

**Water Conservancy Board of Thurston County
Regular Meeting
June 16, 2008**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Rhubright, Chairman
Jon Hare, Vice Chairman
Tom Myrum, Treasurer
Mike McGinnis, Secretary
Jerry Louthain (excused)
Mike Schwisow (alternate in-waiting)

MEETING TIME, PLACE, AND ATTENDEES

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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: Jeff Marti (ECY); Julie Rector (City of Lacey); Jill Van Hulle (Pacific Groundwater Group); and Shelly Badger and Stephanie Ray (City of Yelm);

MINUTES

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

2. Approval of Minutes / Correspondence / Financial Report

- **Minutes** of the May 19, 2008 regular monthly meeting was approved as written; and Minutes for the April 21, 2008 regular monthly meeting were approved for amendment.
- **Correspondence sent/received by the Board:**
 1. May 23, 2008 – Affidavit of Publication was received from the Valley News regarding THUR-08-01 (City of Yelm, McMonigle Application).
 2. June 3, 2008 – Copy of letter from the Pacific Groundwater Group (PGG) on behalf of the Cities of Olympia, Tumwater, and Lacey to Ecology requesting that the Thurston County Water Conservancy Board take over from Ecology the processing of the eleven (11) transfer applications recently submitted to Ecology by the Cities.
 3. June 5, 2008 – Letter from Ecology to the PGG acknowledging their June 3rd request and stating that they would send copies of the eleven (11) applications to the Board for processing by the Board.
 4. June 5, 2008 – Copy of Certified Mail sent by Ecology to Jim Casebolt (Pattison Water Company) *affirming* the Board's decision regarding Application THUR-07-10 – Pattison Water Company.

5. June 5, 2008 – Copy of Certified Mail sent by Ecology to Thurston County indicating their modification of the Board decision regarding Applications THUR-07-01, 02, and 03 - Thurston County, Mahoney. Modifications included: 1) out of season in-stream flow provisions; and 2) a slight reduction in the amount of water available to transfer.

- **Financial Report:** The monthly bank statement of May 31, 2008 showed: 1) a balance of \$9,219.11; and 2) two reductions totaling \$814.72, one on May 1 for \$290.81 and one on May 21 for \$523.91.

3. New Applications

On behalf of the cities of Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater Jill Van Hulle submitted eleven (11) change applications for consideration by the Board. The eleven applications (10 for groundwater and 1 for surface water) were associated with the old Olympia Brewery with an annual authorization totaling 7,420 acre-feet. When in operation the Olympia Brewery used 29 wells for supply, all were/are located around the plant and/or across the Tumwater Valley Golf Course including the surface water right (Deschutes River).

- Discussion: Ms. Van Hulle explained that the main intent of these change applications are to change the purpose of use from industrial to municipal supply to allow this water to be used for public water supply within the service areas of Olympia, Lacey and Tumwater. In addition the cities are proposing other points of withdrawal within the same general well field area targeting the same aquifer(s). Furthermore, she pointed out that the Olympia Brewery was in operation during the summer of 2003, and these applications for change were filed (initially with Ecology) within 5 years of last use.
- Vote to Accept/Deny: Following a question and answer period for the benefit of the Board Members and guests a motion was made and seconded to accept the applications for processing by the Board. The vote, with a quorum present, was all in favor (4 in favor, 0 opposed) to accept these applications for processing by the Board. Thereafter, Ms. Van Hulle presented the Board with the required processing fee per application of \$1,450.00 for a total of \$15,950.00. These fees are used by the Board to pay for legal notice advertisements, administrative and required training/travel costs.

4. WCB Approved Applications

- Keeneland Park (THUR-04-04): Remains in process awaiting a decision by Ecology.
- Thurston County Grand Mound Water System (Mahoney applications – THUR-07-01, 02 and 03): These applications were approved by Ecology with modifications, see Correspondence #5 above.

- Pattison Water Company (THUR-07-10): In reference to this approved application and based upon a comment made by the Squaxin Tribe the regular meeting minutes of April, 2008 were amended by Board motion (seconded) and vote (all in favor). Upon amending, the edited minutes will be resent electronically to all those that received a copy of the original document i.e., regular Board mailing list.

5. Applications in Progress

- Thurston County (Hamilton, THUR-07-07): Board leads, Commissioners Rhubright and Myrum, handed out a final ROE review and discussion by the Board. The discussion centered on whether or not to include Instream Flow Provisions per recent Ecology policy. After a lengthy discussion a motion was made and seconded to not include such provisions for the sake of consistency. Thereafter, the Board voted all in favor to approve the Hamilton ROE, without Instream Flow Provisions. A final copy of the Hamilton ROE will immediately be submitted to Ecology for review and their decision to approve, amend or deny.
- City of Yelm (McMonigle, THUR-07-08: 380gpm and THUR-07-09: 80gpm): It was confirmed by Commissioner Louthain that the legal for this application had been published in the local Yelm newspaper the Valley News. In addition a June site visit of the McMonigle property was performed by Commissioners Hare and McGinnis, also in attendance were representatives of the City and project proponent. All necessary and required infrastructure was examined and identified as being in good working order.

6. Administration

- *New Application/Board Recruitment Outreach:* 1) The Thurston County PUD may contact the Board for assistance regarding an upcoming proposed water transfer. 2) Nothing new to report regarding the previously mentioned (May minutes) City of Rayonier water right claims.
- *WCB Continuing Education:* The Board discussed the option of approving the attendance/participation of members in related workshops, seminars, etc. to pickup their continuing education hours particularly now that money is available for related travel and expenses.
- *Updating WCB Bylaws:* It was recommended by the Board that Mike Schwisow (alternate in-waiting) update the current by-laws of the Board. Commissioner Schwisow accepted and Commissioner Hare volunteered to bring him up to date on past Board efforts to update the by-laws.

7. Reports: Commissioner Schwisow presented a verbal synopsis of a recent Water Resources Advisory Committee Meeting that he attended.

8. Expenditures: The Board voted all in favor to expend \$638.00 as follows: \$400.00 to Anna Giesman for services rendered during the month of June and \$238.00 for

publication costs to the Nisqually Valley News i.e., legal for THUR-07-08. In addition, a motion was made, seconded and voted on (all in favor) to reimburse Commissioner McGinnis for milage (62 miles @ \$0.505 per mile) associated with his recent travel to the McMonigle property in performance of a site visit.

9. Other: Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Minutes Approved: July 21, 2008