

**Water Conservancy Board of Thurston County
Regular Meeting
October 20, 2008**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Rhubright, Chairman
Jon Hare, Vice Chairman (absent)
Mike McGinnis, Secretary
Tom Myrum, Treasurer
Jerry Louthain
Mike Schwisow (absent, in-training)

MEETING TIME, PLACE, AND ATTENDEES

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 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: Jill Van Hulle and Adam Gravley representing the Cities of Olympia, Tumwater and Lacey (applicants).

MINUTES

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

2. Approval of Minutes / Correspondence / Financial Report

- **Minutes** of the September 15, 2008 regular monthly meeting were approved as written.
- **Correspondence sent/received by the Board:**
 1. Notice from the U.S. Postal service regarding renewing the Board's Post Office Box for 6 or 12 months.
 2. Bank statement for the month of September, 2008.
 3. Invoice from Anna Giesman for services rendered in August and September.
- **Financial Report:** The monthly bank statement of September 30, 2008 showed:
 - 1) a balance of \$22,149.42 and 2) one deduction of \$1,617.40.

3. Applications in Progress

- City of Yelm (McMonigle, THUR-08-01): Board leads (Hare and McGinnis) sent a draft ROE to ECY and received comments from ECY lead Philip Crane via email. As a result of these comments a final ROE will be delayed for an

undetermined amount of time. Board leads will meet with ECY, when available, to come to a consensus regarding Mr. Crane's recent comments.

- Olympia Brewery (THUR-08-02, -03, -04, -05, -06, -07, -08, -09, -10, -11, & -12): Board leads (Rhubright and Louthain) performed an initial field review of the Brewery well field. Also present for the field review were: Jill Van Hulle, Rich Hoey, Jay Eaton, and Adam Gravley representing the applicants; and Ken Lederman and Bob Magruder representing the current property owner Mr. Barney Ng.

An informative discussion took place concerning the Brewery water rights and the determination of beneficial use. Two proposed methodologies have been suggested by the cities: 1) aggregate and 2) rotational. Mr. Gravley requested that the Board inform the cities, at the November 17th meeting which methodology would be adopted for use by the Board. Upon his request the Board agreed to schedule a special meeting of the Board on November 10th (tentative upon commissioner availability) to fully discuss each methodology and make a decision on which one to employ.

Adam Gravley informed the Board that a consultant (Herrera Environmental) was recently hired by the cities to immediately initiate and oversee the SEPA process regarding these proposed transfers. In turn, the Board informed the city representatives that no protests per the legal advertisements had been received prior to the protest deadline of September 8, 2008.

4. WCB Approved Applications

- Keeneland Park (THUR-04-04): Nothing new to report at this time.
- Thurston County Grand Mound Water System (THUR-07-01, 02, 03, and 07): It was reported that the applicant had consolidated these four applications in preparation of the appeal process pending before the PCHB. As previously reported the appeal hearing has been formally scheduled for January 8-9, 2009.

5. Administration

- *Annual Board of County Commissioners Briefing*: A date for the annual briefing has not been determined.
- *New Application Outreach*: It is anticipated that there will be three new change applications submitted on behalf of the City of Tumwater at the next Board meeting.
- *WCB New Member Training*: Commissioner in-waiting (Mike Schwisow) is scheduled to attend this training on October 21-24, 2008.
- *Request to Purchase External Hard Drive*: Commissioner Myrum moved to purchase an external hard drive for \$90.00. Board members present voted all in favor, motion passed.

- *Updating WCB Bylaws:* Mike Schwisow is currently reviewing the by-laws and will have suggested changes in the near future.

6. Reports: Nothing new to report.

7. Expenditures: The Board voted all in favor to expend \$300.00 to Anna Giesman for services rendered during the following time period, August 19 to October 20 of 2008. Motion was made by Commissioner Myrum to renew the Board's P.O. Box for 12 months at a cost of \$170.00. The Board members present voted all in favor, motion passed.

8. Other:

- Commissioners Myrum (by November 10, 2008) and Louthain (by December 12, 2008) were reminded of their need for 8 hours of training in order to remain active.

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Minutes Approved: November 17, 2008