

Minutes Approved by Board 5-1-13

***Willamette River Water Coalition
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 6, 2013***

WRWC Board Members or Alternates present:

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

WRWC Member Staff present:

Craig Sheldon – City of Sherwood, Public Works Director
Todd Heidergerken – TVWD, Manager - Office of Community and Intergovernmental Relations
Kaaren Hofmann – City of Tualatin, City Engineer
John Goodrich – City of Tigard, Public Works Director

WRWC Staff present:

Kelly Ross – Western Advocates, Inc.

Guests & Members of the Public present:

Maggie Kean, Website Consultant

I. Call to Order and Election of Officers

Chair McWilliams called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm at the Tigard Public Works Building, 8777 SW Burnham St., Tigard, Oregon, and asked that all in attendance introduce themselves. Chair McWilliams stated that, according to the WRWC Bylaws, she and Vice-Chair Truax were both limited to two one-year terms, and that it was necessary to elect new officers. Board member Grant offered to serve as Chair and was unanimously approved by the Board. Truax nominated Marland Henderson to be Vice-Chair and the nomination was unanimously approved by the Board.

Chair Grant presided over the rest of the meeting.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes from the December 6, 2013 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.

III. WRWC Financial Update

Kelly Ross reviewed year-to-date finances; there were no comments or questions from the Board.

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IV. WRWC 2013-14 Budget and Work Plan

Ross summarized the proposed work plan, said WRWC staff had discussed the plan at a 1/17/2013 meeting, and were not recommending any changes at this time. Regarding the proposed 2013-14 budget, Ross said that the only significant change is \$50,000 in additional expense funding in the "Professional Services" line item to serve as the local share contribution for the Willamette Basin Reservoir Study (WBR).

Heidgerken provided additional background information on the WBR, and explained that there are efforts at the 2013 Oregon Legislature to have state government provide the full local match. The WBR will be examining reallocation of 1.6 million acre-feet of stored water in thirteen Willamette Basin reservoirs.

Truax said that Hillsboro will soon make a decision to go to the Willamette River for future water supply needs and have indicated a possible interest in becoming a member of WRWC. This action, coupled with Tualatin Valley Water District likely making a similar decision for future water supply needs could completely change the nature of WRWC; he doesn't think the Board knows enough to adopt a new work plan and budget, and asked Heidgerken for his input.

Heidgerken said that Hillsboro is in the process of obtaining a share of City of Adair Village's water right on the Willamette. Also said that WRWC still needs to clean up the agreement with City of Wilsonville regarding the water treatment facility so that WRWC becomes the official partner rather than TVWD, which is the case under the current agreement. Regarding the budget, Heidgerken said that the challenge is that WRWC's budget is technically a part of TVWD's budget, and that he needs to get budget information to TVWD's accounting staff by February 8th.

Board Alternate Doane asked if it's reasonable to assume that if Hillsboro and TVWD decide to go to the Willamette, other members' dues will remain the same. Heidgerken responded that he believes that would be the case.

Heidgerken said that amending the agreement with Wilsonville might become difficult when the value of assets owned by each party is being determined.

Board Alternate Buehner suggested having WRWC legal counsel Clark Balfour come to a future meeting to discuss what would be involved in amending the agreement with Wilsonville and how much legal time might be involved. She said that it would be a good time to initiate action on the agreement because of the prospect of a major new member being added to the WRWC and Wilsonville is raising the idea of expanding the treatment facility.

Chair Grant asked whether the full amount of dues for 2012-13 should be assessed.

Motion by Grant, seconded by McWilliams to have all member agencies be assessed the full amount of dues for 2012-13 and the amount be directed to contingency. The motion was approved unanimously via a voice vote of the board.

Motion by McWilliams, seconded by Henderson that the 2013-14 budget be approved as proposed. The motion was approved unanimously via a voice vote of the board.

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Motion by Henderson, seconded by McWilliams, to maintain the current 2012-13 work plan during 2013-14. The motion was approved unanimously via a voice vote of the board.

V. *Website*

Website administrator Maggie Kean asked for news and photos to add to the website. McWilliams suggested adding links to Mark Knudsen's presentation to the Washington County Public Affairs Forum.

VI. *Member Updates/Announcements*

Board Alternate Buehner announced that public access television has a program on the City of Hillsboro's plans for the Willamette and recommended that the Board and staff watch it.

Truax handed out the new City of Tualatin Water Conservation Calendar.

There was discussion of possible outcomes and impacts of the upcoming decision by West Linn City Council on the conditional use permit application filed by Lake Oswego and Tigard.

VII. *Adjournment*

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.