

MINUTES
NFRWQPA
April 22, 2010

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Doering at the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District offices. Roll was called and the following members were in attendance.

David Allen - Broomfield
Jon Mays - Erie
Carol Webb - Fort Collins
Bob Alberts - Fox Acres
Dennis Schump - Greeley
Larry Wyeno- Longmont
Michael McCrary - Loveland

David Brand - Platteville
John Holdren - Severance
Eric Doering - St. Vrain S.D.
Rob Fleck - St. Vrain S.D.
Chris Bieker - Upper Thompson S.D.
Doug Rademacher - Weld County
Mark Thomas - Weld County

Also Present Connie O'Neill Manager for the Association, Mark Hefta -Hefta Group, Ted Carter -Fox Acres, Nate Brown -Frachetti Engineering, Richard Swaback -Shambhala Mountain Center, Adam Sommers Aqua Works, and Dan LaCoe -Dan's Custom Construction.

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Minutes

Minutes from the March 25, 2010 meeting were considered. Mr. Holdren made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. McCrary seconded the motion and it was approved.

4. Financial Report

Ms. O'Neill reviewed the financial report for March. Ms. O'Neill explained that the GIS renewal agreement cost is included in the March expenses. Ms. O'Neill also explained that dues have been received from 30 of the 36 members. Out of the six that have not yet paid their dues she has heard from at least three that are working on processing the invoice and one entity that is weighting options to continue membership. Ms. O'Neill will continue to follow up with these members. Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the financial report. Mr. McCrary seconded the motion and it was approved.

5. Decision Item: Fox Acres Utility Plan

Ms. O'Neill explained that Fox Acres has submitted a Utility Plan for review and consideration. Mr. Fleck stated that the Utility Plan Review Committee evaluated the plan and has met with representatives from Fox Acres. He reviewed the original issues with the plan and indicated that the revisions meet the guidance requirements. Ms. O'Neill explained that Mr. Hefta, Mr. Alberts, and Mr. Carter were present representing Fox Acres. Mr. Alberts explained and summarized the current system and flows. He explained that an SBR system is proposed along with UV disinfection. Mr. Alberts also discussed issues with the current system including a need to meet ammonia standards. Ms. O'Neill stated that the review agencies for this plan were Larimer County Health and Larimer County Planning and both have recommended approval of the Utility Plan. Mr. Holdren made a motion to approve the Fox Acres Utility Plan. Mr. McCrary seconded the motion and it was approved.

6. Decision Item: Fox Acres-Site Application-Expansion

Ms. O'Neill explained that this is the expansion Site Application for the treatment facility included in the Utility Plan just approved. Mr. McCrary asked whether the filtration would be housed and Mr. Alberts indicated that it would. Ms. O'Neill explained that Larimer County Planning and Larimer County Health have recommended approval of the application. Mr. McCrary made a motion to recommend approval of the Fox Acres Site Application. Mr. Mays seconded the motion and it was approved.

7. Decision Item: Shambhala Utility Plan

Ms. O'Neill explained that Shambhala Mountain Center has submitted a Utility Plan for review and consideration. Mr. Fleck stated that the Utility Plan Review Committee evaluated the plan and has met with representatives from Shambhala. He reviewed the original issues with the plan and indicated that the revisions met the guidance requirements. Ms. O'Neill stated that Mr. Swaback with Shambhala Mountain Center and Mr. Sommers with Aqua Works are the representatives present for the entity. Ms. O'Neill explained that Larimer County Health and Larimer County Planning are the reviewing agencies and both have recommended approval of the plan. Mr. Sommers reviewed the existing facility flows and loading. He also reviewed the compliance orders from Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). The proposed collection system upgrades, treatment technology, and flow and loading amounts were also explained. Mr. Holdren made a motion to approve the Shambhala Utility Plan. Mr. Mays seconded the motion and it was approved.

8. Decision Item: Shambhala-Site Application-Expansion

Ms. O'Neill stated that Shambhala has submitted a Site Application for the expansion of their existing treatment facility as outlined by their Utility Plan. The application was received after the Utility Plan Committee had met with Shambhala and discussed their issues. Shambhala has addressed all of those issues. It was reviewed for consistency with the Utility Plan and the 208 Plan and was found to be consistent. Larimer County Planning and Larimer County Health have recommended approval. Mr. Mays made a motion to recommend approval of the Shambhala Site Application. Mr. McCrary seconded the motion and it was approved.

9. Decision Item: Nutrient Standards Committee Update and Discussion

Ms. O'Neill explained that the committee had a productive meeting on April 15th and provided a handout of the meeting summary. There may be an opportunity for the Association to participate in some statewide projects. Those include projects that may be recommended in a white paper that Tad Foster is working on and with a project that Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments (PPACG) is working on. Ms. O'Neill explained that since the NFRWQPA March meeting Mr. Foster received funding for the white paper which should be completed by the end of April. Our committee felt like it would be good to wait for this document to see if there are projects that would be appropriate for the Association to participate in and possibly help to fund. A recommendation will be brought back to the membership at the May 27th meeting. PPACG is also working to scope out a project that would take a more specific look at particular basins. Ms. O'Neill stated that their plan is to look more specifically at available data and see how the CDPHE proposals will affect individual basins. Ms. O'Neill stated that their goal is to formulate the project such that anyone could participate or mimic it in their own basin.

Ms. O'Neill stated that the committee also discussed a little about how this process may work internally and felt that any recommendation would need to go to the Executive Committee if there are funding aspects to be considered. The Executive Committee would then propose an amended budget to cover the associated costs for participation.

10. Other Business

a. Water Quality Control Commission

Ms. O'Neill stated that there was a light agenda in May. There was a presentation by Colorado River Watch and a number of the participants from around the state attended.

b. Water Quality Forum & Workgroups

Ms. O'Neill explained that there was not a forum meeting in April but a number of workgroups met.

Regulation #22 Guidance Workgroup:

Ms. O'Neill explained that the draft guidance the Division put together has been reviewed. A number of comments were received and some were discussed at the April 21st meeting. The remaining comments should be submitted by the end of the month and the committee will meet again on May 20th. Ms. O'Neill explained that one item that was discussed extensively was the requirement in Regulation #22 for Site Applications to be reviewed for consistency with the 208 Plans. This has been an issue recently in the Pueblo area where the 208 Plan is approximately 20 years old.

ISDS Workgroups:

Ms. O'Neill explained that the ISDS and 2,000 gdp workgroups are ongoing. There is a desire to make some changes to the existing ISDS guidelines. There are also looking at recommending a change to statute that would take out the 2,000 gpd limit that is the trigger for requiring a Site Application and allow that to be determined by the Water Quality Control Commission using a risk based approach.

WET Workgroup:

Ms. O'Neill explained that the WET workgroup met on April 14th. The Division provided options for how the policy may be shaped and took comments and suggestions. Between now and the end of June the Division will draft the policy and prepare for public notice.

c. CDPHE Feel Bill

Ms. O'Neill explained that the next meeting date for this workgroup has not been scheduled yet.

11. Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.