

***Willamette River Water Coalition
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 4, 2013***

WRWC Board Members or Alternates present:

Dave Grant – WRWC Board Chair, Councilor – City of Sherwood
Marland Henderson, WRWC Vice-Chair, Councilor – Tigard City Council
Marilyn McWilliams – WRWC Board Member, Commissioner - Tualatin Valley Water District
Jim Doane – WRWC Board Alternate, Commissioner-Tualatin Valley Water District
Gretchen Buehner – WRWC Board Alternate, Councilor – Tigard City Council

WRWC Member Staff present:

Craig Sheldon – City of Sherwood
John Goodrich – City of Tigard
Jerry Postema – City of Tualatin
Kaaren Hofmann – City of Tualatin
Todd Heidgerken – TVWD
Mark Knudson – TVWD

WRWC Staff present:

Kelly Ross – Western Advocates, Inc.
Clark Balfour – Cable Huston

Guests & Members of the Public present:

None

I. Call to Order

Chair Grant called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm at the Tualatin Valley Water District, 1850 SW 170th Avenue, Beaverton, Oregon.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes from the September 19, 2013 board meeting.

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

III. WRWC Financial Update

Kelly Ross reviewed September and October financial reports; there were no comments or questions from the Board.

IV. Update on Governance Agreement Process by Willamette Water Supply Interests

Ross reported to the Board on activity that had taken place after their decision on September 19th to immediately begin negotiations with all potential Willamette River water providers. A meeting

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occurred on November 7th that was attended by representatives from the Cities of Wilsonville, Tualatin, Sherwood, Tigard, Beaverton, and Hillsboro, along with the Tualatin Valley Water District. Main outcome of this meeting was agreement among all present that an outside facilitator should be selected for future meetings and a subcommittee was formed to interview potential facilitators and make recommendations to the full group.

Heidgerken, who is leading the subcommittee, reported on the facilitator selection process and that the potential candidates had been narrowed to six.

Balfour and Knudson discussed Balfour's representation of TVWD in the governance negotiations, and that all other WRWC members will have their own legal representation.

Ross summarized the need for eventually funding the facilitator's services; consensus of the Board was that WRWC will pay for the shares allocated to the four WRWC members.

Grant posed the question of what is likely to be the greatest benefit of a governance agreement. Heidgerken responded that the original intent of the WRWC when it was created was to a true water supply agency, but through the years there have been a number of agreements that have strayed from that mission. Knudson said that TVWD is in the process of developing the resource and will need partners to accomplish this goal—it will be necessary to expand the scope of the WRWC to accommodate other partners.

V. WRWC Payment for Willamette Reallocation Scoping

Ross summarized the Willamette Reallocation process and reported that the 2013 Legislature had appropriated funding for the state to pay the entire local match under federal requirements. However, all of the municipal water providers with rights on the Willamette River have agreed that the reallocation process is more complex than anticipated and have concluded that it would be beneficial to have the services of a consultant to analyze and make recommendations on the process as it progresses.

A \$70,000 proposal has been received from Adam Sussman for services to (a) provide assistance with scoping large scale reallocation, and (b) interface with the Willamette Water 2100 five-year project being mounted by Oregon State University, Portland State University, and University of Oregon. WRWC's share of the costs would be \$20,676.

Motion by Henderson, seconded by McWilliams, to approve payment of \$20,676 by WRWC for consulting services associated with Willamette Reallocation scoping. The motion was approved unanimously via a voice vote of the board.

VI. Member Updates/Announcements

None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.