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

## **FEBRUARY 26, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rural Water Authority of Douglas County (RWADC) was held on February 26, 2013 at the Phillip S. Miller Building, 100 Third St. Castle Rock, CO.

Barry Gager Ron Beane Hank Giclas Jack LaPorte Diana Love Steve Wilson

Excused: Commissioner Roger Partridge. Charles Bucknam, Kristen Dearborn by a **motion** (**Gager/Beane**) that was approved unanimously.

Also in attendance were:

Geoff Withers, Circuit Rider of Colorado, LLC

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#### Call to Order

Director Gager called the regular meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. and declared a quorum was present.

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Disclosure of Conflicts of

Director Gager asked if any Board member had a conflict interest

with any item on the Agenda. There were none.

Approval of

Agenda Director Gager presented the Agenda. There were no changes to the

posted Agenda.

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**Public Comment** 

Director LaPorte reported that he attended the 2/6/14 workshop

discussing the 2013 flood impacts on oil and gas operations, which

was briefly discussed.

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Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes A motion (Beane/Love) to approve the draft minutes of the January 22, 2014 meeting, as presented, was approved unanimously.

Officer Reports

Chairman

Director Gager reported that he had a conversation with Commissioner Partridge about the possibility of contamination of aguifers from the construction of Penley Reservoir.

There was no report from the Vice Chairman or Secretary..

### Treasurer - Claims & Financial Statements

Director Gager noted that the Castle Rock Bank signature card needs to be signed. Directors Gager, Beane and Giclas signed, and Mr. Withers said he would deliver it to Director Bucknam for his signature and delivery back to the Bank.

**Claims from February.** The Board was provided the list of Claims and Financial Statements for the period ending February 26, 2014.

Two claims were presented from December: \$1,078.80 from Circuit Rider of Colorado, LLC for professional staff services, and \$13,836.28 from the United State Geological Survey. (Giclas/LaPorte) to approve the Claims for February, in the total amounts \$14,915.08, was approved unanimously.

Mr. Withers directed the Board's attention to the Financial Statements, noting that the fund balance of the Authority as of February 26, 2014 is \$78,489, not including an account receivable from the Colorado Water Conservation Board of \$13,826,28 for a grant payment reimbursement. A motion (Beane/Giclas) to accept the Financial Statements was approved unanimously.

**Committee Reports** There were no Committee reports.

**Old Business** 

Strategic Planning

The Board discussed

- A Mission Statement, such as "Provide education about rural water issues in Douglas County, Represent rural well owners in Douglas County, Cooperate with other agencies in water projects in Douglas County." A mission statement, with goals and objectives should be developed by the Board.
- The possibility of holding district meetings, or workshops in specific topics. An overview was given of the public meetings and workshops held in each of the past four years.

- Inviting speakers to Board meetings to educate Board members, and also as a trial run for speakers in meetings/workshops with well owners. Suggestion: Eric Hecox, SMWSA Executive Director, to inform the Board about the WISE project. Other suggestions: Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR), water rights and rainwater harvesting, water law (Justice Hobbs?), water conservation.
- Biennial meetings and elections
- The Board of County Commissioners has designated water issues in rural parts of the county to be a priority of theirs. What role should the Rural Water Authority play?
- How to identify ways to help areas where water supply problems are occurring?

The Board agreed that this needs a good deal more work, and that it should be an agenda item for at least the next Board meeting. Also, each director was tasked with developing ideas on this subject for discussion at the next meeting, in writing, which Mr. Withers will compile and distribute with the next meeting packet.

**New Business:** There was no new business presented.

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## **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.

[Commissioner Partridge excused himself from the meeting at 8:06 pm, so as to avoid *ex parte* discussions of pending county actions on Development Referrals.]

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No Douglas County referrals were discussed.

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# **Adjournment** Upon a motion by Director Love, with a second by Director Giclas, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Rural Water Authority of Douglas County shall be held on March 26, 2014 at the Miller Building, 100 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Castle Rock, Conference Rooms A & B.