

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
RURAL WATER AUTHORITY OF DOUGLAS COUNTY
HELD
AUGUST 25, 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 August 25, 2010 at the Phillip S. Miller Building, 100 Third St., Castle Rock, CO 80104.

Attendance

In attendance were Directors:

Steve Boand (arrived at 8:05 p.m.)
Barry Gager
Christine Hashimoto
Jack McCormick
Charlotte Mirabella
Mike Owsiany
Priscilla Queen
Joe Rottman (left at 8:37 p.m.)
Geoff Withers

Also in attendance were:

Conner Shepherd, Circuit Rider of Colorado, LLC, Authority
Manager
Will Kroger, Nolte & Associates
Anita Littlewolf
George Allen (arrived at 7:23 p.m.)
David Bauer
Charlie Krogh, District Manager, Pinery Water and Sanitation
District (left at 8:05p.m.)

Call to Order

Director Withers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and declared a quorum. He asked if there were any conflicts of interest needed to be disclosed. There were 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.

Presentation

Charlie Krogh, District Manager, Pinery Water and Sanitation District described the progress being made in developing a water delivery system into service areas within the South Metro. Water Supply Authority. Mr. Krogh discussed sources of water supplies and water storage, focusing on the Reuter-Hess reservoir and the potential for water storage during periods of low demand. He said that part of this puzzle involves an agreement with the two largest players, Denver Water and Aurora, who appear to be willing to cooperate because helping the South Metro area will provide them with a reliable revenue stream, they will also benefit from the expansion of the water delivery system, and the acquisition of additional water rights helps everyone involved. Denver Water is able to demonstrate it is consumptive use of unused supplies. They have 30,000 acre feet (af) of water they've never had to touch, and with this agreement, they can demonstrate consumptive use of 15,000 af in this agreement; South Metro benefits in that it minimizes the need to purchase water rights on its own. Reuter Hess has sufficient storage capacity. South Metro could use water to recharge the aquifer. What we haven't been able to solve yet is firm up the summer supply. South Metro has made a commitment to make some of the water available to the rural water users in Douglas County (our constituents). The cost of the delivery system will be \$250 million. Hopefully, the system of pipelines can be built in 10 years. The numerous entities make efficiencies difficult. Discussion followed.

Public Comments

none.

**Approval of
July 28, 2010
Minutes**

Upon a motion duly made by Director McCormick with a second by Director Owsiany, the minutes of the regular meeting of July 28, 2010 were approved as presented. Director Mirabella abstained citing her absence from the last meeting.

**Treasurer's
Report**

Mr. Shepherd presented the claims for the period ending August 25, 2010 in the amount of \$1,794.56. Upon a motion by Director Owsiany with a second by Director Mirabella, the Claims were approved as presented. Mr. Shepherd also presented the Financial Statement and the Schedule of Cash Position for the period ending July 31, 2010. Upon a motion by Director Rottman with a second by Director Owsiany, the Financial Statement and the Schedule of Cash Position were approved as presented.

Report of Committees

Budget & Finance: Director Gager said that the deadline to present the budget to Boards of local governments is October 15. Mr. Shepherd said that because RWADC is an agency within Douglas County, the RWADC budget will be an internal document. Commissioner Board reported that the County included \$100,000 for the RWADC in its preliminary budget for 2011.

Planning Referrals: (See under “Old Business” below)

Elections: Director Withers reported that Tim Murrell is working with the County demographer to assemble a voter list of rural water users.

Water Use & Conservation Report: Director Mirabella reported that she is in communication with Tim Murrell. He related to her that he is completing a small water conservation plan. Commissioner Board said that the County Commissioners has set an irrigation turf limit on new construction.

Outreach:

Website: Mr. Allen reported that the contract is in place with the Website manager. The form of the contract is based on Douglas County contracts. The consultant is locked into a fixed fee. Discussion followed about the best URL (address) for the site and on links to other sites. Suggestions included: www.ruralwater.co or www.douglascountyruralwater.com or www.dcruralwater.org or www.rwadc.org. Director McCormick said he prefers to have Douglas County in the name. Commissioner Board suggested grabbing tying up both dcruralwater AND rwadc. The Authority could use .com or .org. The first choice appeared to be rwadc.

HOA list: Director Hashimoto distributed a list of HOA’s within the RWADC and said this is an ongoing work in progress. There is a new column on the page that includes well data. Ms. Littlewolf offered to help Director Hashimoto get a list of all HOA’s in the county.

Brochure: Director Withers distributed a draft of a brochure for the Board’s edification. He asked the Directors to send him suggestions on the format and on the information presented in the brochure.

Well-Monitoring: Director Withers reported that a grant to pay for the USGA study will be considered at the September 13 -15 meeting of the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB).

Rural Water Supply Act IGA Committee: Directed Withers reported on the Bureau of Reclamation, DCWRA, and SMWA feasibility study request for proposals that is being distributed to engineering firms for proposals.

Old Business

County E-referrals for Land Use Applications: This item was tabled until Commissioner Board and Director Mirabella could be in attendance. Commissioner Board said he would like to limit referrals to the Authority to non-urban projects. There should be compelling interest in the project for the reviewer. Director Mirabella said the volume of work in reviewing referrals is enormous. Commissioner Board asked to have a trial run – that is, receive referrals for a 3-month period to see how the process works. Director Owsiany said that just because a development is in the urban corridor doesn't mean it doesn't impact the rural water user. He would like to see them all.

Grant: Director Withers gave an update on the USGS staff report. Discussion followed regarding purchase versus lease of testing equipment. Commissioner Board said renting 30 monitors and downloading every 4 months makes sense; it is good use of money. Discussion followed re: the application. The monitor measures how much water is over the transducer. Director Withers suggested having a couple of directors meet with the USGA and give specific recommendations. Directors Gager, Hashimoto, Owsiany, and Commissioner Board expressed interest in going to the meeting. Director Withers reminded the Board that this is a one-year study, though it is hoped that the grant will be renewed for two additional years. Commissioner Board said he would be interested in cycle changes from season to season. Frequent measurements are critical. Director Owsiany said it is going to take more than one year to get a good picture of well water level fluctuations. Director Mirabella said single well owners can meter their water.

New Business

Potpourri

Dave Bauer asked when minutes and agendas can be put on website. Director Withers said we will send to copies to the County to put on their website.

Mr. Allen observed that an informal group was appointed to attend meetings for infrastructure planning. Director Withers said that there are four agencies that are doing the feasibility distribution study that Charlie Krogh talked about. In the past, Director Withers said, we called it an IGA committee.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:06 pm. The next meeting of the Rural Water Authority of Douglas County shall be held September 22, 2010.