

**Water Conservancy Board of Thurston County
Regular Meeting
August 18, 2008**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Rhubright, Chairman
Tom Myrum, Treasurer
Jerry Louthain

MEETING TIME, PLACE, AND ATTENDEES

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 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 Janet Rajala, and Tom McDonald were also present.

MINUTES

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

2. Approval of Minutes / Correspondence / Financial Report

- **Minutes** of the July 21, 2008 regular monthly meeting were approved as written.
- **Correspondence sent/received by the Board:**
 1. July 21, 2008 letter from Ecology to Todd Hansen indicating that they had reversed the Board's Record of Decision regarding application THUR-04-04 (Keeneland Park) and his application was denied.
 2. August 12, 2008 Notice of Appeal to the Pollution Control Hearings Board by Tom McDonald of Cascadia Law Group, on behalf of Todd Hansen/Lufco LLC, relating to the Ecology decision on THUR 04-04
 3. August 14, 2008 letter to Jon Hare from Janet Rajala stating that 8 hours training credit has been approved to remain eligible through August 17, 2009
 4. Invoice for \$10 from The Olympian, as an Affidavit Fee for the July 28 publication for the Olympia Brewery change applications, which was the Olympian's error. (Jerry to contact the Olympian to get this reversed.)
 5. Credit application from The Olympian to be completed
- **Financial Report:** The monthly bank statement of July 31, 2008 showed: 1) a balance of \$24,016.82 and 2) one deduction for Check No. 1040 of \$482.98.

3. WCB Approved Applications

- Keeneland Park (THUR-04-04): Tom McDonald discussed the appeal that he filed on behalf of the applicant, to the PCHB. No pre-hearing conference has been set at this time.
- Thurston County Grand Mound Water System (THUR-07-01, 02, 03, and 07): Tom Mc Donald reported that appeals were filed to the PCHB on behalf of Thurston County on three of these Ecology decisions and the fourth appeal will be filed. A pre-hearing conference was held on the three appeals, and a PCHB hearing is scheduled for January 8-9, 2009.

4. Applications in Progress

- City of Yelm (McMonigle, THUR-07-08: 380gpm and THUR-07-09: 80gpm): Board leads (Hare and McGinnis) continue to make progress on the ROE. It is expected that a final draft will be available for review soon and that a meeting with Ecology should occur before the September Board meeting.
- Olympia Brewery (THUR-08-02, -03, -04, -05, -06, -07, -08, -09, -10, -11, & -12): The legal advertisement for these applications was completed. The initial publication on July 28 by The Olympian contained an error by The Olympian and at the Olympian's expense, so the legal was republished on August 1 and August 8. No protests had been received at this time that the Board is aware of. The deadline for filing protests is 30 days after the last date of publication which was on August 8. Based on an email from Jill VanHulle, the City of Tumwater has been designated as Lead Agency for SEPA. No additional information has been received by the applicant and there was no additional discussion, other than mentioning that a site visit will likely be scheduled after the September Board meeting, and the protest period has expired.

5. Administration

- *Annual Board of County Commissioners Briefing*: It is anticipated that this will be scheduled in September. Chairman Rhubright will contact the BOCC regarding getting this scheduled
- *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*: The Board was notified of the date for WCB new member training on October 21-24, 2008. Commissioner in-waiting (Mike Schwisow) will attend.
- *Continuing Education*: Janet will let the Board know when each member is due for their annual training

- *Updating WCB Bylaws:* Mike Schwisow (alternate in-waiting) 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 \$250.00 to Anna Giesman for services rendered during the month of July.

8. Other: Janet Rajala discussed the status of other WCBs in Western WA, with the Thurston County Board being the only one that is active in processing applications at this time. The Whatcom Co WCB has dissolved, and the Mason County WCB is being re-activated, and not sure about the Lewis Co. WCB. She also said she has been checking into insurance for WCBs, and at one time our Thurston Co WCB was the only Board having Errors and Omissions insurance, and she didn't know of any other WCB that had insurance at this time. There was also some discussion of various options for this type of insurance, which in the past has been very expensive.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Minutes Approved: September 15, 2008