

**Water Conservancy Board of Thurston County
Regular Meeting
November 11, 2008**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEETING TIME, PLACE, AND ATTENDEES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman Rhubright at the Board's regular meeting place: Percival Plaza Conference Room, 626 Columbia St. N.W., Suite 1-IF, Olympia, Washington 98501. Guests included: Jill Van Hulle and Adam Gravley (via phone) representing the Cities of Olympia, Tumwater and Lacey (applicants); Shelly Badger representing the City of Yelm; Peter Brooks representing the City of Lacey; and Dan Smith representing the City of Tumwater.

MINUTES

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

2. Approval of Minutes / Correspondence / Financial Report

- **Minutes** of the October 20, 2008 regular monthly meeting were approved as written.
- **Correspondence sent/received by the Board:**
 1. Several items from ECY: 1) Letters indicating the completion of training and approval for Jon Hare (9 hrs.) and Mike McGinnis (1.5 hrs.); letter announcing that Commissioner Myrum is ineligible to participate in Board affairs as of 11/12/08 pending his completion of training for 2008; and letter of certification and completion of Water Board training for "new" Commissioner Mike Schwisow.
 2. Bank statement for the month of October, 2008.
 3. Invoice from Anna Giesman for services rendered in October.
- **Financial Report:** The monthly bank statement of October 31, 2008 showed: 1) a balance of \$21,679.42 and 2) two deductions totaling \$470.00.

3. New Applications

- Three new *Applications for Change of Water Right* were submitted to the Board by the City of Tumwater i.e., GWC 2924-A (6.32 ac-ft/yr), GWC 2723-A (20.4 ac-ft/yr); and GWC 480 (1.0 ac-ft/yr). These three applications are closely linked and currently allow for the construction and use of a new well on Port of Olympia property (airport). The intent of request is to change the *point of withdrawal* from the Airport site to the City of Tumwater's nearby Well #9. The purpose of use (irrigation) will not change.

Information related to these applications was handed out for review and after a brief presentation and discussion by those in attendance the Board voted all in favor to accept these applications for processing by the Board. Thereafter, a check totaling \$4,350.00 (\$1,450.00 per application) was presented to the Board by the City to cover required Board processing fees i.e., public notification, training, travel, etc.

The three applications were assigned the following Board identification numbers: THUR-08-13, -14, and -15 respectively. Commissioners Myrum and Schwisow were appointed as project leads by Chairman Rhubright.

3. Applications in Progress

- City of Yelm (McMonigle, THUR-08-01): Commissioner Hare announced that a scheduled meeting with ECY to discuss the draft ROE was cancelled by ECY due to unforeseen circumstances. Due to time constraints the Board then decided to move forward with a final ROE based upon comments/guidance received to-date. The final ROE is tentatively scheduled to be presented at the next regular monthly meeting of the Board on December 15, 2008. Board Commissioners and the project proponent will be given an opportunity to review and comment on the final draft prior to the December meeting.

Olympia Brewery (THUR-08-02, -03, -04, -05, -06, -07, -08, -09, -10, -11, & -12): The Board was updated regarding earlier requests for additional information and/or decision: 1) historic water usage chart, still in progress; 2) SEPA, underway with little to report at this time, next update to be presented early in 2009; and 3) the tentatively scheduled special meeting in November to discuss beneficial use methodology did not take place due to scheduling difficulties. Therefore, the Board rescheduled the special meeting for December 1st at 7:00 pm at their regular meeting place, all in favor.

4. WCB Approved Applications

- Keeneland Park (THUR-04-04): A settlement was reached by the parties involved. The Board was notified of the agreement on November 11, 2008 per

receiving the *Stipulation and Agreed Order of Dismissal* (RCHB No. 08-083) via U.S. Mail.

- Thurston County Grand Mound Water System (THUR-07-01, 02, 03, and 07): Nothing new to report, pending appeals hearing scheduled for January 8-9, 2009.

5. Administration

- *Annual Board of County Commissioners Briefing*: A date for the annual briefing has not been determined.
- *New Application Outreach*: It is anticipated that one or two new applications will be brought before the Board early in 2009.
- *WCB New Member Training*: It was announced that Mr. Mike Schwisow has successfully completed the required Water Board Training Workshop held on October 21-24, 2008 and been certified as the newest Water Board Commissioner for Thurston County.
- *Continuing Education*: Letters received (10/29/08) from ECY notifying the Board that 1.5 hours of continuing education training had been approved for Commissioner McGinnis and 9.0 hours approved for Commissioner Hare.
- *Updating WCB Bylaws*: Mike Schwisow is currently reviewing the by-laws and will have suggested changes in the near future.

6. Reports: Nothing new to report.

7. Expenditures: The Board voted all in favor to reimburse new Commissioner Schwisow for \$1,149.75 = expenses incurred while at training on October 21-24, 2008; and to pay \$70.00 to Anna Giesman for services rendered during the month of October (end) and first part of November, 2008.

8. Other:

- Commissioners Schwisow passed out copies of: 1) *Modernizing Water Rights Adjudication Legislative Proposal* from ECY; and 2) a brief description of *Proposed Water Banking Legislation – 2009* for Board review and education.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Minutes Approved: December 15, 2008