

ENVIRONMENTAL HEARINGS OFFICE

Minutes of Meeting October 17, 2007 9:00 am

The October 2007 meeting was called to order by Chair Kathy Mix in the Boards' office in Lacey, Washington. Present were Chair Kathy Mix, Board Members Bill Lynch and Andrea McNamara Doyle, Administrative Appeal Judges Kay Brown, Phyllis Macleod and Cassandra Noble, Administrative Manager Robyn Bryant, Hearings Coordinator Judy Greear and Administrative Secretary Debbie Joblonski. Minutes of the September 2007 meeting were read, edited, and approved.

Handouts were distributed for review for the month of September 2007, which included the pollution, shoreline, forest practice, hydraulic, and environmental and land use appeals filed, a brief summary of all cases that have closed, and the Case Statistics Report.

Appellate Update

Chair Kathy Mix reported that Yakima County Superior Court upheld the PCHB decision in case of City of Union Gap and Ahtanum Ridge Business Park, LLC v. Ecology; Jeffrey Kinzel v. Ecology was appealed to Chelan County Superior Court; a Certificate of Appealability was issued in Community Association for Restoration of the Environment (CARE) v. Ecology; and there was a recent decision by the Washington State Supreme Court in the Biggers v. City of Bainbridge Island case addressing moratoria on applications under the Shorelines Management Act.

Website Update

The EHO website is currently being revamped. EHO staff has looked at the website and made suggestions.

Financial Update

Robyn Bryant reported that from the reports received from the Office of Financial Management (OFM) this biennium, it appears that the agency's spending is on target

IT Security Audit

Robyn Bryant reported that the EHO IT Security Plan has been audited and is in total compliance.

Agency Self Assessment

Each EHO staff has submitted an agency assessment form. Robyn Bryant has compiled all responses into one report for the Governor's Office.

Ambiance

Andrea McNamara Doyle, Cassandra Noble and Debbie Joblonski reported that the estimates for painting the office are in and a paint company has been selected.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Debbie Joblonski
Administrative Secretary