

**Water Conservancy Board of Thurston County
Regular Meeting
September 15, 2008**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEETING TIME, PLACE, AND ATTENDEES

The meeting was called to order, with a quorum present, at 7:05 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, Adam Gravley, and Richard Hoey each representing the Cities of Olympia, Tumwater and Lacey.

MINUTES

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

2. Approval of Minutes / Correspondence / Financial Report

- **Minutes** of the August 18, 2008 regular monthly meeting were approved as written.
- **Correspondence sent/received by the Board:**
 1. The Board received an *Affidavit of Publication* from the Olympian Newspaper for the Brewery Water Right Change Applications (THUR-08-02, -03, -04, -05, -06, -07, -08, -09, -10, -11, and -12).
 2. Invoice from the Olympian Newspaper for \$1,617.40 per publication of the legals for each of the Brewery Water Right Change Applications. The Board voted all in favor to pay this invoice.
 3. The Board received a file copy of Commissioner Louthain's Declaration as requested by the applicant and appellant, Todd Hansen, per the ongoing Keeneland Park (THUR-04-04) appeal process.
 4. Email for Janet Rajala (ECY) to the Board listing terms of service for each Board Member.
 5. Email from Janet Rajala reminding the Board of the due date for the Board's Report to the Legislature.
 6. Email from Janet Rajala to the Board listing the eligibility status of each Board Member, as follows:
 - Mike Rhubright – eligible through March 31, 2009

- Jon Hare – eligible through August 17, 2009
 - Jerry Louthain – eligible through December 12, 2008
 - Tom Myrum – eligible through November 11, 2008
 - Mike McGinnis – eligible through March 28, 2009
 - Mike Schwisow – eligibility anticipated with 32 hour training in October 2008.
- **Financial Report:** The monthly bank statement of August 31, 2008 showed: 1) a balance of \$23,766.82 and 2) one deduction of \$250.00.

3. WCB Approved Applications

- Keeneland Park (THUR-04-04): Nothing new to report pending the ongoing appeal process.
- Thurston County Grand Mound Water System (THUR-07-01, 02, 03, and 07): Each of the four appeals to the PCHB has been consolidated. A pre-hearing conference has been held, and the PCHB hearing remains scheduled for January 8-9, 2009.

4. Applications in Progress

- City of Yelm (McMonigle, THUR-07-08: 380gpm and THUR-07-09: 80gpm): A copy of the draft ROE was sent to ECY for review and thereafter, a meeting with Board leads (Commissioners Hare and McGinnis) will be schedule in October.
- Olympia Brewery (THUR-08-02, -03, -04, -05, -06, -07, -08, -09, -10, -11, & -12): The legal advertisement for these applications has been completed with no protests reported by the end of the protest period (September 8, 2008). The next Board action to take place regarding these applications will be the initial site visit. Currently a visit date is undetermined but requested to take place sometime in October.

The guests in attendance distributed information packets to each Board member and then briefly described each packet topic. Included in each packet were the following items for review by the Board: 1) revised map of the immediate project site; 2) memorandum discussing the beneficial use of the Olympia Brewery Water Rights; 3) memorandum discussing background information regarding return flow to the Lower Deschutes River; 4) chronology of events matrix discussing the condemnation of the Brewery Water Rights; and 5) matrix describing each water right proposed for transfer. In addition, the Board was informed that the required SEPA process is on hold pending the hiring of a qualified consultant.

5. Administration

- *Annual Board of County Commissioners Briefing:* Chairman Rhubright has contacted the BOCC regarding a scheduled time. As of this meeting no date had been set.
- *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. Alternate Commissioner (Mike Schwisow) will attend.
- *Continuing Education:* Janet Rajala (ECY) notified the Board of each member's eligibility status (see Correspondence above).
- *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: No expenditure to report.

8. Other: A motion was made, seconded and approved (all in favor) to reimburse Mike Schwisow for expenses incurred during his new member training on October 21-24, 2008. Eligible expenses include: *travel, hotel, and meals*. All expenses must be documented in order to receive full reimbursement.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Minutes Approved: October 20, 2008