

ENVIRONMENTAL HEARINGS OFFICE

Minutes of Meeting January 9, 2008 9:00 a.m.

The January 2008 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, 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 December 2007 meeting were read and approved.

Handouts were distributed for review for the month of December 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 Kenneth Hammer v. City of Bainbridge Island and William & Barbara Knapp was appealed to Kitsap County Superior Court and that Lloyd A. Herman v. Ecology and County of Spokane is at the Court of Appeals.

Financial Report

Robyn Bryant reported that our budget for this biennium is right on track.

Strategic Plan

Kathy Mix handed out the current EHO plan for everyone to review. We will discuss further at the February 2008 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned until January 10, 2008.

January 10, 2008

On January 10, 2008, the Environmental Hearings Office conducted a meeting. Present were Administrative Appeals Judge Kay Brown, Robyn Bryant, Chair Kathy Mix, Board Member Bill Lynch and Board Member Andrea McNamara Doyle. A brief presentation was made by Judge Brown outlining the proposed amendment to WAC 371-08-330. The rule amendment process was reviewed, including the filing of notice with the code reviser on November 19, 2007 (WSR 07-23-069), the posting on the EHO website, and the public hearing held on January 3, 2008. The Board was advised that no comments had been received on the proposed rule amendment. A motion was made to adopt the amended rule with no changes. The rule was adopted by unanimous vote, and Judge Brown indicated that she would file the adopted rule as soon as possible. The rule will become effective 31 days after filing.

Meeting adjourned.

Debbie Joblonski
Administrative Secretary