

**Water Conservancy Board of Thurston County
Regular Meeting
August 20, 2007**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Rhubright, Chairman
Jon Hare, Vice Chair
Mike McGinnis, Secretary
Tom Myrum, Treasurer

MEETING TIME, PLACE, AND ATTENDEES

The meeting was called to order at 7:07pm by Chairman Rhubright next door (Tom Myrum's Office) to the Board's regular meeting place at Percival Plaza Conference Room, 626 Columbia St. N.W., Suite 1-IF, Olympia, Washington 98501.

Guests included Ms. Jill Van Hulle of the Pacific Groundwater Group representing Thurston County; Mr. Scott Clark, Utility Planner for Thurston County; and Mr. Dan Cathers, interested in possibly becoming a commissioner.

MINUTES

1. Approval of Agenda: Meeting agenda was reviewed and approved as presented.

2. Approval of Minutes / Correspondence / Financial Report

- **Minutes** of the July 16 monthly meeting were approved as amended.
- **Correspondence received by the Board:**
 1. A letter from Ecology (6/15/07) requesting application numbers.
 2. Billings (7/25/07) from the Chronicle News Paper (Centralia, WA) for \$544.00 and \$431.50 for payment. The Board recommended payment by the due date.
 3. Letter from the Lewis County Commissioners (8/7/07) expressing their concerns regarding the proposed transfer of water from Lewis County to Thurston County. Note: Commissioner Rhubright will respond to their concerns with a formal letter from the Board.
 4. The monthly bank statement indicating a balance of \$9038.27.
 5. Notification from the Thurston County Commissioners (8/14/07) that Tom Myrum has been reappointed to another term as Water Board Commissioner.
 6. Letter from Ecology (8/14/07) reminding the Board that Michael Rhubright's term as Water Board Commissioner will soon expire and now is the time to consider his reappointment.

- **Financial Report:** The Board's bank balance is \$9,038.27 per bank statement of 7/31/07.

3. New Applications

- At the present time there are no new applications in progress by the Board.
- Ms. Van Hulle submitted a complete application to transfer the Hamilton water right, Certificate #3210-A – 263 acre feet on behalf of Thurston County. The Hamilton water right will be brought out of trust with Ecology before this transfer can be made. This request is a *change of purpose* (seasonal irrigation to year-round municipal), *change in point of diversion* (surface water to groundwater) and *change in place of use* (Lewis County to Thurston County). Ms. Van Hulle presented the Board with the application and supporting documentation. Following review of the information presented and a lengthy discussion the Board voted and unanimously agreed to accept this request for processing by the Board. Upon acceptance by the Board Ms. Van Hulle presented the Board with a Thurston County check in the amount of \$1,450.00 (Board processing fee). The new application for transfer was assigned the following Board identifier: THUR-07-07.

As agreed at the June monthly meeting, every attempt will be made to process this application in a timely manner to allow a public meeting to occur at the same time and place as the other Lewis County to Thurston County applications for transfer i.e., Thurston County-Grand Mound Water System THUR-07-01, THUR-07-02, and THUR-07-03. Monday, August 6th was tentatively scheduled as the date for the combined public meeting in Lewis County.

4. Applications in Progress

- Fagerness/Oakville (THUR-04-01: 60): Commissioner Hare reported that he has decided to abandon his initial effort to transfer water associated with the Family Farm portion of the initial request based upon discussions with Ecology, Board members agreed. Therefore, a minor rewrite of the current ROE will be required. Commissioner Hare will present the amended ROE to the Board at the September meeting for review.
- Keeneland Park (THUR-04-04): Nothing new to report.
- Mountain View Prairie Estates (Certificate #1118-A): Nothing new to report.
- Pattison Water Company (THUR-07-04, THUR-07-05, THUR-07-06): A site visit was conducted on July 24, 07 by Commissioners Louthain and McGinnis. As a reminder: the legal was run in the Daily Olympian on June 5 and June 12, 2007 and no public protests or comments were received by the Board regarding this

proposed transfer. A draft ROE is expected to be available for review by the Board at the September monthly meeting.

- Grand Mound Water System (THUR-07-01, THUR-07-02, THUR-07-03): The advertised public meeting was held on August 6th from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the City of Centralia Utilities Building. One private citizen attended and commented on this application and the Hamilton application (below). As mentioned earlier, a letter was received by the Board from the Lewis County Commissioners informing the Board of their concerns regarding the proposals to transfer water out of Lewis County; Chairman Rhubright will respond to the Lewis County Commission. No other comments were reported. A time to perform a site visit by the Board was discussed with no decision made pending a review of individual Commissioner Work schedules.
- Hamilton (THUR-07-07: 263): No comments other than those mentioned above were received regarding this proposed transfer during the public comment period or public meeting held on August 6th. Commissioner Hare wanted to know if this transfer is SEPA exempt, a final determination needs to be made. A date to perform the site visit was discussed as mentioned above. An effort will be made to visit this site on the same day scheduled for the proposed Grand Mound site visit.

5. Administration

- *Continuing Education (Ecology)*: Nothing new to report.
- *WCB Insurance*: The discussion regarding the purchase of insurance for Board members was continued from the July meeting. Commissioner Hare volunteered to research quotes to be considered in September.
- *New Application/Board Recruitment Outreach*: Nothing new to report.
- *WCB Bylaw Updating*: No progress reported.
- *Annual Board of County Commissioners Briefing*: Each Commissioner agreed to inform Chairmain Rhubright of possible dates available in October (rather than September) to meet with the County Commissioners and brief them regarding Board activity during the preceding year of operation.
- *Alternate WB Recruitment*: Mr. Dan Cathers attended this months meeting to become acquainted with Board business and ask questions regarding qualifications to become a member of the Board. The Alternate position is currently open.

6. Reports: Nothing to report.

7. Expenditures:

1. \$975.50 to the Chronicle (Lewis County) News Paper: all in favor.
2. \$155.82 to Anna Giesman for services rendered: all in favor.

8. Other: Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Minutes Approved: _____