

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RURAL WATER AUTHORITY OF DOUGLAS COUNTY
HELD
August 22, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rural Water Authority of Douglas County (RWADC) was held at 7:00 p.m. on August 22, 2012 at the Phillip S. Miller Building, 100 Third St. Castle Rock, CO, Conference Room A & B..

Attendance

In attendance were Directors:

Ron Beane
Commissioner Steven A. Boand
Charles Bucknam
Kristen Dearborn
Christine Hashimoto
Jack McCormick
Charlotte Mirabella
Geoff Withers

Director Barry Gager was absent whose absences were excused.

Also in attendance were:

Conner Shepherd, Circuit Rider of Colorado, LLC
Mike Crout; Grandview Estates Rural Water Conservation District
Director
John Taketa; Citizen

Call to Order

Director Withers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and declared a quorum.

**Approval of
Agenda**

The Agenda was approved as amended by acclamation to add the County Fair report.

**Disclosure of
Conflicts of
Interest**

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

Public Comment

Director Bucknam reported that ACWWA purchased the Chambers Reservoir from United for \$14,000,000. They are not allowed to fill the reservoir until it has been inspected and approved.”

They are allowed to fill the reservoir from four of their alluvial wells under the approved substitute water plan, however, they still need to construct the pump house and tie in to their system and adjudicate their storage rights. They are not allowed to impound the groundwater and rain that has been leaking and falling into the reservoir, they must discharge it within 72 hours.

**Approval of
July 25, 2012
Regular Meeting
Minutes**

Discussion followed. Upon a motion by Director Bucknam with a second by Director Beane, the Minutes of July 25, 2012 were approved, as amended.

Presentation

Temporal Water Needs by Rural Subdivision

Commissioner Board distributed and presented examples from the “Ground Water Levels in the Denver Basin Bedrock Aquifers 2012.” The report reports on the levels of available water in the aquifers. There is concern because of activities that are occurring around subdivisions that may impact their water supplies. The data set must be evaluated based on future trends. Commissioner Board used his own water consumption to illustrate variations throughout the year. During the summer, the water level in his well goes down in the summer as expected. Minimum and maximum levels provide a different picture than relying on median levels. The Commissioner asked the rhetorical question: How does the Board want to use the map that illustrates well water monitoring data? Discussion followed regarding the recommended depth of drilling wells. Commissioner Board said this may be a policy issue. Director Mirabella suggested adding tips on drilling on the website. Failure of water accessibility may be due to other things besides the depth of the well itself, such as failure of the pressure tank.

Commissioner Board asked “What do you want to do going forward?” Director Hashimoto suggested using the data from the transducers to marry with the data map provided by Commissioner Board. Discussion continued regarding the application of information overlain on the map. Director McCormick observed that most of the data coming out of the test wells only reflects the condition in the central portion of the basin, not on the edges.

Officer Reports

Chairman & Vice-Chair, and Secretary

Director Withers said he had no report beyond information that will be discussed later under separate agenda items.

Director Mirabella, Vice-Chair, had no report.

Director Hashimoto suggested updating the contact lists.

Treasurer - Financial Statements & Claims

Mr. Shepherd provided the Board with the list of Claims and presented the Financial Statements for the period ending August 22, 2012. **Upon a motion by Director Mirabella with a second by Hashimoto, the Board ratified the Claims in the total amount of \$1,253.62.** Mr. Shepherd reported that the fund balance of the Authority as of August 22, 2012 was \$130,557.21. **Upon a motion by Director Mirabella with a second by Director Hashimoto, the Financial Statements were accepted.**

Project Updates

IGA (Rural Water Supply Act) Committee Update

Director Withers reported on the IGA Committee. He distributed a draft letter for discussion. The letter notifies the Douglas County Water Resource Authority that the RWADC plans to disassociate from the IGA. We do not believe that the RWADC's interests are recognized by the organization. It appears that the intent of the IGA is to plan to deliver water to Northern Douglas County. The continued participation by the RWADC in the IGA may call into question the efficacy of the work and representation of the RWADC to its constituencies.

Commissioner Boand said he just realized that he may have a conflict of interest and will have to recuse himself from the discussion. Director McCormick said he does not believe the results of the IGA feasibility study will be of any use. Director Mirabella said she does not want to participate in the IGA. We not only do not want to participate, we do not want to be associated with the results. **Upon a motion by Director Bucknam, with a second by Director Mirabella, the Board approved the letter as to form and authorized it to be sent [Commissioner Boand abstained].** Director McCormick asked for the letter to be copied to the CWCB.

USGS Well Monitoring Program

Director Withers reported that he has asked Rhett Butler to report before the Board in September about the USGS Well Monitoring Program.

Director Withers said a report to the CWCB will be delayed. Director Withers will ask for an extension. Commissioner Board suggested having Mr. Butler submit his report to the CWCB and then have it ratified by the RWADC Board given that this body will be applying for an extension of the grant.

Outreach Committee

County Fair

Director Hashimoto reported on the County Fair booth. She said she thought the foot traffic was less than last year. There were a lot of questions regarding Greenland, Fracking, and well water availability. Folks were also interested in rain water harvesting. Director McCormick commended Director Hashimoto for her hard work.

Fall Workshop

Director Withers said the Fall Workshop topic will be Water Conservation. Director Mirabella suggested that we wait until spring to host a workshop. The well monitoring report would be ready and folks would be more enthused about gardening. Commissioner Board said people would like to know about rainwater collection systems. The RWADC could sponsor the workshop. Director Mirabella suggested expanding the workshop topic to other conservation measures. April was proposed as a target date. Director Withers reminded the Board there will be a bi-annual meeting next year with an election. Director Dearborn suggested coordinating the two events co-sponsored by the Douglas County Conservation District.

Communications Plan

Director Withers said he has subscribed to Constant Contact, a firm that manages e-mail circulation bases. He is on the upslope of the learning curve. He has asked Melanie Brown to volunteer to work on this e-mail project. Director Mirabella suggested a quarterly newsletter.

Old Business

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New Business:

State & County Permit Applications; County Referrals

Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission Application

None.

DR2012-004 Proposed amendment to Section 18A, Water Overlay District, of the Douglas County Zoning Resolution

Director Bucknam reported that there will be a meeting on September 19, 2012. [The referral to the County was due 9/17/2012, the September 19 date he had on the recommendation sheet was an error]. Commissioner Board said the resolution has been developed by staff. The Commissioners would like responses from the public. Director Withers suggested a work session on Wednesday evening, September 5, 2012, TBA, to reach some consensus on comments for 18A.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Director McCormick with a second by Director Bucknam, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Rural Water Authority of Douglas County shall be held September 26, 2012 at the Miller Building, Conference Rooms A & B.