

**Water Conservancy Board of Thurston County
Regular Meeting
February 22, 2010**

Board Members Present:

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

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: Tom Myrum and Tye Menser

Agenda/Minutes/Correspondence/Financial

- 1- **Approval of Agenda:** Meeting agenda was reviewed. **M/S** the agenda be approved without change. The motion was **adopted** without dissent.
- 2- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the January 25, 2010 regular meeting were reviewed. **M/S** The motion was **adopted** without dissent.
- 3- **Correspondence sent/received by the Board:**
 - a. Notice of training date: Feb 25
 - b. "Suncadia Turns on Spigot for Upper Kittitas County"
- 4- **Financial Report:** The monthly bank statement for January 2010 showing a beginning balance on 12/31/09 of \$18,367.91 and an ending balance on 1/31/10 of \$18,026.01, was circulated for review by the Commissioners.

5- Reports-Board member information, Presentations and Meetings

Tom Myrum, retired Commissioner, shared the work he had done to prepare the books for audit, by carefully reviewing 5 years. Changes to the authorizing signature card for Key Bank are as follows: Mike Schwisow, as Treasurer and Jon Hare as President, will be the only signators.

Trust Water Program was discussed with an eye to what steps might be taken to initiate a program. It was pointed out that Washington Water Trust, based in Seattle since 1998, has been working to restore in-stream flows through water rights banking. They might be the best resource for a local water rights holder who would contemplate such a change.

Legislative Update: legislative bills (HB 2508, SB6267) were also discussed, as well as HB 2591, which would increase the water right processing fees. HB6803 amending the

permit exempt/stockwater law, died in committee. 2508/6267 passed the Senate, although significantly amended. Discussion of Certified Water Rights Examiner, a new category contemplated by the Legislature. 2592-Water rights processing fees would restructure the fees paid for water rights changes, raising revenue, fees being dictated by instantaneous flow.

New App Outreach: The “planned future development” app from Lacey, mentioned at the last meeting by Commissioner Louthain, was explained and discussed. No further action at this time.

Commissioner Status: Commissioner Louthain’s commission was confirmed by letter from BOCC. Tye Menser, visited the Board meeting to discuss applying to BOCC to join the Board. His credentials include studying government at Harvard and a law practice in East Olympia. He has no water background and was encouraged to apply.

7. Board Expenditures/Reimbursements- The Board reviewed invoices and expense reimbursements collected since the last meeting. Anna Geisman’s invoice for 4 hours \$80.00 M/S Motion was **adopted** without dissent. Business cards for the Board will be made again, without designation as to Board position. M/S motion was **adopted** without dissent.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Minutes Approved: