

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
RURAL WATER AUTHORITY OF DOUGLAS COUNTY  
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MAY 26, 2010**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Rural Water Authority of Douglas County was held at 6:00 p.m. on May 26, 2010 at the Phillip S. Miller Building, 100 Third St., Castle Rock, CO 80104.

**Attendance**

In attendance were Directors:

Barry Gager	Priscilla Queen
Jack McCormick	Joe Rottman
Charlotte Mirabella	Geoff Withers
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Commissioner Steve Board was absent whose absence was excused.

Also in attendance were:

Conner Shepherd, Circuit Rider of Colorado, LLC, Authority  
Manager  
Warren Brown, Tri-County Health  
Will Koger  
Anita Littlewolf  
Gary Cammarata

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**Call to Order**

Director Withers called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and declared a quorum. He asked if there were any conflicts of interest needed to be disclosed. There were none.

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**Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda was approved as presented with the exception that the presentation by Tri-County Health will be moved ahead of the Treasurer's Report.

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**Public Comments**

None.

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**Approval of  
April 28, 2010  
Minutes**

Upon a motion duly made by Director Mirabella with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director McCormick, the minutes of the regular meeting of April 28, 2010 were approved as presented.

**Nitrate Study  
Presentation**

Mr. Brown, Public Health Engineer, Tri-County Health, made a Power Point presentation reporting on a modeling study conducted in 2008 for Douglas County that focused on how water quality may be impacted by Nitrate contamination from wastewater systems. The goal of the study was to determine the impacts of individual sewage disposal systems (ISDS) on groundwater (Wells) and if possible, determine factors that may predispose a well to contamination. The study did not find that well distance to leachfield, the elevation of leachfield in re: to well, system age, and soil saturated hydraulic conductivity (Tightness of soil) were significant factors in contamination. One significant factor appears to be the depth (or shallowness) of the well. The federal government standard for acceptable Nitrate limits in drinking water is 10mg/liter of water. Tri-County Health recommends monitoring through water testing. In Douglas County, of 295 wells tested, nine exceeded acceptable nitrate levels. One well was at 75mg/liter. The conclusion from the study is that few wells measure Nitrate levels that are above the health standard. Hence, there is an increased level of confidence in water quality. Further research is recommended. Discussion followed. The Board thanked Mr. Brown for his informative presentation.

**Treasurer's Report**

Director Gager reported there is still \$100,000 in the bank. He has submitted to state division of banking an application for a PDPA number.

**Report of  
Committees**

**Staffing Committee Report** – Director Withers reported that the Circuit Rider of Colorado, LLC contract has been reviewed, modified, and approved by legal counsel. He had concerns about the termination clause. Mr. Shepherd said the changes were fine. Upon a motion duly made by Director McCormick with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Mirabella, by unanimous vote the Board approved the contract as amended by legal counsel.

Director McCormick observed there is mail that comes to the BOCC. He expressed concern that the RWADC should not overburden the County staff. Discussion followed. The Board decided to use the Circuit Rider telephone and address as the Authority contact.

**Web site vendors** – Discussion followed regarding the list of website providers compiled by Director Withers. Director McCormick said he hasn't had time to digest all of the information. He would like Ms. Shepherd's input. Director Mirabella suggested getting websites samples from each one. Director Queen would like links to the potential vendors. Ms. Littlewolf said she has been pleased the company that has done her business website. The Board agreed discuss this at the next meeting.

**Appraisal Study Committee** – Director Rottman offered to back-up Director Mirabella on the committee. Director Mirabella requested a formal action by the Board to add credibility to the appointment. Upon a motion duly made by Director Rottman with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director McCormick, by unanimous vote the Board approved the appointment of Director Mirabella representative to IGA Committee for Rural Water Supply Act Grants.

**Board Vacancy** – Discussion followed regarding the Board vacancy in District 5. No applicants responded to the legal ad for soliciting applicants for the District 5 seat. Mr. Cammarata suggested that the Board look back to the original list of applicants when the Authority was formed.

**Board Officers** – Director Withers said the Board needs to appoint a secretary. Director Rottman asked why. Director Gager said it might be nice to have another signatory for documents. Director Withers said the secretary does not have to be a member of the Board. Director McCormick said we had discussed the issue and decided to make sure there was a secretary of the Board. Upon a motion duly made by Director Mirabella with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Director Queen, by unanimous vote the Board appointed Director Rottman as the Secretary of the Authority. Mr. Shepherd will take the meeting minutes on behalf of the Board.

**Outreach** – Mr. Withers directed the Board's attention to the list of Douglas County Water providers. Director Gager said the Board needs to look at tap sizes to determine the volume of use. Discussion followed.

### Old Business

**Water Use & Conservation Report** – Director Withers directed the Board's attention to the Water Conservation Plan for Douglas County. He said the people who consume 2,000 acre feet/year or less are the folks they want to reach to develop standards. Director Gager said they identified twenty or so groups to meet with. There have been 19 contacts. Currently, the state doesn't require a conservation use plan for these groups

representing users of 2,000 acre feet or less. A water conservation plan will ameliorate criticism from other state areas that contend that front range users aren't doing anything to conserve water.

**Other Items**

**Referrals** – Discussion followed regarding the County's request for referrals until the Board can discuss the issue with Commissioner Board present.

**Grant** – Discussion followed regarding a opportunity to partner with Protect Our Wells in a grant application. Director Mirabella expressed concern that Protect Our Wells is in Arkansas basin. Director Withers said he thinks a joint application makes sense.

**Douglas County Water Resource Authority** – Director Withers said DCRWA asked the RWADC to join their organization. Director Mirabella objected. No tax payer money should be used to join an organization that already receives taxpayer funding. The Board voted by acclamation to not join the DCRWA.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:15pm.

DJOURNED BY ACCLAMATION.