

ENVIRONMENTAL HEARINGS OFFICE

Minutes of Meeting

April 8, 2008

9:00 a.m.

The April 2008 meeting was called to order by Chair Kathy Mix in the Boards' office in Lacey, Washington. Present were Chair Kathy Mix, Board Member Bill Lynch, Administrative Appeal Judges Phyllis Macleod, Kay Brown and Cassandra Noble, Administrative Manager Robyn Bryant, Hearings Coordinator Judy Greear and Administrative Secretary Debbie Joblonski. Minutes of the March 2008 meeting were read, edited and approved.

Handouts were distributed for review for the month of March 2008, 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 *Eloise Kailin and the Harvey Kailin Trust, Eloise Kailin Trustee v. Clallam County* case was appealed to Clallam County Superior Court.

Kudos

Chair Kathy Mix acknowledged Kay Brown for her excellent work regarding the motions in the municipal stormwater cases.

Recruitment

Robyn Bryant announced the hiring of Janet (Jan) Buechler for the Administrative Secretary position. Jan will start with the office on May 19th.

Strategic Plan

Kathy Mix and Robyn Bryant have made edits to the strategic plan. EHO staff will review and give feedback to Robyn by the end of May. The final strategic plan is due June 13th.

ABA Conference

Cassandra Noble attended the ABA Conference in Seattle. Cassandra explained that there were several excellent breakout sessions regarding mediation, land use, dispute resolutions, etc. This conference is well recommended.

Budget/Facility

Robyn Bryant explained that travel costs are on the rise and a supplemental appropriation has been approved to help with Judy Greear's retirement leave buyout. Kathy Mix recognized that workloads have increased and will continue to increase over the next several months.

Legislature

Bills were passed that apply to all agencies such as military leave and whistleblower laws. There were no new bills that directly impact EHO.

Meeting adjourned.

Debbie Joblonski
Administrative Secretary