

**Water Conservancy Board of Thurston County
Regular Meeting
January 26, 2009**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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. NW, Suite 1-IF, Olympia, Washington 98501. Guests included: Sam Sares, Charles Buschbom, Robert Gantenbein, and Larry Mahoney, members of the Water Conservancy Board of Mason County; Charlotte Zinski; Stephanie Ray, Shelly Badger and Kathleen Collison representing the City of Yelm; Corina Hayes, Thurston County; and Jill Van Hulle.

MINUTES

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

2. Approval of Minutes / Correspondence / Financial Report

Minutes of the December 15, 2008 regular monthly meeting were approved as written.

Correspondence sent/received by the Board:

1. Letter from Department of Ecology RE: Disposition of Record of Decision for THUR-08-01, City of Yelm
2. IRS Form 1099 from City of Tumwater
3. Letter from Department of Ecology RE: THUR-07-01, - 02, - 03, - 07, Stipulation Agreement, Hamilton and Mahoney
4. Letter from Department of Ecology RE: Continuing education requirements for Commissioners

Financial Report: The monthly bank statement for December 2008 was not available for review.

3. Applications in Progress

Olympia Brewery (THUR08-02, -03, -04, -05, -06, -07, -08, -09, -10, -11, & -12):

A memorandum prepared by Adam Gravely, Counsel for the Applicant was distributed to each Commissioner. The memorandum provided a discussion of relinquishment exceptions applicable to the Brewery water rights. Jill Van Hulle, consultant for the Applicant, provided a written report

prepared by the Pacific Groundwater Group which contained a Water Right Impairment Analysis for the above referenced applications. Discussion of the submitted documents ensued.

The Board was advised that the City of Tumwater, the designated lead agency for the SEPA review associated with the applications would be publishing shortly.

The Applicants advised the Board, that as a result of their review of the attributes of the surface water right – THUR-08-12, they wished to withdraw said application.

MOTION: Commissioner Louthain moved and Alternate Schwisow seconded, that the Board accept the Applicants withdrawal of THUR-08-12 and request that applicant provide a letter documenting said withdrawal. The Board **adopted** the motion without dissent.

The Board requested that the Applicant provide additional information regarding the plans for use of the water related to Qi.

City of Tumwater (Port of Olympia THUR-08-13 & -14):

Processing of the application continues with a site visit scheduled for February 9, 2009.

4. WCB Approved Applications

City of Yelm (McMonigle, THUR-08-01):

The Board reviewed the letter received from the Department of Ecology requesting that the Board withdraw its ROD for THUR-08-01. The Board discussed in detail the three issues raised in the DOE letter – Qi/Qa; the quantity related to evaluation of aerial photograph and the need for an additional application related to the transfer. The sense of the Board was that the ROD was correct in regard to the first two issues.

The Board determined that representatives of the Board would seek a meeting with DOE staff to review the letter and that the Board would take up the issue at the February 2009 meeting.

Thurston County (THUR-07-01, -02, -03, and -07):

The Board reviewed final disposition and modified order in the above referenced application.

5. Administration

- DOE will conduct a continuing education workshop at DOE Hdqtrs. in Lacey on 2/24/2009.
- Guests from the Mason County Board indicated they were recruiting additional members for that Board and asked that qualified candidates be referred to them.
- Corina Hayes of Thurston County Development Services advised the Board of the County's effort to preserve agricultural lands and water supply.
- The Board was advised by Jill Van Hulle of PGG that the Clearwood community water supply system was considering the filing of a change application.
- Representatives the of City of Yelm advised the Board that the City is considering an application related to the golf course rights and reclaimed water supplies.

- No new progress was reported by Commissioner Schwisow on the by-law review project.

6. Reports

The Board heard a brief report from Commissioner Schwisow, and discussed information presented at the monthly DOE Water Resources Advisory Committee. The Board also reviewed activity on water related legislation recently introduced in the Legislature.

7. Board Expenditures/Reimbursements: Nothing to report

8. Other: Nothing to report

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Minutes Approved: Louthain moved and Hare seconded that the minutes be approved as presented. Motion adopted without dissent. February 23, 2009.