

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RURAL WATER AUTHORITY OF DOUGLAS COUNTY
HELD
FEBRUARY 23, 2011**

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 February 23, 2011 at Castle Rock Fire Headquarters, Board Conference Room, 300 Perry St., Castle Rock, CO 80104.

Attendance

In attendance were Directors:

Steve Boand
Charles Bucknam
Barry Gager
Christine Hashimoto
Priscilla Queen
Joe Rottman
Geoff Withers
Jack McCormick

Charlotte Mirabella was absent whose absence was excused.

Also in attendance were:

Conner Shepherd, Circuit Rider of Colorado, LLC, Authority
Manager
Brant Dennis
Anita Littlewolf
Tim Murrell, Douglas County
Kristin Dearborn

Call to Order

Director Withers called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and declared a quorum. He asked if there were any conflicts of interest needed to be disclosed. There were none.

Public Comments

none.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved by acclamation.

**Approval of
January 26, 2011
Minutes**

Discussion followed regarding the minutes of January 26, 2011. Upon a motion duly made by Director Rottman with a second by Director Hashimoto, the minutes of the regular meeting of

January 26, 2011 minutes were approved as amended to reflect the correction of the attendee's name: Brant Dennis.

**Treasurer's
Report**

Financial Statements & Claims

Mr. Shepherd presented the financial statements for the period ending February 23, 2011, reflecting the current claims in the amount of \$3,849.18. Director Rottman asked that a distinction be made between services rendered versus supplies in expenses line items, such as in management or outreach. It was noted that the grant from Douglas County in the amount of \$100,000 for 2011 has not been received. Commissioner Board suggested that Director Withers write a letter to Doug DeBord of Douglas County requesting the grant funds. Upon a motion by Director Bucknam with a second by Director Board, the Claims were approved as presented and the Financial Statements were accepted.

Application for an Audit Exemption

Mr. Shepherd presented the Application for the Exemption from Audit to the State. He explained that the RWADC qualifies based on the fact that its revenues and expenses were less than \$100,000. Noting a typo on the resolution, Mr. Shepherd said he would bring it to the next meeting for signatures.

**Report of
Committees**

Outreach

Community Meetings

Director Withers provided the Board with a report on the community meetings of February 2, 9 and 13, and March 2. He said there were two successful meetings, with weather playing a part in cancelling the Feb. 2 meeting in Larkspur. Almost 55 attendees signed in at the meeting in Franktown and 30 signed in at Louviers. Director McCormick said he estimated at least 100 in Franktown, though many did not sign in. Director Queen said she estimated there were 60 in Louviers. Director Withers said some folks volunteered for well monitoring at the Franktown meeting. The sign-up sheet was taken at Louviers so we don't know who might have been volunteering for well monitoring there. Director Bucknam asked if we reschedule weather-canceled meetings. Director Withers said we invite people to come to the next meeting at a different location. Commissioner Board thanked Director Queen for compiling the Q & A list. Director Hashimoto gave

Director Withers a list of volunteers for the well monitoring program. She has sent requests for volunteers to HOA's. Director Withers said there is one more meeting next week in Parker.

Questions were raised about the mailing list used to promote the RWADC and its community meetings. Director Withers said we used the list from the County records using the mailing addresses. Director Hashimoto suggested posting the flyer in post offices. Director Withers said this is all a learning process.

Director Queen reported that the Franktown meeting was lively. Strong opinions were expressed. Someone taped the meeting and is distributing a petition to dissolve the RWADC. Director Withers said one of the hot topics was how to withdraw from the RWADC. He said Director Mirabella artfully tried to answer all questions with diplomacy. Director Withers said after the antagonists, there were a number of people who voiced support for the work that people are doing on their behalf and supported the RWADC. People were interested to know whether or not they will be taxed. Director Mirabella explained that the RWADC has neither the power of eminent domain, nor taxing authority. There were questions about Reuter-Hess, zoning, water restrictions, etc. Director Queen said questions arose about how the RWADC could help change state law. Comments were also expressed about stopping development if it will affect water supply. Commissioner Board suggested that the RWADC develop questions and answers to go on the website. He offered to draft some and then circulate them among the Board members so that the RWADC can have a response for folks.

Elections

Director Withers drew the Board's attention to a memo from Ms. Shepherd, the designated election official, regarding deadlines for self-nominations. Discussion followed. Director Rottman asked about the ability to cancel elections. Director Withers said there was no rule relative to the Small System Water Providers (SSWP). There are seats for three SSWP's but right now there are only two entities, Thunderbird and Grandview, represented. Director Rottman asked to have the following in the minutes: "If a well owner is inside his special district and the special district does not opt in, the individual well owner may run for the numbered District seat and may vote for that District seat if they have an individual well."

Old Business

Well- Monitoring

Director Hashimoto said she spoke to one HOA whose wells are in granite cracks. They would like to know about recharging. Commissioner Board wondered what it would cost to have a transducer installed in one of the wells that are in the granite cracks. Director Bucknam suggested that the RWADC ask the USGS if there is a possibility to include them. Director Withers said we should ask Rhett Everett to attend the next meeting. Director Bucknam observed that Grandview hasn't received its report from the USGS that was due end-of-year.

IGA Committee

Director Withers passed out the Bullet Points from Mark Shively describing activities of the IGA Committee. Director McCormick asked about public access to the meetings. Director Withers said the organization is not a public board but the public can attend. Commissioner Board suggested he call Dru Campbell of Douglas County if he wants to be noticed that a meeting is called.

New Business

Work Plan - 2011

Discussion followed regarding a Work Plan for 2011. Commissioner Board said we should begin to plan the next set of community meetings. Then, we need to anticipate attending the small water provider meetings. The County just received new census data for each SSWP. Director Gager sent letters out to each SSWP to invite them to participate. Director Rottman said his constituents think this is going to be a rubber stamp for development. Commissioner Board said this organization is a referral agency. As it becomes more comfortable, it will write referrals. Director Withers suggested putting a long-term financial plan on the work plan. The RWADC should have enough money for 5 – 10 years at the rate it is expending funds.

Participation Agreement

Discussion followed regarding the participation agreement. Director McCormick said the RWADC should draft a form for people who may want to opt out of participation from the RWADC. Ms. Littlewolf asked if someone opts out, and then they sell the property, what happens. Director Withers said if they sell, the new owner is a participant and must opt out. Discussion followed about reasons why someone would want to opt out.

Commissioner Board said some folks may just be suspicious of governments. Others may be worried that the RWADC will impose taxes or fees though, at this time, there aren't any. Discussion then followed about a continued source of funding. One solution might be for the RWADC to ask the BOCC to create a Public Improvement District (PID) for ongoing funding.

Next Meeting Agenda

The next meeting will include a presentation by Commissioner Board, "RWADC Report to the BOCC on Water Providers 'Source of Supply' Data." Commissioner Board provided a brief update. He said Ravenna won't provide data. Only their water provider, United Water, knows the amount of water they consume. That information is available from United Water. The big water providers submitted their data and Denver Water sent in its data. Chatfield South and Southgate are supplied water by Denver Water.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Director McCormick with a second by Director Bucknam, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm. The next regular meeting of the Rural Water Authority of Douglas County shall be held March 23, 2011 at the Phillip S. Miller Building, 100 Third St., Castle Rock, CO 80104.