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***Willamette River Water Coalition
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 21, 2007***

WRWC Board Members or Alternates present:

Richard Burke – WRWC Chair, Tualatin Valley Water District Commission
Tom Woodruff – Tigard 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

WRWC Staff present:

Amanda Rich - Western Advocates Incorporated

Guests present:

Ellie Booth – Gard & Gerber

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 6:30 pm on Wednesday, March 21, 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 February 28, 2007 meeting.

Lee Weislogel moved approval of the minutes with changes to reflect the correct date under approval of the minutes and a spelling correction from “Corp” to “Corps”. Ed Truax seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

III. Review and Adoption of Public Contracting Rules

The board reviewed the public contracting rules that had been distributed at the February 28, 2007 meeting. There were no questions.

Tom Woodruff moved adoption of the public contracting rules and the resolution to establish WRWC as a local contract review board. Lee Wieslogel seconded. The motion passed.

IV. *Public Information Project Proposal*

Amanda referred to two documents that were given out at the February 28, 2007 meeting for the committee members to look over. The two documents were prepared by consultants at Gard & Gerber outlining a possible public information project for the WRWC. WRWC would like to educate the public about the Willamette River becoming a water resource.

Amanda explained that the initial contract with Gard & Gerber would be for three months until the end of this fiscal year, at which point WRWC could review the work performed under the contract and decide if they wanted to continue the relationship with a longer contract.

Tom Woodruff moved that WRWC accept the 3 month proposal from Gard & Gerber. Lee Weislogel seconded. Motion passed.

Ellie Booth, the lead consultant from Gard & Gerber who will be working on the WRWC project, commented that from a communications standpoint, water issues are very complex. The information project would consist largely of educating reporters and the larger media so that they understand the context of the issue. A framework needs to be put into place, a framework of understanding without emotion since this is a complex and controversial issue.

Kathy Newcomb commented that Gard & Gerber has a lack of understanding of what is going on and the documents seemed highly promotional. Chair Burke asked that Mrs. Newcomb continue her comments in a discussion with staff after the meeting.

V. *Nomination and Election of WRWC Officers*

Tom Woodruff nominated Richard Burke to serve as WRWC Chair for another year. Lee Weislogel seconded the nomination. Lee Weislogel moved closure of the nominations. Tom Woodruff seconded the closure. Motion to close nominations passed. The board unanimously elected Richard Burke to serve as WRWC Chair for another year.

Tom Woodruff nominated Ed Truax to serve as WRWC Vice -Chair for the next year. There was no second. Lee Weislogel nominated Tom Woodruff to serve as Vice Chair for the next year. Tom Woodruff seconded. Lee Weislogel moved closure of nominations for Vice-Chair. Tom Woodruff seconded. Motion to close nominations passed. The board unanimously elected Tom Woodruff to serve as WRWC Vice-Chair for the next year.

VI. *Staff Report*

a. Financial Update

The board reviewed the financial report ending February 28, 2007. Expenditures to date are \$69,961 out of a \$172,200 budget.

VII. *Announcements*

No announcements were given.

VIII. *Next Meeting*

The board agreed to meet again on April 25, 2007, at 6:00 p.m.

IX. *Adjournment*

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.