

Water Conservancy Board of Thurston County
Regular meeting-February 25, 2013

Board Members Present: Jerry Louthain, Chair; Josh Cummings, Vice Chair; Bourtai Hargrove, Secretary; Tye Menser, Treasurer. Commissioner Jon Hare was absent.

Meeting Time, Place and Attendees:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Commissioner Louthain at the Board's regular meeting place – Percival Plaza Conference Room, 626 Columbia St. N.W., Suite 1-IF, Olympia, Washington 98501. No guests were present.

1-Approval of Agenda: The meeting agenda was reviewed. A motion to approve the agenda without change was made and seconded. The motion carried.

2-Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the January 28, 2013 meeting without change was made and seconded. The motion carried.

Correspondence:

Commissioner Louthain sent an email to Phil Crane at Ecology inquiring about water transfer applications which could be handled by the Thurston County Water Conservancy Board. No reply has been received as yet.

Commissioner Louthain sent an email to Danielle Westbrook about the vacant alternate positions on the Board. Ms. Westbrook replied that the County has begun outreach efforts to fill Thurston County Board vacancies.

Commissioner Louthain reported that the Water Board coordinator position at the Water Resources Program is currently vacant. Victoria Leuba of Ecology's Eastern Regional Office is assuming these duties on a temporary basis as she stated in a letter dated February 13, in which she also provided an update of each Board member's appointment date and training is due. No Board member needs training before December 2013

Financial – A Key Bank statement dated January 31, 2013, was received, showing a beginning balance of \$12,056.27, and two checks for a total of \$332.69 paid, and a final balance of \$11,723.58

3 - Reports: Commissioner Menser reported that he attended a meeting about a hydro-electric project on the Similkameen River in Okanogan County. It was a fund-raiser for environmentalists opposed to the project. Their main objection to the project is that it leaves so little water in the river. Commissioner Louthain reported that Maia Bellon, an energetic and experienced former Attorney General, and Water Resources Program Manager, has been appointed the new Director of Ecology.

4 - Board Expenditures/ Reimbursements: No bills were submitted for approval this month.

5 - Administrative: The final concise, easy to read revision the Bylaws updated by Commissioner Menser, was submitted for approval. A motion to approve the final revision of the Bylaws was made, and seconded. The motion carried unanimously, and the Commissioners present signed the revised Bylaws of the Thurston County Water Conservancy Board. The revised Bylaws will be submitted to Ecology.

6 - Other business: Jill Van Hulle sent an e-mail to the Commissioners informing them that she will be filing five water change applications in Lewis County. Some of the sites are in Thurston County, so it will be necessary for the Lewis County Water Conservancy Board to hold a public hearing in Thurston County. Ms. Van Hulle suggested that the public hearing could be held at a joint meeting of the Thurston County Water Conservancy Board and the Lewis County Water Conservancy Board - probably in May, 2013. The Commissioners were receptive to Ms. Van Hulle's suggestion but took no action at this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.