

***Willamette River Water Coalition
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 28, 2007***

WRWC Board Members or Alternates present:

Richard Burke – WRWC Chair, Tualatin Valley Water District Commission
Tom Woodruff – Tigard City Council
Ed Truax – Tualatin City Council
Lee Weislogel – Sherwood City Council

WRWC Member Staff present:

Todd Heidgerken – Tualatin Valley Water District
Brenda Bateman – Tualatin Valley Water District
Dennis Koellermeier – City of Tigard
Ross Schultz – City of Sherwood
Craig Sheldon – City of Sherwood
Mike McKillip – City of Tualatin

WRWC Staff present:

Amanda Rich - Western Advocates Incorporated

Guests present:

Clark Balfour – WRWC Counsel, Cable Huston Benedict, et. al.

Members of the Public present:

Kathy Newcomb – Citizens for Safe Water
Bob Newcomb – Citizens for Safe Water

I. Call to Order

Chair Richard Burke called the board of the Willamette River Water Coalition to order at 6:33 pm on Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at the Sherwood City Hall City Council Chambers at 22560 SW Pine Street, Sherwood, OR 97140.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes from the January 31, 2007 meeting. **Ed Truax moved approval of the minutes. Tom Woodruff seconded the motion. Motion was approved. Lee Weislogel abstained.**

III. Discussion of Proposed Final Order for Permit Extension

Todd announced that TVWD had received a proposed final order (PFO) on the TVWD/WRWC water right. The PFO contains language and conditions that have been discussed at previous board meetings and extends the use of the right to 2047. The deadline for comment and/or protest on the PFO is April 6. Todd expects we will receive a protest. Todd noted that as soon as we get a final order on the right, TVWD will assign the right to WRWC.

IV. Announcements

Kathy Newcomb announced that on March 1, the Water Spot will be hosting Matt Ray, the Willamette Region Coordinator for the Army Corps of Engineers. She noted that Citizens for Safe Water is interested in the Corps because they believe global warming will effect the dams.

V. Review and Possible Adoption of Public Contracting Rules

Clark Balfour reviewed a resolution to establish WRWC as a local contract review board and proposed local contract review board rules. The board agreed to review the resolution and the rules and discuss them at the next meeting.

VI. WRWC Letter on Climate Change Study

The Board reviewed a letter prepared by staff expressing support for a collaborative climate change study being undertaken by the Regional Water Providers Consortium. Chair Burke asked Kathy Newcomb if she had any comments. Kathy noted that she didn't think the consortium was actually undertaking the study. She also asked if the letter could be addressed to the Governor because Citizens for Safe Water is seeking his approval for funding to support a climate change study. The Board directed staff to revise the letter to reflect Kathy's suggestions.

VII. Public Information Project Proposal

Amanda distributed two documents prepared by consultants at Gard & Gerber outlining a possible public information project for the WRWC. The Board agreed to review the documents and discuss the proposal at the next meeting.

VIII. Staff Report

a. Financial Update

The board reviewed the financial report ending January 31, 2007. All members have paid dues and WRWC has expended \$44,246 out of a \$172,200 budget in the first seven months of this fiscal year. Amanda noted that she had just received a large bill from our consultants on the water right extension, so the actual expenditures was about \$17,000 higher than was reflected in the 1/31/07 figure.

b. WRWC Audit

Amanda reported that the audit was still taking place. She had received notice from TVWD that the audit would cost \$6500, which TVWD will be covering for this year.

c. Gladstone Membership

Todd reported that he had attended the North Clackamas County Water Commission meeting where they had discussed Gladstone's future membership in the WRWC. Gladstone will remain a member for the 2007-2008 year. NCCWC will pay their membership dues. Ray Jaren will likely be the liaison to the WRWC Board representing Gladstone and the NCCWC.

d. Sherwood Representative

Amanda announced that Keith Mays will no longer be the Sherwood representative on the WRWC Board. Lee Weislogel, who is attending tonight's meeting will be

Sherwood's new representative. Dave Grant will be the alternate. The Board welcomed Lee.

e. Election of Officers

Amanda noted that it was time to nominate and elect officers at the next board meeting.

IX. Review and Adoption of 2007-2008 Budget

At the last meeting the board asked staff to prepare a draft budget and dues estimate that based the dues on the budget minus the predicted ending fund balance. Staff prepared three draft budget and dues estimates. All three proposed a 2007-2008 budget of \$207,000; however, the dues in each one was based on a different predicted ending fund balance. One of \$45,000, one of \$50,000 and one of \$55,000. The board reviewed all three and Ed Truax asked which one was most likely. Amanda said she would be more comfortable with using the more conservative figure of \$45,000.

Ed Truax made a motion to adopt the proposed budget and dues estimate that assumes a \$45,000 ending fund balance for the purposes of local budgeting and then have staff calculate and base the actual dues upon the actual 2006-2007 ending fund balance. Tom Woodruff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

X. Next Meeting

The board agreed to meet again on March 21, 2007.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.