

Water Conservancy Board of Thurston County
Special Meeting
July 7, 2008

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Rhubright; Tom Myrum; Mike McGinnis; Jerry Louthain; and Mike Schwisow (alternate in-waiting).

MEETING TIME, PLACE, AND ATTENDEES

The special meeting was called to order by Chairman Rhubright at 6:00 p.m. in the Percival Plaza conference room located at 626 Columbia Street NW, Olympia, Washington 98501. All of the above Board members were in attendance, therefore a quorum was present. Members of the public in attendance included: Adam Gravely, Julie Rector and Jill Van Hulle representing the City of Olympia; John Konovsky representing the Squaxin Tribe; and Jim Campbell interested party.

MINUTES

1. Approval of Agenda: The proposed agenda was approved as presented.
2. Purpose of Special Meeting: The meeting was scheduled to provide a discussion and work session for the Board, proponent representatives, and the public regarding the recently accepted Olympia Brewery applications numbered as follows – THUR-08-02, -03, -04, -05, -06, -07, -08, -09, -10, -11, and -12.
3. Topics of Discussion:
 - Commissioner Louthain was appointed to represent the Board as *lead* for these applications. Commissioner Myrum indicated that all of the applications have been scanned and are now available for review on the Board's web-site.
 - A draft document containing representative legal notices for each water right certificate was presented to the Board by Commissioner Louthain. Upon review a brief discussion took place with minor edits suggested and a decision to allow a two week review period of the draft legal notices by Board members and the City of Olympia prior to the next regular meeting of the Board on July 21, 2008. If approved on July 21st the goal is to publish the legal notices in the Olympian thus initiating the public review process sometime during that same week or July 22nd to July 25th.
 - A brief discussion took place on the subject of site access for the required field review. City representatives stated that they would follow-up with the necessary arrangement. A tentative date for a site visit by the Board was scheduled for the first or second week of September.
 - The required SEPA process was discussed with a conclusion that the project proponents

(Olympia, Tumwater, and Lacey) would determine who will be the lead agency under SEPA (WAC 197-11-926).

- Board members reminded the proponent(s) of its Hydro-Geo study needs in order to determine impacts/impairment, if any, to neighboring water sources (wells) that may be located within the general vicinity of this proposal and/or pumping water from the same aquifer.
- As a need, the Board requested that the proponent provide an up-to-date chronology of this project. The proponent stated that one would be provided along with a packet of all documents originally sent to Ecology.
- In addition, the Board requested a Quantification Report of Use by the Brewery or history of use be provided so that Board recommendations may be legally justified and reasonably determined.
- A brief discussion regarding public outreach ensued emphasizing the need for an open and clear process easily available to interested agencies, tribes and the general public for review and comment.
- In conclusion, the Board discussed a request made on July 7th from Ken Lederman of Riddell Williams P.S. to provide him with copies of the eleven Olympia Brewery applications along with other related documents. The Board decided to make an effort to satisfy this request with Commissioner Myrum and Anna Giesman directly responsible.

The special meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Special meeting minutes approved by the Board: July 21, 2008