

**Water Conservancy Board of Thurston County
Regular Meeting
April 19, 2010**

Board Members Present:

Jon Hare, Chairman	Mike Schwisow, Treasurer
Jerry Louthain, VC(excused)	Mike McGinnis (Excused)
Zena Hartung, Secretary	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. Guest: Roger Giebelhaus, Thurston County Rep.

Agenda/Minutes/Correspondence/Financial

- 1- **Approval of Agenda:** Meeting agenda was reviewed. **Motion:** the agenda be approved without change, seconded. The motion was **adopted** without dissent.
- 2- **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the February 2010 regular meeting were not available.
- 3- **Correspondence sent/received by the Board:**
 - a. DOE letter to Board re: Comm. Rhubright-credited with 8 hours.
 - b. Alternate Schwisow informed of expiration of his CE April 20. Likely to be able to get adequate credit from regular engagement with DOE.
 - c. Grant County WCB letter re: code of conduct/conflict of interest MOU read and few comments
- 4- **Financial Report:** The monthly bank statement for March showing a beginning balance on 2/28/2010 of \$17,805.15 and an ending balance on 3/31/2010 of \$17,454.32, was circulated for review by the Commissioners.

Accepted Application- City of Lacey –Thur 10-01 Commissioner Louthain's absence, as lead on this application, meant further discussion held for next meeting. Louthain and Commissioner Hartung will be in touch on providing for legal notice. Some questions raised: when did water right become a municipal right? What is the need for water at Beach Crest? Is there a coliform problem there? Resolved? Concern for the status of an app which indicates water has not been put to beneficial use for 5 years.

Discussion of DOE Draft MOU and Ethics – Given that the Grant County has contacted our WCB with a formal response to the MOU, the Chair recommended the board take some formal action, and inform DOE. Discussion concluded that our bylaws would be improved with the inclusion of some of the ethics proposals, but that the board felt DOE had expectations of the WCBs that were not reciprocal. Motion: to tabling of the draft MOU and ethics, seconded and 3 concurred, 1 objection – Comm. Rhubright. Motion passed. Bylaws committee, chaired by Comm. Schwisow will incorporate some of the wording/issues from the ethics proposal.

Administrative

1- Legislative Update- SB 6267 passed and signed by the governor. Session ended with a number of bills failing, including the bill amending permit exempt wells. The decision in Franklin County that stockwater right had no limits according to code, indicates the need for another attempt at change in the next session.

2-Possible new application from Tumwater? Nothing more ascertained.

3. Commissioner status- Alternate Schwisow mentioned he may be taking on more responsibilities with Columbia Basin clients and, with more work, may have to re-evaluate his commitment to the WCB.

Need for update on the status of Mike McGinnis- the chairman will contact him.

Reports

Alternate Schwisow reported on: Columbia River Advisory Group, planning June to December meetings with multiple groups in Yakima area, tribes, county, etc. \$2.5 million in federal funds available. Comm. Schwisow enthusiastic for good rapport and progress on water issues.

Washington State Water Resources now addressing issue of archiving an ever-expanding file of data. Agreed to discuss with Anna Geisman to do some archiving work on the behalf of the board. **Motion:** request 10 hours of service to archive and report on scope of work. Discussion- need to consult public records act parameters, **seconded, passed.** No objections.

Board Expenditures/Reimbursements- The Board reviewed invoices and expense reimbursements collected since the last meeting. An invoice for Anna Geisman's duties, for 8 hours= \$160.00 **Motion:** payment of invoice, seconded and **adopted** without dissent. Invoice for the website (annual?) renewal submitted by retired Commissioner Myrum \$116.55 **Motion:** payment of invoice, seconded and **adopted** without dissent

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM

Minutes Approved: