

***Willamette River Water Coalition
Approved Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 2, 2011***

WRWC Board Members or Alternates present:

Marilyn McWilliams – WRWC Board Member, Tualatin Valley Water District Board of Commissioners
Marland Henderson – WRWC Board Member, Tigard City Council
Ed Truax – WRWC Board Member, Tualatin City Council

WRWC Member Staff present:

Craig Sheldon – City of Sherwood
Todd Heidgerken – Tualatin Valley Water District
Kaaren Hofmann – City of Tualatin, City Engineer
Alice Rouyer – City of Tualatin, Community Development Director
John Goodrich - City of Tigard

WRWC Staff present:

Kelly Ross – Western Advocates, Inc.

Guests & Members of the Public present:

Maggie Kean
John van Staveren

I. Call to Order and Election of Officers

Chair McWilliams called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm at the Tigard Public Works Building, 8777 SW Burnham St., Tigard, Oregon.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

The Board reviewed the minutes from the August 3, 2011 board meeting.

Motion by Truax, seconded by Henderson, to approve the minutes as distributed. The motion was approved unanimously via a voice vote of the board.

III. Update on Application for Easement on Metro Property

John van Staveren explained that Metro has provided GIS files showing location, species and number of plantings in Graham Oaks. Eventual construction will necessitate removing more than 1000 trees. Van Staveren has met with Todd Heidgerken and Ginter to discuss specifications of pipeline construction and width of easement. Will soon be meeting with the City of Wilsonville staff to get information on why it is unfeasible for pipeline to go through the city.

Goodrich asked whether there was any geotechnical data for the Graham Oaks area.

Todd Heidgerken said that he assumes that Metro will prefer the pipeline project begin earlier, rather than later, so that the disturbance occurs before plantings grow too large.

IV. WRWC Financial Update

Kelly Ross reported on the financial report covering the first three months of the fiscal year. There were very minimal expenses, other than the management fees, and no questions from the Board.

V. Website

Maggie Kean presented the most recent traffic report for the website. Kean raised the question of adding more content to the site. Chair McWilliams reminded the Board of an element in the workplan regarding providing information to the public on the Willamette. Truax said that we have to be very careful in the information that we present, as he does not want to go back to the days when WRWC meetings drew large numbers from the general public who wanted to counter overly positive images of the Willamette as a drinking water source. Truax would like to see the site provide information on current events and activities of WRWC member jurisdictions. Chair McWilliams reported on the content of the Willamette Riverkeepers website and posed the question of adding links for other groups to the site. She also suggested the Army Corps of Engineers website.

Consensus is that potential content should be sent to Ross for review. It will then be sent to WRWC members with the understanding that unless concerns are raised within three days, it will be assumed that it is okay to post.

Kean suggests stating the mission statement boldly on the homepage. Consensus agreement.

VI. Member Updates/Announcements

Goodrich reported that the Lake Oswego/Tigard water partnership continues to move on; they had a number of open house meetings and some additional geotechnical data was received. The design open houses are also continuing regarding construction and visibility. One more formal public hearing is to occur. Water rates will be increasing by 14% on January 1, 2012. Construction schedule is still on target.

Hofmann reported that Tualatin just completed a short cycle test and it was successful, though they did see a decline in capacity.

Sheldon reported that the Sherwood is negotiating the last 2,700 feet of pipe in Wilsonville; meter vault that ties the two systems together is 99% complete. They have had discussions with Wilsonville and TVWD about possible treatment plant expansions. \$44 million original estimated cost is now looking closer to \$41 million.

Chair McWilliams reported that Todd Heidgerken is now the acting CEO for Tualatin Valley Water District whenever Greg Diloreto is gone. A new CFO was recently hired, as well as a new HR manager. They are currently working on two projects, one through the Joint Water Commission and one on their own for ASR. TVWD didn't have a peak day over 33 this summer; normal average peak day was over 40 in middle of rate study. Will be attending meeting with Army Corps regarding Willamette reservoir system.

VII. Update on 2011 Oregon Legislature –Todd Heidgerken

In regards to HB 3165, the Governor's office has asked how they can be of help in the wake of the bill's failure in the 2011 session. They are offering to write letters to the Army Corps of Engineers.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next WRWC Board meeting will be on February 1st at the Tigard Public Works Building. Kelly Ross is checking the RWPC website to determine if there is a conflict with this date. There is a conflict with the May 2nd meeting date.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.