

**Water Conservancy Board of Thurston County
Regular Meeting
May 18, 2009**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEETING TIME, PLACE, AND ATTENDEES

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 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: Larry Mahoney, Mason County Water Conservancy Board, Jill Van Hulle, Pacific Groundwater Group (PGG) and Adam Gravelly, Counsel for the Cities on the Brewery Water Right Issue via speaker phone.

MINUTES

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Meeting agenda was reviewed and approved as circulated.
2. **Approval of Minutes / Correspondence / Financial Report**

Minutes of the April 20, 2009 regular monthly meeting and May 4, 2009 special meeting were approved as corrected.

Correspondence sent/received by the Board:

1. Letter from DOE advising the Board that Commissioner Myrum had completed his continuing education requirement.
2. Invoice from The Olympian for publication of Pattison legal notices.

Financial Report: The monthly bank statement for April 2009 showing a beginning balance of \$24,559.10 and an ending balance of \$23,529.02 was circulated for review by the Commissioners.

3. **Applications in Progress**

City of Yelm (THUR-08-01)

Chairman Rhubright reported that the ROE/ROD was delivered to the Department of Ecology on May 8, 2009 which started the 45 day review period.

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

Jill Van Hulle reported that DOE had approved the ROE/ROD the Board had recently submitted and that a letter notifying the Board was in process.

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

Jill Van Hulle, PPG, consultant for the cities presented the Board with several informational pieces that will be incorporated in the ROE as exhibits. The Board reviewed exhibit materials that had been produced to date.

The Board, consultant and attorney, did a section by section review of the draft ROE submitted to the Board identifying items requiring further clarification. The consultant and attorney agreed to have another draft of the ROE, incorporating the identified changes available on May 27.

The Board discussed the schedule and process to complete the processing of the application and agreed to the following schedule:

- May 15 - Cities provided 5/15 draft ROE to Squaxin Tribe for preliminary review
- May 18 - discussed 5/15 draft ROE at regular WCB meeting
- May 28 - 5/27 draft to Ecology for preliminary review
- June 12 - preliminary review comments requested from Ecology
- June 15 - discussion of 5/27 draft ROE and any preliminary comments received at regular WCB meeting
- July 1 - Final draft ROE incorporating comments from Ecology and WCB members
- July 20 - Final ROE for decision at regular WCB meeting

Pattison (THUR-09-01)

Commissioner Louthain advised the Board that the legal notices for this application have been published and that the protest period will end on May 21. A draft ROE is nearing completion.

4. Administrative

- a. The Chair advised that a letter requesting appointments for Alternate Schwisow and Commissioner McGinnis had been resubmitted to the Thurston County Commissioners.
- b. Nothing to report.
- c. The Chair reported that the Board of County Commissioner briefing may be in July.
- d. Application Outreach – Nothing to report
- e. Bylaws Committee – Nothing to report
- f. Alternate Schwisow briefed the Board on final legislative outcomes.

5. Reports – Nothing to report

- 6. Board Expenditures/Reimbursements** - The Board reviewed invoices that had been received by the Board. **MOTION:** Alternate Schwisow moved and Commissioner seconded that payment be made to Anna Geisman in the amount of \$216.65 for administrative services rendered to the Board. The motion was **adopted** without dissent. **MOTION:** Commissioner Louthain moved and Alternate Schwisow seconded that the Board pay The Olympian \$532.30 for publication of legal notices. The motion was **adopted** without dissent.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Minutes Approved: