

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RURAL WATER AUTHORITY OF DOUGLAS COUNTY
HELD
JUNE 18, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rural Water Authority of Douglas County (RWADC) was held on June 18, 2014 at the Phillip S. Miller Building, 100 Third St. Castle Rock, CO.

Attendance

In attendance were Directors:

Ron Beane
Charles Bucknam
Barry Gager
Hank Giclas
Jack LaPorte
Diana A. Love
Commissioner Roger Partridge
Steve Wilson

Excused: Director Dearborn, by a **motion (Bucknam/LaPorte)** that was approved unanimously.

Also in attendance were:

Geoff Withers, Circuit Rider of Colorado, LLC
Tom Napolilli, KJC
Tim Crawford, Bishop, Brogden & Associates, water consultants
Joe Fowler, Douglas County
John Carter

Call to Order

Director Gager called the regular meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and declared a quorum was present.

Disclosure of Conflicts

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

Approval of Agenda

Director Gager presented the Agenda. Director Gager suggested that, in the interest of the guests and presentor, the Presentation by Mr. Rhett Everett be moved up on the Agenda after Public Comments. A **motion (Bucknam/Love)** to that effect was made and unanimously approved.

Public Comment

There were none.

Presentation

Mr. Rhett Everett, Hydrologist with the US Geological Survey, Presented a slide show addressing the history, process and participants in the RWADC well-monitoring program, which has been paid for by generous grants from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) and the US Geological Survey. Since 2011, the water level in wells in the system have been measured every two months, creating a large amount of data.

About 16,300 wells have been given permits in Douglas County, other than municipal production wells. Of those, 9,150 household and domestic well permits in the various Denver Basin aquifers, and in the RWADC Service Area, are as follows: 2100 in unnamed aquifers. 4500 in the Dawson (both Upper and Lower), 2200 in the Denver, 300 in the Arapahoe, and 50 in the Laramie-Fox Hills. The RWADC system has 36 wells participating, as of 2012: 10 in the Upper Dawson, 11 in the Lower Dawson, 11 in the Denver, 2 in the Arapahoe and 2 in the Laramie-Fox Hills. 15 wells are monitored using pressure transducers, which can measure water levels every few minutes, but are set to record data every hour. Since 2011, 769 manual water level measurements have been taken. All the data from those readings resides on the NWIS web site, which can be found using a link on the rwadc.org web site, on the Water Planning and Studies page.

The highest water levels are generally found in the February-March period, and the lowest in September. Since the highest levels reflect aquifer levels at their peak, they are used for comparison of one February's reading to the next, giving a reasonable picture of overall changes in levels.

A good deal of information was presented, including hydrographs of individual wells, showing the results of the work. They can also be found on the NWIS web site.

In addition to the RWADC system, the Colorado Division of Water Resources has a group of approximately 56 Denver Basin wells that they monitor. Elbert County is also considering creating a system of wells to monitor similar to the RWADC program, and Arapahoe County has discussed pursuing this idea, but to date has not gone forward with it.

Because the RWADC program has reached the end of the program's budget cycle, future funding of the program was discussed at some length. The CWCB has expressed an interest in seeing a greater

local match from the RWADC than in the past. Mr. Everett stated that his agency would be willing to pay for 40% of the program costs for two year, an increase over their current 25% participation. Various scenarios were discussed, whereby monitoring rounds were made less frequently, and/or on fewer wells, and were presented in a handout from Mr. Everett. Director Gager asked that one further alternative be considered, whereby monitoring would take place three times a year, half as frequently as has been done, and only on those wells with transducers. This would save a good deal, making grant dollars go farther.

The Board resolved by **motion (Bucknam/Wilson)** that the RWADC amend and extend the current USGS contract to increase the USGS match to 40% of the total costs, beginning at the end of this Federal Fiscal Year (Oct. 1), and delegated the duty of reviewing that contract to Director Gager and the Executive Committee on behalf of the entire Board.

Approval of Minutes

A **motion (Giclas /Bucknam)** to approve the draft minutes of the May 28, 2014 meeting, as presented was approved unanimously.

Officer Reports

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

Treasurer - Claims & Financial Statements

Claims from June. The Board was provided the list of Claims and Financial Statements for the period ending June 18, 2014. Two claims were presented: \$1,036.18 from Circuit Rider of Colorado, LLC for professional staff services, and \$129.96 from Geoff Withers as reimbursement for expenses incurred by paying for new name badges for Directors Giclas, LaPorte, Love and Wilson from Threaded Ink Media. (This replaced check #1113 that was approved for this expense at the May meeting, but was incorrectly made out to Threaded Ink Media instead of Mr. Withers.) A **motion (Giclas/Love)** to approve the Claims for May was approved unanimously.

Mr. Withers directed the Board's attention to the Schedule of Cash Position, noting that the fund balance of the Authority as of June 18, 2014 is \$85,991. A **motion (Partridge/Giclas)** to accept the June Financial Statements as presented was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Document Retrieval Policy

Mr. Withers presented a draft policy, designed to comply with the provisions of HB 14-1193. After some discussion, it was amended and approved unanimously by a **motion (Giclas/Bucknam)**. Mr. Withers said he would get it signed, and posted on the RWADC web site, as well as submitted to the Special District Association.

RWADC Well-Monitoring Program Financing

The Board agreed that, for the program to have real probative value, it should continue for a full five years. The last readings that can be afforded under the current funding will be this fall's September/October reading. Therefore, securing a two-year funding extension from CWCB should be pursued, which would match the two year commitment that USGS is willing to make. A **motion (Love/Giclas)** was made to delegate to Director Gager the decision of whether to have 3 or 4 well readings per year, based on new cost information that Mr. Everett would be sending him and the accuracy that the data would be provide with such a change. It was unanimously approved.

Strategic Planning

The Board decided by **motion (Love/Giclas)** to postpone further discussion of strategic planning until the July meeting, in the interest of time.

New Business:

There was no new business, other than Douglas County referrals.

[The record notes that Commissioner Partridge excused himself at 9:15, so as to avoid any conflict by having an *ex parte* discussion about a matter that could come before the Board of County Commissioners.]

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.

Douglas County Referrals

Four referrals will be due before the next Board meeting. They are, with their due dates:

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| SB 2014-37 Meridian 7G | (July 3) |
| SB 2014-38 Pinery 29-B | (July 7) |
| SB 2014-36 Pinery 29-A | (July 11) |
| DR 2013-004 Stone Creek | (July 21) |

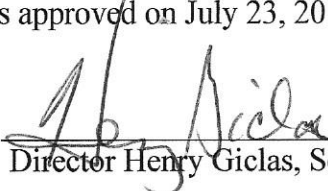
Director Bucknam will develop draft responses for the Board's comment in time for each referral.

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Director Giclas, with a second by Director LaPorte, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Rural Water Authority of Douglas County shall be held at 7:00 on July 23, 2014 at the Phillip S. Miller Library, 100 Wilcox St., Castle Rock, in the Castle Rock Bank Room West.

Minutes approved on July 23, 2014



Director Henry Giclas, Secretary