

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RURAL WATER AUTHORITY OF DOUGLAS COUNTY
HELD
SEPTEMBER 22, 2010**

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 September 22, 2010 at the Phillip S. Miller Building, 100 Third St., Castle Rock, CO 80104.

Attendance

In attendance were Directors:

Barry Gager
Christine Hashimoto
Jack McCormick
Charlotte Mirabella
Mike Owsiany
Priscilla Queen
Geoff Withers

Steve Board and Joe Rottman were absent whose absences were excused.

Also in attendance were:

Conner Shepherd, Circuit Rider of Colorado, LLC, Authority
Manager
Anita Littlewolf
George Allen
Tim Murrell; Douglas County

Call to Order

Director Withers called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 as presented by acclamation with the understanding that items may be considered out of the order presented in the Agenda.

**Approval of
August 25, 2010**

Discussion followed regarding the minutes of August 25, 2010. Director Upon a motion duly made by Director Mirabella with a second by Director Gager, the minutes of the regular meeting of August 25, 2010 were approved as amended.

**Treasurer's
Report**

Director Gager presented the financial statements for the period ending September 13, 2010 in the amount of \$3,599.31. The balance of accounts is \$90,539.40. Upon a motion by Director Gager with a second by Commissioner Board, the Claims and Treasurer's report were approved as presented.

Discussion followed re: the well monitoring grant from the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB).

Mr. Allen said it is important to get reports from governmental agencies in a full and timely manner. He found he had to request documents from governmental agencies three or four times. Mr. Withers explained that access to reports is not as simple as it seems.

Presentation

Mr. Murrell made a presentation related to water projects in Douglas County. Questions arose regarding the various projects. Mr. Murrell pointed out that the water sources are clearly defined and limited. In order to get water from other sources into Reuter-Hess, for example, there may need to be amendments to the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). Supplemental EIS's might be needed. Commissioner Board said if you are going to go through the pain of permitting one water resource, why not initiate four or five projects at a time? He forecast that there may have to be \$10-20,000,000 invested in water projects but the County is struggling to see what will be the best investment. Water rights? Permits? Delivery? The west side of the county will need supplemental water soon. It will be important to move them from basin aquifer to other supplies even on an intermittent basis. Discussion followed. The question was asked, "Why talk about projects if nothing is going to happen?" Discussion followed regarding governance and the power to convince the large water providers that the rural Douglas County water needs must be considered. Director Mirabella asked if this is an action item or an information-only item. Commissioner Board responded that you'll be asked if you think the choices the BOCC wants to make are wise choices.

Report of Committees

Budget & Finance: (See Treasurer's Report above).

2011 Budget: Director Gager distributed the preliminary draft of the Budget for 2011 along with copies of the Budget for 2010 for comparison. Director Mirabella asked about election costs. Director Gager said the election has been budgeted for \$15,500. Upon a motion by Director Gager with a second by Director McCormick, the Board unanimously determined it will conduct the Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for 2011 at the November 17, 2010 meeting, the third Wednesday of November, and further that the December meeting shall be scheduled for the third Wednesday of December.

Elections: Director Withers distributed a participant elector list of the By-laws governing the Authority for the Board's edification. Director Mirabella asked for an estimate on election costs for 2011. He said that portions of the By-laws may be amended as the Board may deem necessary. Commissioner Board asked if the Authority is required to adhere to Title 32 statutes governing special district elections. Director Withers said he believes the Creation Agreement & By-laws prevail. Director Gager asked if the Authority should get proposals from Collins, Cockrell, & Cole to conduct the election. Director Withers reminded him that Circuit Rider conducts elections as well. Commissioner Board suggested the fairgrounds for the Biennial meeting. He added that he personally prefers to see election in the fall. Director Withers said without a serious outreach program, an election by mail ballot will be difficult.

Discussion followed regarding coordinating with BOCC on regional meetings.

Outreach:

Website: Mr. Allen reported that the new website, www.RWADC.org is up and running. He invited the Board to take a look at it and make suggestions. He said there are a couple of more pages to be completed. Mr. Allen suggested that we may want to get a legal review of Notices and Disclaimers. He asked Mr. Allen if we can we make changes on our own or do we need the website designer to make them? Mr. Allen asked the Board for comments within the next two weeks.

Brochure: Director Withers dovetailed a discussion of the outreach brochure with the election discussion. Mr. Shepherd provided the Board with a rough estimate of the cost of printing and mailing a brochure to every constituent to be between \$4,000 and \$8,000. Director Withers suggested a target date of the first of the year. Director Mirabella suggested attending HOA meetings rather than conducting separate town hall meetings. Commissioner Board related how the RWADC might attend BOCC outreach meetings. Other suggestions included making brochures available at alternative sites; libraries, fire stations, and post office bulletin boards. Discussion followed regarding the type and amount of information in the brochure and the suggestion of sending brochures to all of the HOA's.

Adjournment

Director McCormick made a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:30 pm. The next meeting of the Rural Water Authority of Douglas County shall be held October 27, 2010.