

INFORMAL MINUTES

June 4, 2007 2:00 p.m.

Oval Office

PRESENT: Commissioners Kathy George, Mary P. Stern, and Leslie Lewis.

Staff: John Krawczyk, Steve Mikami, Laura Tschabold, and Brad Berry.

Guests: Jamie Sheahan, Corissa Kunze, and Carolina Hooper, Yamhill Basin Council; and Mike McCord, Regional Watermaster.

* indicates item forwarded to formal agenda

Kathy called the meeting to order.

* Personnel - Steve presented personnel requests from various departments. See agenda for details.

Water Quality - Jamie Sheahan, Carolina Hooper, and Corissa Kunze presented the final results of the 2005-06 North Yamhill Watershed Water Quality Monitoring Project, which was funded through a grant and match funds. Carolina listed the following areas for improvement: decrease stream temperatures, increase dissolved oxygen, reduce stream turbidity, and improve water quality and habitat.

Jamie stated that another project she has been involved in, pesticide stewardship monitoring, has been very a very successful program in other watersheds, resulting in a pesticide reduction of about fifty percent.

Watermaster - Mike McCord introduced himself as the new Watermaster and discussed his background, current responsibilities, and goals. Leslie said she would like to see the state encourage more water conservation by homeowners and rainwater collection systems.

* Contracts/Grants - See agenda for details.

Brad Berry stated that he had applied for a grant to cover a Restitution Specialist in his office. He also discussed collection agencies for bounced checks and the resignation of the Coos County District Attorney.

* Budget Transfers - See agenda for details.

* Dispute Resolution - Approve the selection of Your Community Mediators of Yamhill County as the county’s provider of community dispute resolution services, effective July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2009; authorize a notice of award to the Oregon Office for Community Dispute Resolution.

* Committees - See agenda for details.

* Measure 37 - Consideration of adoption of Ordinance 810 amending Ordinance 749 relating to the implementation of Measure 37.

Noise Ordinance - Kathy stated that she had forwarded a citizen e-mail requesting a noise ordinance to John Gray. Mary added that she had also forwarded it to Sheriff Crabtree for more information. She stated that if the county were to set a decibel limit, it would have to acquire and maintain expensive decibel measuring equipment in order to enforce the ordinance.

Chiller - John K reported that the contractor has agreed to install the courthouse chiller before the county's deadline rather than wait until the fall. He explained that electricity will have to be turned off to the Annex for up to a day during a portion of the installation.

Letter - The Board discussed a memo from the Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) requesting a letter from the Board in support of funding for Opportunity Knocks. Leslie stated that she would have done something different with the money, but will support the request from AOC. Mary noted that she is still waiting for a list of people to whom the letter should be sent.

Urban Reserve Expansion - Leslie discussed a suggestion from Ken Friday to hold an open house and invite residents from Newberg's Urban Reserve Area to give them an opportunity to express their opposition, as they don't feel their opinions are being considered by the Newberg Urban Area Management Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Anne Britt
Secretary