

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RURAL WATER AUTHORITY OF DOUGLAS COUNTY
HELD
October 24, 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 October 24, 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
Kristen Dearborn
Barry Gager
Christine Hashimoto
Jack McCormick
Charlotte Mirabella
Geoff Withers

Director Charles Bucknam was absent whose absence was excused.

Also in attendance were:

Conner Shepherd, Circuit Rider of Colorado, LLC
Tim Murrell; Douglas County
Eric Hecox; SMSWA
Jeri Hill; Resident (departed 7:13pm)
Mike Crout; Resident

Call to Order

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

**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.

**Approval of
Agenda**

Director Withers added "Setting the Public Hearing on the 2013 Budget." Director Hashimoto noted that at the last meeting "Water Hauling" was going to be a regular agenda item going forward. She added that given the amount of work tonight, this item will be delayed until the next meeting. **The agenda was approved as amended by acclamation.**

**Public
Comment**

Water Issues in Douglas County

Ms. Jeri Hill reported on a recent meeting of the Oil and Gas Commission. Noticing, casing, setbacks, and water monitoring were discussed. The first gathering of water providers with the oil and gas commission will be November 14, 2012. Discussion followed. Commissioner Board suggested that a resolution from this body would be good to take to the meeting.

Colorado Aquifer Management

Director Hashimoto observed that there is a meeting on November 27-28 on Aquifer Management.

**Approval of
September 26, 2012
Regular Meeting
Minutes**

Discussion followed. Upon a motion by Director McCormick with a second by Director Hashimoto, the minutes of September 26, 2012 were approved, as amended.

Presentation

Update on SMSWA Activites, including WISE (Water Infrastructure and Supply Efficiency)

Director Withers introduced Mr. Hecox. Mr. Hecox is the new Executive Director of SMWSA. He presented an informal report on SMWSA. It is made up of fifteen water providers. SMSWA is a volunteer organization. SMSWA was formed to address the common issue of developing renewable water supplies, reuse, and developing alternatives for water from reliance on aquifers. Conservation plans are considered or already implemented by its individual members. Surface water from Cherry Creek and Plum Creek are utilized by local water suppliers, though it is generally believed the rights may be over-appropriated. East Cherry Creek Valley Water (ECCV), ACCWA, and Stonegate have a supply line for water from the FRICO area provided by United Water. Regional project plans are underway. The Chatfield project has gone through the EIS public comment period. Then, there is the WISE project, a partnership between SMWSA, Denver and Aurora. Infrastructure is an important element. The plan is to provide excess capacity water during low need times to the southwest metro area from Aurora through the Prairie Waters Project pipeline.

The infrastructure concept is to use the ECCV pipelines from the north and along the E-470 corridor. An interconnect would be built and reverse the movement of the water east to west. The water would be diverted to storage facilities including Reuter Hess. If the ECCV lines are not available, construction of additional lines are possible. Mr. Hecox said Denver Water has offered to provide 10,000 acre feet of water. Discussion followed regarding the storage capacity of Reuter Hess Reservoir.

Under either water pipe supply options, there is proposed a pipeline to Castle Rock from Reuter Hess. There still needs to be a resolution on subscriber allocations. Final decisions need to be made regarding supply lines, how to divide up potential excess capacity, and the operations agreement for day-to-day operations. When asked if NEPA studies would be required, Mr. Hecox said that the pipelines would come from the Aurora treatment facility so no additional environmental impacts would be required. When asked if WISE members will reduce their reliance on existing groundwater supplies if the alternative supplies are forthcoming, Mr. Hecox said that three members intend to make the alternative supplies their sole sources and suspend groundwater use. Others expect to reduce their reliance on groundwater. WISE will be bound by the agreement between Denver Water and western water supplies.

Mr. Murrell offered that water from Flaming Gorge is not constrained by the Denver Water compact. Mr. Hecox said WISE defined water users as existing and potential members, so water might be able to be provided outside of the existing member borders. Mr. Murrell offered to come to the RWADC meeting next month to present ideas regarding water supply lines that would go beyond the existing plans for WISE. To put it into perspective, Commissioner Board observed that 10,000 acre feet would provide adequate water to 75,000 people. Mr. Hecox agreed that additional increments will be needed. The Board thanked Mr. Hecox for attending.

Officer Reports

Chairman & Vice-Chair, and Secretary

Director Withers said he had no report.

Director Mirabella, Vice-Chair, said she had no report.

Director Hashimoto said she has a list of people who commented on 18-A. The list includes numerous HOA officers. She thought the RWADC could augment its e-mail list with her list.

Treasurer - Financial Statements & Claims

Mr. Shepherd provided the Board with the list of Claims and presented the Financial Statements for the period ending October 24, 2012. **Upon a motion by Director Mirabella with a second by Beane, the Board ratified the Claims in the total amount of \$1,664.79.** Mr. Shepherd reported that the fund balance of the Authority as of October 24, 2012 was \$127,743.50. **Upon a motion by Director Mirabella with a second by Director Beane, the Financial Statements were accepted.**

Treasurer – Preliminary Budget for 2013

Mr. Shepherd reported that the Preliminary Budget for 2013 has been distributed to the Board for its review and is available for public inspection.

Project Updates

USGS Well Monitoring Program

Director Withers said that a roundtable meeting of the CWCB has been set for this upcoming Monday to entertain requests for a continuation of the existing contract and additional funding for the well monitoring study.

Outreach Committee

2013 Spring Workshop- Water Conservation

Director Hashimoto said she is beginning to work on a budget for the Workshop. She will be attending a Rainwater Catchment meeting in San Antonio between now and the next Board meeting.

Communications Plan – Newsletter & Constant Contact

No report except that the Constant Contact contract is complete.

Old Business

Water Hauling

Mr. Murrell reported that the County is developing water supplier lists and other resource information for emergency management. He would welcome any input from RWADC. Director McCormick said that some residents are looking at water hauling as a solution to their long-range water supply. Discussion followed regarding cisterns.

New Business: Set the Public Hearing on the 2013 Budget

Upon a motion by Director Beane with a second by Director McCormick, the Board set the Public Hearing on the 2013 Budget for November 28, 2012 at 7:00p.m., at the Miller Building, Conference Rooms A & B.

State & County Permit Applications; County Referrals

Colorado Oil & Gas Conservation Commission Applications

None.

Douglas County Referrals [Commissioner Board departed at this time].

Director Withers said the only thing that director Bucknem circulated to the Board was information regarding DR 2012 – 011 Zoning Resolution Amendments. No water issues were identified.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Director McCormick with a second by Director Bucknam, the meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Rural Water Authority of Douglas County shall be held November 28, 2012 at the Miller Building, Conference Rooms A & B.