



**Douglas County Board of
County Commissioners**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Rural Water Authority
of Douglas County**

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

The Rural Water Authority Douglas County (RWADC) met in the Philip S. Miller Building, 100 Third Street, Castle Rock, Colorado.

Present

Steven A. Boand, Commissioner
Barry Gager
Michael Owsiany
Anita Littlewolf
Jack McCormick
Charlotte Mirabella
Priscilla Queen
Geoff Withers
Joseph Rottman

Guests

Suzanne S. Paschke, Ph.D
Jerri Hill
Gary Cammarata
Paul Simpson
Jan Dixon
Christine Hashimoto
Dan Reed

County Staff

Tim Murrell, Water Resource Planner
Donna Coffin, Business Resource Technician

Call to Order

Commissioner Board called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of minutes

U.S.G.S. Denver Basin Ground Water Modeling Presentation

Suzanne S. Paschke, Ph.D presented on the Denver Basin Ground Water Modeling Project.

Suzanne noted the Denver Basin Report will be published this month, yet it will not be available from publisher until spring 2010.

A ground water flow model of the Denver Basin Aquifer system was developed to predict changes over time. New data was used as well as data from models by U.S.G.S. that were published in 1989. A 1996 Division of Water Resources model was also utilized for this report. The models were used to look at the monitoring networks and the effects of continual pumping in the Denver Basin.

Pumping data was estimated out of the basin. A Well permit data base was used looking at locations, depth, and types of wells, then categories by: municipals, domestic & household, commercial & industrial, and irrigation.

Citizen Comment:

Citizen comments were not made.

Approval of Rural Water Supply Act Working Group Inter Governmental Agreement (IGA)

Tim Murrell briefly reviewed one change that was made to the IGA. No more than one appointed member of the Rural Water Act Supply Working Group will be from any single water provider or other entity.

The Authority voted unanimously to approve the changes to the IGA.

The Board of County Commissioners will hear this item in three weeks.

Citizen Comment:

Authority's Master Plan/Outreach Program Discussion

Geoff Withers noted that an Outreach Program and developing a Master Plan for the Authority will take some work and suggested small working groups be tasked to do this. The Authority discussed the effectiveness of small groups working specific items. Commissioner Board added what is needed is a group of people who will look at the Draft DVD Presentation and put in the basic information that is needed on the RWA. The Authority decided on an Outreach Program/Master Plan subcommittee to include Geoff, Joe and Priscilla. A copy of the DVD from DC8 will be sent out to this group. An Outline of the Master Plan will follow in January.

Citizen Comment:

No Citizen comments were made.

Approval of 2010 Budget/Appropriation and Public Posting

Commissioner Board discussed the approval of the 2010 RWA budget. Two water organizations are projected to receive funding, the RWADC and DCWRA. The RWADC is to receive funds of \$100,000 in 2010 & 2011 and no dollars in 2012. DCWRA is to receive \$130,000 in 2010 with a 50% reduction in 2011 and zero in 2012. The Board of County Commissioner's has put together a list of work and goal items for the RWA along with the \$100,000 that is proposed. Commissioner Board noted the need for data collection, reporting on what type of water is being used, and how and where it is being used.

The list of items along with the proposed money for the Authority was reviewed.

The changes to the proposed budget that were made by the RWADC
Water Conservation Plan & Reporting.....\$5,000.00 to \$20,000.00
Contract Legal.....\$2,000.00 to \$10,000.00

The Board of County Commissioners would like the Authority to have it's own legal council.

Commissioner Board noted The Board of County Commissioners have a goal that Douglas County be the first county in the state with all water providers with a State approved water conservation plan.

The Budget Hearing for Rural Water Authority of Douglas County was called to order at 8:50.

The public commented on the proposed amount for contract staffing, stating "this amount seemed high". Commissioner Board noted the proposal has been that the County would like administrative tasks be developed by the Authority to include minutes, bookkeeping, and general Administrative procedures. Geoff briefly reviewed his findings on consulting with a few companies who provide these services. He noted the \$30,000 to be mid-range for these duties.

There being no further comments from the public, the Budget Hearing for RWADC was closed at 8:52.

Authority discussion continued on the 2010 budget sheet.

A suggestion to save 1/3 of the budget in 2010 & 2011 to conserve for 2012 was made by the Authority.

The Authority unanimously approved the adoption of the RWA 2010 budget sheet. Document dated 11/18/2009.

The Authority continued with the discussion on the adoption of the 2010 budget message.

The 2010 budget message with the revenue and expenditures reflecting the adopted budget of 101,000.00 in revenues and \$96,100 in expenditures was adopted. The

important feature of the budget would also be amended to include the concept of the Authority will seem to be conservative with the expenditure of the funds with the goal of enhancement of the retaining balance.

The Authority unanimously approved the adoption of the 2010 budget message.

By Law Discussion

The Authority unanimously approved the bylaws.

Citizen Comment:

Calendar Update

The Authority decided not to have an Authority meeting in December. The meeting on December 16 will be held as a work session. The next regular meeting of the RWADC will be January 27th at 7:00pm.

Other Items

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.