

MINUTES

NFRWQPA April 24, 2008 Meeting

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Chair, Jeff Hodge at the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District offices. Roll was called and the following members were in attendance:

Fred Walker – Boxelder S.D.
Ed Burke – Brighton
Ken Rutt - Broomfield
Merle Maass – East I-25 S.D.
Jon Mays – Erie
Steve Comstock – Ft. Collins
Tom Satchell - Lochbuie

Steve Adams - Loveland
Karl Heil - Northglenn
Margaret Medellin – Resource CO S.D.
John Holdren – Severance
Eric Doering – St. Vrain S.D.
Rob Fleck – St. Vrain S.D.
Jeff Hodge – Upper Thompson S.D.

Also present were Connie O’Neill, Manager for the Association and Steve Ravel, Arber Associates.

2. Approval of Agenda

No changes were proposed to the agenda as presented.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the March 27, 2008 meeting along with a handout of changes submitted by Stephanie Stewart of East I-25 Sanitation District were considered. The changes were to paragraph #3 and paragraph #7 of the Public Hearing portion of the meeting. Mr. Mays made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Holdren seconded the motion and it was approved.

4. Financial Report

Ms. O’Neill summarized the March financial report. Mr. Holdren made a motion to approve the financial report. Mr. Mays seconded the motion and it was approved.

5. Decision Item: Site Application Amendment – St. Vrain Sanitation District

Mr. Fleck made the presentation stating the plant was build for 3 MGD and space for redundancy was included but equipment was not installed at that time. The amendment was triggered by the Weld County Tri-Area Sanitation District’s additional flows. The District will also be designing for additional capacity after their Utility Plan has been approved. Mr. Fleck reviewed photos showing places for redundancy equipment to be placed. Mr. Burk asked where the plant is located and Mr. Fleck indicated that it is located in the Firestone area. Mr. Burke asked the age of the plant and was told it is about five years old. Mr. Adams asked if this would increase the permitted capacity. Mr. Fleck stated that it would not increase the capacity. Mr. Adams clarified that the equipment was for redundancy purposes. Mr. Mays made a motion to recommend for approval of the application. Mr. Adams seconded and the motion was approved.

6. Update Item: Site Application – City & County of Broomfield

Ms. O’Neill indicated that this was an update item. The City & County of Broomfield had submitted a Site Application for a temporary, small lift station (6,500 gpd) that would be in place for about a year or a year and a half until the Northlands Lift Station is on line. The station will serve the Children’s Hospital. The lift station will be connected the city’s SCADA system, there will be a portable generator in the event of a power outage, and there will be over 22 hours of storage available. Broomfield does have a current Utility Plan. The application was found to be consistent with the 208 Plan as well as the approved Utility Plan and therefore a recommendation for approval was submitted to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Mr. Burkes asked where the plant is located. Mr. Rutt indicated it is located at Highway 7 and Huron.

7. **Other Business**

A. Water Quality Control Commission

Ms. O'Neill stated that the WQCC had a fairly light agenda in April. There was a Rule Making Hearing for Regulation 65 which is the regulation controlling discharges to storm sewers. All the issues associated with the regulation changes had been resolved through the workgroup process prior to the hearing so the revisions recommended by the Division were approved. In addition, Ms. O'Neill stated that the WQCC will consider the NFRWQPA 208 Plan at the July 14th and 15th hearing. More information about that hearing will be e-mailed out to the membership.

B. Other Business

Ms. O'Neill stated that the Division had held two meetings to gather input regarding changes to Regulation 22. NFRWQPA has submitted two issues to the Division as part of this process. The first issue was a suggestion that Utility Plans become part of the requirements for Regulation 22. The second issue was a request from Northglenn to look at a more efficient process for piloting treatment technology. Ms. O'Neill indicated that Boxelder had also submitted several comments. She stated that the cut off to submit comments to the Division is May 2, 2008.

Mr. Walker wondered about requiring Utility Plans with all Site Applications. He stated that he felt there was some conflict in our policies and that they offered a dual track. He wondered if there shouldn't be a threshold for requiring plans. Ms. O'Neill said she didn't think there was a conflict in our policy. She stated that our policy states that there is an opportunity for smaller entities to submit site applications and utility plans at the same time. Mr. Walker discussed an issue that Boxelder is currently facing associated with shifting the alignment of a force main 30 feet. He likened the process to a Planning Commission and said that Boxelder will submit something in writing to NFRWQPA to consider. Mr. Hodge said he was in support of having planning documents in place so that everyone is thinking about the end point. Mr. Walker said he would like to make sure that is not over reaching the intent. Mr. Mays stated that as a 208 Agency we are responsible for protecting public waters and that it is our responsibility to look at what the entity is presenting and determine that is a good for both the entity and the public waters.

As a separate issue Mr. Mays brought up the COWARN Agency and encouraged everyone to look into it and see if it fits the needs of their agency.

9. **Adjourn**

There being no further business Mr. Holdren made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mays seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.