

**Water Conservancy Board of Thurston County  
Regular Meeting  
February 23, 2009**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**MEETING TIME, PLACE, AND ATTENDEES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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: Charlotte Zinski; Elbert McMonigle; Stephanie Ray, Shelly Badger and Kathleen Collison representing the City of Yelm; Phil Crane and Tom Loranger, Washington Department of Ecology; Gerald Pertersen, Washington Water Services Co. and Jill Van Hulle, Pacific Groundwater Group.

**MINUTES**

- 1. Approval of Agenda:** Meeting agenda was reviewed and Item 5 was moved to the top of the agenda.
- 2. Approval of Minutes / Correspondence / Financial Report**

**Minutes** of the January 26, 2009 regular monthly meeting were approved as written.

**Correspondence sent/received by the Board:**

1. Letter from Kathy Collison on behalf of the City of Yelm – RE: Disposition of Record of Decision for THUR-08-01, City of Yelm

**Financial Report:** The monthly bank statement for January 2008 showing a balance of \$24,309.10 was circulated for review by the Commissioners.

- 5. WCB Approved Applications – City of Yelm (McMonigle THUR-08-01)**

The Commissioners revisited the Department of Ecology letter, dated January 23, 2009, requesting that the Board withdraw the ROD on THUR-08-01. Commissioner Hare reported on a meeting with Ecology staff to review the issues related to the application and ROD. Extensive discussion ensued with input received from Collison, Crane and Loranger. Discussion focused on the issue of whether an application should also be processed for water right, G2-00792C, in addition to G2-21613 which was the subject of the ROD.

**MOTION:** Alternate Schwisow moved and Commissioner Louthain seconded that the Chairman prepare and file with Ecology the appropriate forms to withdraw the Board's previous Record of Decision on THUR-08-01 and that the City of Yelm be encouraged prepare and submit a change application for water right G2-00792C which the Board would give expedited processing. The Board adopted the motion without dissent.

### 3. **New Application** – Pattison Water Company (Application for Change of Permit G2-27772)

Jill Van Hulle, PGG, presented the Board with a proposed application to change permit G2-27772 along with a check for processing fees in the amount of \$1450. The proposed change would add a second point of withdrawal and correct the place of use. Discussion ensued.

**MOTION:** Alternate Schwisow moved and Commissioner Hare seconded that the Board accept the application for processing. The Board adopted with motion without dissent.

The application was assigned Board number THUR-09-01 and Commissioners Louthain and Rhubright were designated as leads for processing the application.

### 4. **Applications in Progress**

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

Jill Van Hulle, PGG, updated the Board on the progress being made on developing data to support the processing of the application. Discussion ensued. The Board asked that emphasis be placed on developing information on the Qi issue.

The Board was advised that the SEPA paperwork was nearly complete with a goal of publication sometime in March.

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

Alternate Schwisow reported that the legal notices had been published and that the application may be ready for Board action at the April meeting.

### 6. **Administration**

- The Board discussed realigning membership on the Board. **MOTION:** Alternate Schwisow moved and Commissioner Hare seconded that Chairman Rhubright write the Board of County Commissioners recommending that Alternate Schwisow be appointed a Member and the Commissioner McGinnis be appointed an Alternate. The motion was **adopted** without dissent.
- Alternate Schwisow volunteered to serve as Board Secretary.
- DOE will conduct a continuing education workshop at DOE Hdqtrs. in Lacey on 2/24/2009.
- The Board was advised that no date had been set for a County Commissioner briefing.
- There was nothing to report on potential new applications.
- No new progress was reported by Commissioner Schwisow on the by-law review project.
- Alternate Schwisow reported on water related legislation being considered by the Legislature.

7. **Reports** – There were no reports or presentations.
8. **Board Expenditures/Reimbursements:** The Board reviewed an invoice submitted by Anna Geisman for administrative expenses. **MOTION:** Alternate Schwisow moved and Commissioner Hare seconded that the invoice be paid. The motion was **adopted** without dissent.
9. **Other:** Gerald Petersen of Washington Water Service Co. engaged the Board in a discussion of issues related to jurisdiction of County Water Conservancy Boards with a particular interest in Pierce County. Petersen was also interested in changes to water right language related to residential unit counts.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Minutes Approved: 3/16/09