

Willamette River Water Coalition
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 3, 2016

WRWC Board Members or Alternates present:

Marland Henderson, WRWC Chair, Councilor – Tigard City Council
Ed Truax, WRWC Vice-Chair, Councilor – City of Tualatin
Richard Burke, WRWC Board Member, Commissioner – Tualatin Valley Water District
Renee Brouse, WRWC Board Alternate, Councilor – City of Sherwood

WRWC Member Staff present:

John Goodrich – City of Tigard
Mark Knudson – TVWD
Paul Matthews – TVWD
Cheri Macki – TVWD
Clark Balfour – TVWD
Jim Meierotto – TVWD
Jerry Postema – City of Tualatin
Craig Sadler – City of Sherwood

WRWC Staff present:

Kelly Ross – Western Advocates, Inc.

Guests & Members of the Public present:

None

I. Call to Order

Chair Henderson called the meeting to order at 5:30 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 May 11, 2016 board meeting.

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

III. WRWC Financial Update and 2016-17 Budget Review

TVWD CFO Paul Matthews provided a review of the fiscal year 2015-16 unaudited financial performance. Actual expenditures in FY2016 did exceed the original budget, but came in under the amended budget.

IV. Willamette Basin Stored Water Reallocation Update

Jim Meierotto provided updated information on the Willamette Basin Stored Water Reallocation and asked the Board how they would like to receive future updates. Consensus of the Board was that reports should be on a quarterly basis and delivered personally at a Board meeting.

V. WGG Update

Knudson presented slides summarizing progress that has been made on the Willamette Governance Group process. A lengthy list of topics now have Agreements in Principle; topics still “on the table” include intake capacity ownership, scope and number of agreements, voting, and financial evaluation. Topics yet to come include the comprehensive review, program management integration, and facility operations. The process is still on track for a draft agreement by spring of 2017.

Knudson summarized four options for the scope and number of WGG agreements and asked for Board input on whether the WRWC water right should be shared by existing partners or disbursed to the existing partners. Balfour recommends maintaining the existing structure, and said if it is split, there would be the possibility of four extension processes. Knudson said he recommends option 3, with three agreements.

There will be further discussion on this matter at the November Board meeting.

Member Updates/Announcements

Knudson reported that Balfour has joined the TVWD staff. He will initially be on a part-time basis, but will be full-time as of the first of the year.

Knudson raised the issue that the management contract with Western Advocates expired on June 30th. He proposed that compensation continue until the end of the year, and TVWD present a management proposal at the November Board meeting for taking over management.

Motion by Burke, seconded by Brouse, to keep Western Advocates as the provider of management services through the end of the year. The motion was approved unanimously via a voice vote of the board.

Goodrich announced that Tigard shut off City of Portland on June 9th.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.