WDFW and representatives of the proponent, regarding the minimum flow (1.0 cfs) requirement attached to this water right. The Squaxin Tribe also participated in the meeting, but chose not to participate in any discussions relating to mitigation measures. No definitive measures were agreed to. To date, this transfer remains on hold awaiting the publication of a final EIS.
- Mountain View Prairie Estates (Certificate #1118-A): Nothing new to report.
- Pattison Water Company (THUR-07-04, THUR-07-05, THUR-07-06): Commissioner Louthain reported that the ROE is partially complete awaiting further documentation from the proponent. A draft ROE may be ready for Board review sometime in November and possibly before. If the ROE is ready for review before November the Commissioners agreed to call a special meeting as required to expedite the review and approval process.
- Grand Mound Water System (THUR-07-01, THUR-07-02, THUR-07-03): Commissioner Rhubright, on behalf of the Board, presented a draft letter responding to the Lewis County Commissioner's concerns regarding the proposed transfers from Lewis County to Thurston County. The letter was reviewed and accepted as written. A motion was made and seconded to send the letter to the Lewis County Commission for their records (all in favor).

On August 25, 2007, Commissioner Rhubright performed a field visit with Linton Wildrick and Jill Van Hulle of the Pacific Groundwater Group. The field visit also included the Hamilton (THUR-07-07) water works. Commissioner Rhubright reported that all was satisfactory and that he had field notes and pictures for the record and review.

- Hamilton (THUR-07-07: 263): The field visit was completed as mentioned above on August 25, 2007. Within the next two weeks Commissioner Rhubright will contact Ecology to schedule a meeting and discuss all four (THUR-07-01, -02, -03, and -07) of the Lewis County to Thurston County transfer applications.

5. Administration

- *Continuing Education (Ecology)*: Nothing new to report.
- *WCB Insurance*: Commissioner Hare was unable to attend this months meeting. Therefore, no new information regarding liability insurance was available for discussion.
- *New Application/Board Recruitment Outreach*: Nothing new to report.
- *WCB Bylaw Updating*: No progress reported.
- *Annual Board of County Commissioners Briefing*: A time was agreed to for this annual event. On October 2, 2007 at 3:30 pm the Board will meet with the County Commissioners to inform the county of Board activity for the preceding year of operation.
- *Alternate WB Recruitment*: No follow-up from Mr. Dan Cathers was received by the Board. Mr. Cathers attended the August monthly meeting stating that he might be interested in becoming a member of the Board. The alternate position remains open.

6. Reports: Nothing to report.

7. Expenditures:

1. \$975.50 to the Chronicle (Lewis County) News Paper.
2. \$155.82 to Anna Giesman for services rendered.

8. Other: Ms. Van Hulle submitted supplemental background information for the record regarding the proposed Lewis County transfers to Thurston County i.e., brief application synopsis and additional maps.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Minutes Approved: