

***Willamette River Water Coalition
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 19, 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
Jim Doane – WRWC Board Alternate, Commissioner-Tualatin Valley Water District
Gretchen Boehner – WRWC Board Alternate, Councilor – Tigard City Council

WRWC Member Staff present:

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

WRWC Staff present:

Kelly Ross – Western Advocates, Inc.
Clark Balfour – Cable Huston
Maggie Kean – Maggiekean.com

Guests & Members of the Public present:

Kevin Hanway and Nikki Iverson, City of Hillsboro
Delora Kerber and Michael Kohloff, City of Wilsonville
Corie Peterson

I. Call to Order

Chair Grant called the meeting to order at 5:28 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 June 26, 2013 board meeting.

Motion by Henderson, 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 financial reports; there were no comments or questions from the Board.

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

Chair Grant asked Heidgerken and Hanway to summarize activities of the Tualatin Valley Water District and the City of Hillsboro over the last two months.

Heidgerken reported on the status of the 124th Road pipeline project and summarized the TVWD Board's two work sessions devoted to discussion of Clark Balfour's July 30th memorandum summarizing the WRWC Board's June 26th consensus agreement on the four major points for amendments to the WRWC intergovernmental agreement. During its August 6th work session, the TVWD Board expressed a desire to broaden the discussion regarding governance of the Willamette water supply and directed staff to provide a draft list of "TVWD Principles" that would be addressed as part of an intergovernmental agreement and a plan for next steps in moving forward.

Heidgerken also summarized his memorandum of August 30th to the TVWD Board, which includes a draft set of "TVWD Principles," and one of the next steps suggested is "to work with existing and potential partners on identifying principles they would like to see in a governance agreement."

A primary concern of the TVWD Board is a lack of a clear process for Hillsboro and Wilsonville to be part of the ultimate Willamette water supply governance agreement. The agreement would need to address how all of the existing agreements would either work or be replaced under a new agreement. There also is a need to provide more detail in the agreement instead of limiting the discussion to the sections referenced in the existing agreement.

Hanway said that all parties share the same goal – an agreement that embodies all elements necessary to satisfy the needs and goals of numerous jurisdictions that have varying levels of interest.

Chair Grant asked for input from the Board on the three options listed in Kelly Ross's September 16th memo.

Board Alternate Boehner said she feels strongly that WRWC should proceed on the path that it has been working on, i.e., working with the existing members to develop a new intergovernmental agreement before reaching out to possible new members.

The Board discussed the three options, along with the benefits and consequences of each.

Motion by Truax, seconded by McWilliams, to proceed in a holistic approach involving all potential partners and to begin the negotiation process immediately. The motion was passed unanimously.

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V. Member Updates/Announcements

Boehner reported that City of Tigard started construction on the treatment plant in West Linn two weeks ago. A permit was issued by NMFS and they are going through the bidding process for all of the pipelines. Goodrich commented that he has calculated that the City is spending \$451,000.00 per day on water projects.

Truax said that Tualatin's ASR well is providing 40% of capacity and that they are entering dispute resolution with the City of Portland.

Knudson reported that TVWD has filled the vacancy of chief engineer with Mike Britch.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm.