

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
RURAL WATER AUTHORITY OF DOUGLAS COUNTY  
HELD  
February 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 February 22, 2012 at the Miller Building, 100 Third St. Castle Rock, CO, Conference Room A & B.

**Attendance**

In attendance were Directors:

Ron Beane  
Commissioner Steven A. Boand  
Kristen Dearborn  
Christine Hashimoto  
Jack McCormick  
Geoff Withers

Directors Charles Bucknam, Charlotte Mirabella, and Barry Gager were absent whose absences were excused.

Also in attendance were:

Conner Shepherd, Circuit Rider of Colorado, LLC, Authority  
Manager  
Melanie Brown, Resident  
Michael Crout, Resident  
Rick Calhoun, Resident

**Call to Order**

Director Withers called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and declared a quorum.

**Approval of  
Agenda**

**The Agenda was approved by acclamation.**

**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  
Comments

Regional Water Update

Discussion followed regarding a variety of water supply issues in Douglas County.

Commissioner Board distributed information on the WISE (Water Infrastructure and Supply Efficiency) project. He also distributed a handout re: the Denver SE Suburban Water & Sanitation District pipeline; notes re: Oil & Gas Well Casing Information; a memo re: the NW Douglas County Water Solutions Team; and, the NW Douglas County Water Solutions agenda. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Board observed that it appears the County is beginning to achieve a sustainable water supply wherein sustainable groundwater availability is being achieved at least on the short-term.

Reuter-Hess may need to file a supplemental environmental impact statement (EIS).

Approval of  
January 25, 2012  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes

**Discussion followed. Upon a motion by Director Beane with a second by Commissioner Board, minutes of January 25, 2012 were the approved as amended.**

Officer Reports

Chairman & Vice-Chair, and Secretary

Director Withers reported that he received a draft for extending the well monitoring testing.

Treasurer - Financial Statements & Claims

Mr. Shepherd provided the Board with the list of Claims and presented the financial statements for the period ending February 22, 2012. Discussion followed. **Upon a motion by Director McCormick with a second by Commissioner Board, the Board ratified the Claims for January in the total amount of \$1,212.27 and authorized the payment of the invoice to the USGS for \$17,585.63.** Mr. Shepherd reported that the fund balance of the Authority as of February 22, 2012 was \$121,180.76. **Upon a motion by Director McCormick with a second by Director Dearborn, the Financial Statements were accepted.**

Report of

## Committees

### IGA (Rural Water Supply Act) Committee Update

Director Withers reported that the feasibility study conducted by URS through the DCWRA/IGA Committee is still on hold while an examination of the DCWRA's grant finances is being conducted by the DCWRA

### USGS Well Monitoring Program

Director Withers reminded the Board that the USGS well-monitoring measures can be accessed on-line. The current contract with CWCB is valid through June 30, 2013, so a contract revision will not be necessary to accommodate the 6-month extension for which the USGS received grant funds from that agency. Their dollars have to be spent first, so we will not be receiving full invoices over the next 6 months from CWCB, while the USGS funds are drawn down.

### Outreach Committee

Director Withers reported on the sub-committees work directing the Board's attention to a memo distributed to the board. An initial idea was to plan for a workshop for RWADC well owners. Commissioner Board said a hot topic right now is water quality testing relative to oil & gas drilling.

Commissioner Board mentioned that there may interest in a program of base-line test well drilling prior to "fracking." Director Withers asked if there were other good workshop ideas. Discussion followed regarding the ideas listed on the handout.

Commissioner Board said that water meters may be an unavoidable discussion in the future. Groundwater water availability may be another topic that generates interest.

Director Hashimoto said she received information regarding pharmaceutical disposals. There are suggestions for proper disposal of drugs.

Water Quality Week is coming up in March. Director Hashimoto suggested encouraging water testing as part of the fair booth. Tri-County Health might be a good resource.

Director McCormick raised the topic of cisterns. Director Withers asked about the impact of adjudication on water resources.

Commissioner Board said there are now protocols for testing septic systems prior to a real estate transaction.

Director Withers reviewed the estimated cost to conduct a workshop, including advertisements, venue rentals, and lunch. Commissioner Board suggested the events center at the fairgrounds. Ms. Wilson suggested a library room.

The Board directed the Outreach Committee to continue to do its good work. Director Withers brought up the issue of publicity. Commissioner Board said there is the county-wide referral system that goes out to all the HOA's. There is also a section of the newspaper that is reserved for county news.

Directors Dearborn and Withers were authorized to continue working on this project.

### **Old Business**

#### **By-Laws Revision – Second Reading – PUBLIC HEARING**

By acclamation, the Board opened the public hearing at 7:51pm. Director Withers noted that the two-week notice was met for second reading. Consideration of the by-law changes followed.

*Section 3. New Owner as Participant. Any new Individual Water Provider living within the Service Area whose previous owner has withdrawn as a Participant, and thereby withdrawn the well and property from the Authority's Service Area, may apply for re-admission to the Authority by submitting a petition and signed Participation Agreement to the Board. Such application shall be considered as an application to be Participant in the Authority pursuant to Section 1 of this Article II.*

Discussion followed. Director Withers introduced the language that was discussed during first reading. The following language is an attempt to blend this approved "1<sup>st</sup> Reading" version with all suggestions, so as to accomplish the original intent of the Board's desire for this change:

*Section 3. Readmission as Participant. A property and well which has been withdrawn from the Service Area maintains its withdrawn status until the owner, whether the original owner who withdrew or a new owner who has purchased the property, applies for re-admission to the Authority's Service Area by submitting a petition and signed Participation Agreement to the Board. Such application shall be considered as an application to be Participant in the Authority pursuant to Section 1 of this Article II.*

Discussion followed. **Upon a motion by Director Dearborn with a second by Commissioner Board, the second reading was approved.** The public hearing was closed at 7:57p.m.

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**New Business:**

Possible Board Work Sessions

Director Withers presented a list of suggested work sessions that could be discussed outside of a Board meeting. Director McCormick said any group should be limited to eleven. Commissioner Board suggested adding a work session topic on the mapping work relative to water needs.

Long-Range Planning  
USGS Report  
Oil & Gas Drilling  
Changes to water requirements in County Master Plan

Commissioner Board asked if the RWADC needs to have both Board meetings and workshops each month. He suggested holding off on the county 18A zoning regulations until fall. Discussion followed regarding the USGS groundwater report.

Director Withers suggested the first work session in March could be on the subject of the mapping work relative to water needs (future needs by sub-division). Director Withers suggested a second workshop topic in April to be long-range planning.

Director Withers said Board member reactions to the Groundwater Availability of the Denver Basin Aquifer System, Colorado report might be a good workshop discussion in May.

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**Douglas County Referrals:**

Regarding State & County permit applications Referral

None to discuss.

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**Adjournment**

**Upon a motion by Commissioner Board with a second by Director McCormick, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.**

The next regular meeting of the Rural Water Authority of Douglas County shall be held March 28, 2012 at the Phillip S. Miller Building, 100 Third St., Castle Rock, CO 80104.