

***Willamette River Water Coalition
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 1, 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
Ed Truax – WRWC Board Member, Councilor - Tualatin 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
Mark Knudson – TVWD, Chief Engineer
Kaaren Hofmann – City of Tualatin, City Engineer
John Goodrich – City of Tigard, Public Works Director

WRWC Staff present:

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

Guests & Members of the Public present:

Kevin Hanway and Nikki Iverson, City of Hillsboro

I. Call to Order

Chair Grant 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.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes

The board reviewed the minutes from the February 6, 2013 board meeting.

Motion by McWilliams, seconded by Truax, 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 and noted that all of the dues had been collected; there were no comments or questions from the Board.

IV. Presentation/Discussion of existing WRWC and Willamette River Water Treatment Plant Intergovernmental Agreements and Discussion of Next Steps

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Balfour led the Board through a summary of the history of WRWC and agreements between TVWD and City of Wilsonville regarding the treatment facility; elements of the intergovernmental agreement between TVWD and City of Wilsonville; recommended goals for the future; and areas to consider in crafting changes to the IGA. Areas to consider include:

- A. Consistent Identification of Scope of WTP Project and Assets
- B. Voting
- C. Allocation of Costs
- D. Power of IGA Entity
- E. Power of Managing Agency
- F. Ownership Share and Valuation
- G. Clearing House for Projects
- H. Termination and Withdrawal
- I. New Members

Balfour said that WRWC is currently more of a monitoring organization rather than an operations organization.

Truax asked about voting and whether members who put in more money for construction or assets should have a greater vote. Balfour responded by saying that the system of voting and governance will be one of the most significant issues in modifying the current IGA.

Doane raised the question of whether WRWC would exercise control of a new pipeline to the Willamette. Heidgerken said that WRWC's only asset is between the treatment facility and Kinsman Road—beyond that point, WRWC only acts as a coordinator and clearinghouse.

Boehner asked why Wilsonville isn't a part of WRWC. Balfour and Heidgerken said that at the WRWC's formation, Wilsonville had no desire to be a member—at the time they had building moratorium due to a water shortage and wanted to get their water supply problems solved as soon as possible and didn't want any partners.

Heidgerken urged the group to keep in mind that we're talking about a very large water right for the WRWC.

Knudson suggested that each member jurisdiction spend some time thinking about the issues that have been raised at this meeting and come back to the next meeting with specific input, recommendations, and questions.

Balfour said that the main questions to consider are:

1. Who is going to make decisions for the plant?
2. What are the guarantees that you'll have water in your pipes based on your level of investment?
3. How will the assets be valued?
4. Does voting follow "skin the game" and capital assets?

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Chair Grant suggested that Balfour and Ross prepare a memo to members summarizing pivotal issues and possible options; also suggested that contact should be made with the City of Wilsonville and briefing them on the WRWC process.

V. Update on TVWD Long Term Water Supply Decision

Knudson summarized action taken by TVWD Board of Commissioners on April 24th to unanimously adopt the mid-Willamette River at Wilsonville as the District's preferred long-term water supply option. TVWD's Board directed staff to develop a plan for implementing the Board's decision to pursue the mid-Willamette River at Wilsonville as the preferred supply option. An implementation plan will be considered by the Board at their May 15th meeting, and TVWD will provide the required 90-day notice to WRWC on May 16th of two construction projects.

Ross asked Heidgerken about findings regarding the utility easement across Metro's Graham Oaks Natural Area land. Heidgerken said that this will be presented in TVWD's report on the 124th alignment project.

VI. Member Updates/Announcements

Board Chair Grant reported that Sherwood passed its budget on April 30th.

Board Alternate Buehner congratulated the TVWD Board of Commissioners on all their work and vote to choose the mid-Willamette option

VII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.