MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE RURAL WATER AUTHORITY OF DOUGLAS COUNTY HELD

APRIL 23, 2014

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rural Water Authority of Douglas County (RWADC) was held on April 23, 2014 at the Phillip S. Miller Building, 100 Third St. Castle Rock, CO.

Attendance

In attendance were Directors:

Ron Beane

Charles Bucknam Kristen Dearborn Barry Gager Hank Giclas Jack LaPorte Diana Love

Commissioner Roger Partridge

Excused: Director Steve Wilson, by a **motion (Bucknam/LaPorte)** that was approved unanimously.

Also in attendance were:

Geoff Withers, Circuit Rider of Colorado, LLC

Call to Order

Director Gager called the regular meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and declared a quorum was present.

Disclosure of Conflicts

Director Gager asked if any Board member had a conflict of interest with any item on the Agenda. There were none.

Approval of Agenda

Director Gager presented the Agenda. Adding the draft USGS Report on the RWADC Well-Monitoring Program was the only suggested change to the posted Agenda, which was added and unanimously approved by a **motion (Giclas/Bucknam)**.

Public Comment

There were none.

Approval of Minutes

A **motion (Dearborn/Beane)** to approve the draft minutes of the February 26, 2014 meeting, as presented, was approved unanimously.

Officer Reports

Chairman No report

Vice Chairman
No report

There was no report from the Secretary.

<u>Treasurer</u> - <u>Claims & Financial Statements</u>

Claims from April. The Board was provided the list of Claims and Financial Statements for the period ending April 23, 2014. Two claims were presented: \$1,525.80 from Circuit Rider of Colorado, LLC for professional staff services, and \$7,629.91 from the US Geological Survey for expenses incurred in the Well-Monitoring Program. A motion (Giclas/Dearborn) to approve the Claims for April was approved unanimously.

Mr. Withers directed the Board's attention to the Financial Statements, noting that the fund balance of the Authority as of April 23, 2014 is \$81,298, not including an account receivable from the Colorado Water Conservation Board of \$7,629.91 for a grant payment reimbursement. A motion (Beane/Gicla) to accept the April Financial Statements as presented was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Strategic Planning

The Board revived the discussion from the April Board meeting, beginning with "Idea List Toward a Strategic Plan," which reflected the April discussion. The Board arrived at "Educate, Represent, Advocate" as a working vision statement. Then a 3-part Mission statement was drafted:

- Serve all rural water users in Douglas County, Colorado through education, representation and advocacy.
- Support strategies to extend the lifetime of the Denver Basin aquifers.

• Help find a sustainable source of water for those who need it. Each Board member was asked to evaluate each item on the "Idea List" and categorize them as 1. Education, 2, Representation, or 3. Advocacy.

New Business:

US Geological Survey Report on the RWADC Well-Monitoring Program

Director Gager volunteered to assemble a list of comments from Board members, and deliver them via email to Rhett Everett o the USGS by his deadline. Board members should have comments to Director Gager by May 8.

The Board discussed the budget for the Well-Monitoring Program. Mr. Everett has indicated that the program would run out of funds after the June well monitoring, leaving August and October unfunded. The cost of one month's monitoring, with data management and other associated tasks is about \$7,630. Board members should consider whether the RWADC should pay this amount out of the current Fund Balance, at least for the August round of monitoring, while a strategy is developed for more grant funding.

[The record notes that Commissioner Partridge excused himself at this point, so as to avoid any conflict by having an *ex parte* discussion about a matter that could come before the Board of County Commissioners.]

State & County Permit Applications; County Referrals

Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission Applications

No applications have been received to date for exploration within the RWADC service area.

Douglas County Referrals

The Douglas County referral DR2014-001 would amend Section 18(A) of the County Zoning Resolution and add a new Section 18(B), and is due by May 12, 2014. The Board agreed that this subject deserved a more in-depth discussion that time allowed during this meeting, and would schedule a Work Session at a Special Board Meeting on Monday, May 5, 2014. Director Gager indicated that he would volunteer to coordinate the drafting of a response to the Douglas County planning staff after that time.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Director Dearborn, with a second by Director Love, the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Rural Water Authority of Douglas County shall be held on May 28, 2014 at the Miller Building, 100 3rd St., Castle Rock, Conference Rooms A & B.

Minutes approved on May 28, 2014

Director Henry Giclas, Secretary