

**Water Conservancy Board of Thurston County
Regular Meeting
January 25, 2010**

Board Members Present:

Jon Hare, Chairman
Jerry Louthain, Vice Chairman
Zena Hartung, Secretary
Tom Myrum

Mike Schwisow, Treasurer
Mike McGinnis (Excused)
Mike Rhubright

Meeting Time, Place and Attendees

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Chairman Hare at the Board's regular meeting place: Percival Plaza Conference Room, 626 Columbia St NW, Suite 1-IF, Olympia, Washington 98501. Guests included: Peggy Clifford, Janet Rajala.

Agenda/Minutes/Correspondence/Financial

- 1- **Approval of Agenda:** Meeting agenda was reviewed. **Motion:** Alternate Schwisow moved, Commissioner Myrum seconded, the agenda be approved without change. The motion was **adopted** without dissent.
- 2- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the December 21, 2009 regular meeting were reviewed. **Motion:** Commissioner Myrum approved and Commissioner Louthain seconded. The motion was **adopted** without dissent.
- 3- **Correspondence sent/received by the Board:**
 - a. DOE letter to Board re: hours for training availability
 - b. Washington Rivers Conservancy, 2nd letter seeking contributions
- 4- **Financial Report:** The monthly bank statement for December 2009 showing a beginning balance on 11/30/09 of \$19,120.95 and an ending balance on 12/31/09 of \$18,367.91, was circulated for review by the Commissioners.

5.Reports-Board member information, Presentations and Meetings

Guest, Peggy Clifford, Trust Water Guidance officer for Department of Ecology (DOE) Reported to the Board on practices and activities related to trust water banking, its purposes under the statute, how it is presently guiding water rights holders and the potential for water banking in the future. The Commissioners had questions and a lively discussion ensued. Some issues of requirements for publicizing and public notice were also discussed. Contacts for the Board at DOE were established, if further questions arise.

Guest, Janet Rajala, provided the Board with an update on the draft MOU which is intended to clarify the relationship between Water Conservancy Boards and their contact at DOE. Its purpose is to improve communication and reduce the number of reversals of decision and appeals to PCHB.

Legislative Update: legislative bills (HB 2508, SB6267) were also discussed, as well as HB 2591, which would increase the water right processing fees.

Commissioner Louthain mentioned a possible new water rights change application to the Board. Since this may go to DOE and may be categorized as “planned future development” no further discussion occurred.

Commissioner Status: Commissioner Louthain’s commission has expired. A letter to BOC has not had a response. Commissioner Myrum has resigned and was given commendation for his service.

7. Board Expenditures/Reimbursements- The Board reviewed invoices and expense reimbursements collected since the last meeting. Anna Geisman’s duties will now include updating the website, adding to her invoice \$12.00/mo. Her invoice for 11 hours= \$220.88 Motion: Commissioner Schwisow moved, Commissioner Rhubright seconded. Motion was **adopted** without dissent. Invoice for the plaque given to retiring Commissioner Myrum \$101.99 Commissioner Schwisow moved and Commissioner Rhubright seconded. Motion was **adopted** without dissent.

Related housekeeping issues: New business cards to be printed with board positions was recommended by Commissioner Hare, so moved by Commissioner Schwisow and seconded by Commissioner Rhubright. Also the arrangements for the continued use of the meeting room was discussed. Opening the room shall continue to be the duty of two of the Commissioners who presently have keys: Commissioners Schwisow and Louthain.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Minutes Approved: APPROVED 2/22/2010