

***Willamette River Water Coalition
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 4, 2015***

WRWC Board Members or Alternates present:

Marland Henderson, WRWC Vice-Chair, Councilor – Tigard City Council
Marilyn McWilliams – WRWC Board Member, Commissioner – Tualatin Valley Water District
Ed Truax – WRWC Board Member, Councilor – City of Tualatin

WRWC Member Staff present:

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

WRWC Staff present:

Kelly Ross – Western Advocates, Inc.

Guests & Members of the Public present:

Gretchen Buehner – former Tigard City Councilor

I. Call to Order

Vice Chair Henderson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm at the Tigard Public Works Building, 8777 SW Burnham St., Tigard, Oregon.

II. Election of Officers

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

Motion by McWilliams, seconded by Henderson, to approve Ed Truax as Vice-Chair. The motion was approved unanimously via a voice vote of the board.

III. Review and Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes from the November 5, 2014 board meeting.

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

IV. WRWC Financial Update

Kelly Ross summarized the November/2014 through January/2015 financial reports; there were no comments or questions from the Board.

V. 2015-2016 Budget, Dues, and Work Plan

Ross summarized the 2015-16 draft budget and work plan, and said they were nearly identical to

the current fiscal year's versions. Knudson suggested additional language be added to #2, action item 3 of the Work Plan, to reflect the ongoing work of the Willamette Governance Group. McWilliams asked about the website – consensus of the Board is that it is beneficial and should have a link to the “Our Reliable Water” website.

Motion by Truax, seconded by McWilliams, to adopt the Work Plan with the discussed change. The motion was approved unanimously via a voice vote of the board.

Truax asked if the entire amount of budgeted expenses will be spent by the end of the fiscal year. Ross said that it would not, but it's hard to provide a precise projection at this point. Consensus of the Board is that it is appropriate to approve the budget now and review the financial reports at a later date to have a better sense of how much the carryover balance will be before determining dues for 2015-16.

Motion by Truax, seconded by McWilliams, to approve the budget as presented. The motion was approved unanimously via a voice vote of the board.

VI. *Member Updates*

Goodrich reported on the Tigard-Lake Oswego Partnership. He reported that a judgement was issued in December regarding the appeal by WaterWatch—one issue was remanded back to the Water Resources Department (WRD) regarding fish persistence. WRD could go back into the existing record and provide more information to the judge, or begin the entire process again, which could take several years. The parties are waiting to see if WaterWatch will appeal to the Oregon Supreme Court. Tigard is moving forward with service to the new River Terrace development. Sherwood is updating their master plan.

Heidgerken reported that TVWD is working on a water treatment plant master plan with six other partners. Open houses focusing on pipeline route options have been completed, and they are active in the permitting processes with state and federal agencies. TVWD is holding workshops with project management firms, and are in the process of hiring a project director to allow Heidegerken to move back to external affairs. Knudson reported that Hillsboro and TVWD are in the process of developing an intergovernmental agreement for the 124th avenue project.

Truax reported Tualatin has hired a consulting firm to do a cost study of staying with Bull Run as other jurisdictions drop off, and is working on a master plan for the Basalt Creek area between Tualatin and Wilsonville—future development of this area will be very dependent on the feasibility of water and waste water service.

VII. *Public Comment*

Gretchen Buehner said 1,250 new housing units are being proposed for the River Terrace development—community meetings are being held, and ground breaking is expected on July 1st.

Next meeting will be held on May 6th.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm.