

MINUTES

**NFRWQPA
April 28, 2005**

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chair Gale McGaha Miller at the offices of the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District. Roll was called and the following members were in attendance:

Jim White – Berthoud	Cindy Titus – Lochbuie
Ravi Srivastava – Box Elder S.D.	Rod Hamilton – Loveland
Randy Siddens – Box Elder S.D.	Richard Kraemer – Mead
Gary Behlen – Erie	Bill Haas – Northglenn
Earl Smith – Evans Collins S.D.	Val Leiker – South Ft.
Gale McGaha Miller – Ft. Collins	Lee Lawson – St. Vrain S.D.
Tracy Kittell – Greeley	Tim Gaines – Timnath
Trudy Peterson – Kersey	Mike Geile – Weld County
Ed Schemm – Larimer County	Pam Smith – Weld County

Also present were Matt Benak, Merle Maass, Jim Wright, Brad Simons, Terry Dunn, Ed Church, and Ken Hamilton.

2. Minutes

Minutes of the March 31, 2005 meeting were considered. Mr. Schemm made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Srivastava seconded the motion and it passed.

3. Financial Reports for March

The financial reports for March were reviewed. Ms. O’Neill summarized the reports and noted that expenses were within the expected range. Mr. Srivastava made a motion to approve the financial reports, Mr. White seconded the motion and it passed.

4. Site Application – Ben Delatour Boy Scout Ranch

Ms. O’Neill introduced Ed Church and Ken Hamilton with Church and Associates Inc., engineers for the project. Mr. Hamilton gave an overview of the application. He stated that the application is for a 7,500 gpd subsurface system that is designed to meet the 10 mg/L nitrate limits. He also indicated that they chose to go with a subsurface system because it would not be practical for them to meet the ammonia limits that would be necessary to discharge to a dry gulch. Mr. Schemm

asked about oversight of the system for construction and Mr. Hamilton indicated that his company would be providing that. Ms. Miller asked whether the county had approved the application and Mr. Schemm indicated that they had. Mr. Schemm also indicated that this system will replace the existing lagoon system at the facility and will be much more desirable. Mr. Schemm then made a motion to approve the application, Mr. White seconded the motion and it passed.

5. Site Application – Town of Kersey

Ms. O'Neill introduced Matt Benak with Jacobson Helgoth Consultants, Inc., engineer for the project. Mr. Benak gave an overview of the application. He indicated that the Town has been having trouble with the existing facility meeting the 85% reduction requirements for BOD and TSS. He also indicated that an emergency pipeline had to be constructed last year to allow for a surface discharge however, freezing problems this winter had forced the Town to go back to a groundwater discharge. Mr. Benak also pointed out several differences in the information submitted with this application and the information submitted with the Town's Facility Plan, which included a change to sequencing batch reactor (SBR), an increase in capacity to 0.38 MGD, an updated cost estimate, phased construction, and utilization of the existing land. Mr. Haas asked if the new facility would be discharging to the river via an underground pipe and Mr. Benak indicated that it would. Mr. Geile questioned the ability to expand for development. Ms. Peterson indicated they should have that ability with an SBR system. Mr. Lawson asked about a plan for a buffer area. Mr. Benak indicated that they would maintain buffers as required. Ms. Peterson indicated that the land to the east and north would not be conducive to development. Mr. Lawson suggested purchasing any land that would be needed to maintain a buffer now. Mr. Srivastava questioned the cost estimate. Mr. Benak indicated that there were areas for cost savings should the Town choose to do so. Mr. Srivastava then made a motion to approve the application, Mr. Geile seconded the motion and it passed.

6. Site Location & Design Approval Review Policy

Ms. O'Neill gave an overview of the Site Location and Design Approval Review Policy and indicated that this is an update to an existing policy. Mr. Srivastava suggested changing the term "*not acceptable*" as referred to in the first bulleted item to "*not likely to be approved if there are other possible alternatives*". There was also a question as to the use of the "*stable*" in the first bulleted item and Mr. White suggested changing the term to "*financially viable*". Mr. Srivastava asked if we had asked for that type of information in the past and Mr. Schemm indicated that we had. Mr. Schemm also indicated that the language was patterned after the County's land use code and suggested changing "*possible alternatives*" to "*reasonable alternatives*". Mr. Lawson suggested retaining the word "*stable*". Mr. Schemm suggested changing the wording to "*the owner and operator of the facility must be a legally constituted organization capable of meeting the financial*

and management requirements of Regulation 22". Mr. Srivastava suggested changing "*committee*" in the third bulleted item to "*association*". Ms. Miller also requested that association updates be added to the diagrams. Mr. Schemm made a motion to table the item until the next meeting to allow for additional consideration. Mr. Srivastava seconded the motion and it passed.

7. Draft Utility Plan Policy

Ms. O'Neill gave a brief overview of the policy. She indicated that the current version of the policy reflected comments that were received at the March meeting. Mr. Srivastava suggested that this policy might be in some ways conflicting with Regulation 22. Mr. Schemm suggested changing the term "*will be given the ability to submit a Utility Plan*" to "*will include Utility Plan information*". Mr. Schemm also indicated a concern that once Utility Plans are approved for entities, the Association would not hear the Site Applications. Mr. Miller also voiced a concern for the amount of work and pressure that would be put on the Utility Plan Review Committee. This item will be placed on the next meeting agenda for further discussion.

8. Other Business

- Water Quality Control Commission Report: Ms. O'Neill gave a brief Commission update from the April meeting.
- Other Reports: Ms. O'Neill updated the Association on some additions to the NFRWQPA website.
- Mr. Simons announced that Mark Pifher had resigned as Director of the Water Quality Control Division.
- Jim White gave an update on the IGA between Johnstown and Berthoud. The Town of Berthoud is expecting to receive comments back from Johnstown soon, but they are concerned that timing may become an issue. The Town may approach the Association regarding the recommendation at the next meeting, should they not be able to finalize the IGA by then.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.