

**Water Conservancy Board
Of
Thurston County
Minutes of Regular Meeting, July 15, 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 7:06 PM by Commissioner Louthain at the Board's regular meeting place – Percival Plaza Conference Room, 626 Columbia St. N.W., Suite 1-1f, Olympia, Washington 98501. The following guests were present: Robert Thode, Commissioner with the Lewis County Water Conservancy Board; Barbara Burros, Commissioner with the Lewis County Water Conservancy Board; and Jill Van Hulle, Water Resource Specialist with the Pacific Groundwater Group.

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 – Lewis County Water Conservancy Board Public Hearing: Lewis County Commissioner Robert Thode opened the public hearing on Application Nos. LEWI 13-01, 13-02, 13-03, 13-04 and 13-05 to change the point of withdrawal and place of use of Certificates 535-D, 536-D, 2144 and 2323 and to change the place of use of Certificate G2-21004. Jill Van Hulle discussed the applications, all of them from the City of Centralia on property the City of Centralia owns, a portion of which is situated in Thurston County. No member of the public attended the hearing. The Lewis County Commissioners promised to forward the names of all owners of property in Thurston County adjacent to the subject property to the Thurston County Water Conservancy Board, to enable the Thurston County Commissioners to notify adjacent owners of another hearing on the applications to be held in Lewis County in August, 2013.

3 – Approval of Minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2013, meeting was made and seconded. The motion carried.

4 – Correspondence:

a) The Board received notices of two water law seminars, *Tribal Water in the Pacific Northwest*, to be held on July 31, 2013 in Seattle, Washington, and *Water Rights Transfers*, to be held on October 9 and 10, 2013 in Seattle, Washington.

b) The Board also received a census form from the Director of the U.S. Census Bureau. This is a voluntary census of government entities, and, after an informal discussion, the Board decided it was not necessary to fill it out and submit it.

c) The Board members reviewed copies of the Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, filled out by Anna Giesman and signed by Jerry Louthain.

d) Three Key Bank statements were reviewed: The April 30th statement showed a balance of \$11,723.58, the May 31st statement showed a balance of \$11,233.28, and the June 30th statement showed a balance of \$11, 233.28.

4 – Reports: Commissioner Louthain reported that he attended a meeting of the Chehalis Basin Partnership. Janel Bistrika, the current Watershed Coordinator/Lead Entity Coordinator is leaving, and Jane Atha has been hired as the new Watershed Coordinator/Lead Entity Coordinator. Ms. Atha will be taking over on August 1, 2013.

5 – Financial: A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve a check in the amount of \$93.22 to Anna Geisman to pay her for administrative work and web hosting done in the past two months

6 – Administrative: Commissioner Tye Menser announced that his appointment to the Board will expire next month, and he is not going to ask the Thurston County Commissioners to renew it. He will send a letter to the Thurston County Commissioners informing them of his decision. Many thanks to Commissioner Menser for his excellent service to the Board for the past three and one-half years. The remaining members of the Board expressed their regrets that he is leaving and wished him success in his future endeavors. His resignation leaves a vacancy on the Board.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.