

***Willamette River Water Coalition
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 6, 2015***

WRWC Board Members or Alternates present:

Marland Henderson, WRWC Chair, Councilor – Tigard City Council
Ed Truax – WRWC Vice-Chair, Councilor – City of Tualatin
Krisanna Clark – WRWC Board Member, Mayor – City of Sherwood
Richard Burke – WRWC Board Alternate, Director – Tualatin Valley Water District

WRWC Member Staff present:

John Goodrich – City of Tigard
Todd Heidgerken – TVWD
Mark Knudson – TVWD
Jerry Postema – City of Tualatin
Rich Sattler – City of Sherwood

WRWC Staff present:

Kelly Ross – Western Advocates, Inc.

Guests & Members of the Public present:

Chris Crean, Beery Ellsner & Hammond

I. Call to Order

Chair Henderson called the meeting to order at 5:33 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 February 4, 2015 board meeting.

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

III. WRWC Financial Update

Kelly Ross summarized the February 2015 through April 2015 financial reports; there were no comments or questions from the Board.

IV. 2015-2016 Dues

Ross summarized the 2015-2016 budget and projections for total expenses during the last quarter, ending fund balance. Clark asked why there had been a significant increase in expenditures from the 2012-13 fiscal year to 2013-14 fiscal year; Ross and Heidgerken summarized the work that had begun in 2013 to restructure the governance agreement and the additional expenses that this necessitated.

Motion by Truax, seconded by Burke, to adopt the dues structure with use of \$50,000 from ending fund balance. The motion was approved unanimously via a voice vote of the board.

V. Briefing on Water Rights

Heidgerken reported that questions had come up during the Willamette Governance process regarding what to do with all separate water rights. Option A is that if you join governance group, all are combined and administered by the governance group; Option B is that all existing rights stay distinct and in each jurisdiction's name; Option C is all rights stay distinct but administered to the benefit of collective membership by governance group. Consensus of the group is that we should look at Option C.

Knudson said the concept has been presented to the TVWD Board, and they are generally supportive, but also wanted input from the WRWC Board.

Truax asked about "proving up" requirements and if Option C helps to meet those requirements. Heidgerken said yes, that by working together it helps to "prove up" water rights.

Truax said that he thinks Option C is most effective and most realistic way to proceed. Henderson asked about Willamette reservoirs reallocation. Heidgerken says it will take an act of Congress – now working small-scale re-authorization study. Consensus of the Board is to support Option C (no objections).

VI. Extension of Contract with Western Advocates for Management Services

Motion by Burke to extend Management contract by 18 months. No second. Truax said he is more comfortable with 12 months.

Motion by Burke to adopt a one year contract, seconded by Truax. The motion was approved unanimously via a voice vote of the board.

VII. Member Updates

Truax said Tualatin has hired a 12-year City of Portland Water Bureau employee to be the new water director.

Tigard – Henderson said there are continuing struggles with the Tigard-Lake Oswego Water Project. Goodrich said there will be a delay in connection to pump stations – looking at other supply options for summer. Treatment plant continues to be on schedule.

TVWD – Burke reported that they are in the process of reorganizing and retooling for pipeline and 124th Ave. projects.

Sherwood – Sattler reported that the city passed a master plan on May 5th, and will be starting an outreach program to users to conserve water and provide information on fish flows.

TVWD – Heidgerken said they have received approval of their Water Management Conservation Plan; summarized progress to date on Willamette Water Supply program – have designated a preferred route and in process of hiring a Program Manager (down to two finalists and hope to make a selection in early June). Partnering with Washington County on 124th Ave. project – bids

will be solicited in July with construction to begin later in the year. Working now on a partnership agreement with the county.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.