

MINUTES
NFRWQPA January 24, 2008 Meeting

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Vice Chair, Terry Farrill at the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District offices. Roll was called and the following members were in attendance:

Fred Walker – Boxelder SD
Ed Burke – Brighton
Jon Mays – Erie
Earl Smith - Evans
Dick Leffler – Frederick
Carol Webb – Ft. Collins
Claud Hanes – Ft. Lupton
Mike Konefal – Ft. Lupton
Dennis Schump – Greeley
David Andre – Kodak CO Division
Larry Wyeno – Longmont
Steve Adams – Loveland
Fred Meine – Mead

Dan Dean – Mead
Jim Wright – Mead
Richard Macomber - Mead
Jason Fowler – Milliken
David Allen - Northglenn
John Holdren – Severance
Terry Farrill – South Ft. Collins SD
Eric Doering – St. Vrain SD
Rob Fleck – St. Vrain SD
John Jordan – Timnath
Jeff Hodge – Upper Thompson SD
Rob Masden – Weld County

Also present were Connie O’Neill, Manager for the Association; Ronda Sandquist; Kristi Livedalen; Ed Schemm; Stephanie Stewart; Bill Woods; Gary Woods; and Ted Bendelow.

2. Minutes

Minutes of the December 13, 2007 meeting were considered. Ms. O’Neill summarized two changes to the minutes. The first was a typo on the second line of page three which read “requested” instead of “requesting”. The second was a change to the wording of the last sentence of the fourth paragraph on page three. The sentence should read “Mr. Bendelow then read the Land Use Management responsibilities and indicated that Mead is the designated Land Use Management Agency to deal with its urban service and urban growth area.” Mr. Mays then made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Holdren seconded the motion and it was approved.

3. Financial Report

Ms. O’Neill summarized the November and December financial reports. Mr. Doering then made a motion to approve the financial reports. Mr. Masden seconded the motion and it was approved.

4. Decision Item: New Member Request – East I-25 Sanitation District

Ms. O’Neill introduced the item stating that East I-25 Sanitation District had requested membership to the Association. She stated that the Town of Mead was opposing the membership referencing a letter from Mr. Bendelow that was provided as a handout at the sign in table. She noted that as per the Articles of Association, a majority vote is required to approve a new member. Mr. Masden then stated that Weld County has approved the District’s service plan and supports the District. Mr. Farrill noted that the NFRWQPA voted to approve Resource Colorado Metro District, which does not have a wastewater treatment facility, and that the Association’s interpretation has not been that a treatment plant is needed for membership. Mr. Leffler indicated that Frederick would fall in that same category. Ms. Sandquist stated that the East I-25 Sanitation District will have a collection system and that approving their membership would be consistent with the purpose of the Association. Mr. Masden then made a motion to approve the District as a voting member. Mr. Walker seconded the motion. Mr. Meine then stated his opposition to the membership. Mr. Bendelow stated that approving the District as a member at this time would be premature

since there is no collection system yet. He indicated that it may be appropriate to consider them as members at some point in the future when they can provide service. With there being no other discussion, Mr. Farrill then called for a vote. The motion passed by a vote of 17 to one.

5. **Decision Item: 2008 Budget**

Ms. O'Neill provided a summary of the proposed 2008 budget. She indicated that the Executive Committee had reviewed and approved the proposed budget in December. She then discussed some of the differences between the year end amounts included on the December financial report and the projected year end amounts on the proposed budget. She also discussed some of the changes to the 2008 budget compared to the budget in 2007. Mr. Walker then made a motion to approve the 2008 budget. Mr. Masden seconded the motion and it passed.

6. **Public Hearing: Plan Amendment, 2007 Update to the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan**

Mr. Farrill opened the public hearing portion of the meeting. He indicated that unless there was opposition, the Association would consider the items in the Update that were uncontested first and then return to a discussion of the items with unresolved issues. Ms. O'Neill then reviewed the public hearing process. She then summarized the changes to the 2008 plan that were uncontested. This included updates to the Introduction, Water Quality Concerns, Watershed Initiatives, and Non-Point Source sections of the plan. She also indicated that all the basins and data sheets were updated with the most current information available. She stated that the service area boundaries for the following entities were also proposed for change and that all the issues with these proposed changes had been resolved:

- Boxelder Sanitation District
- Brighton
- Ft. Collins
- Ft. Lupton
- Greeley
- Johnstown
- LaSalle
- Loveland
- Severance
- South Ft. Collins Sanitation District
- Windsor

After a brief discussion Mr. Allen made a motion to approval all the uncontested changes to the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan as summarized excluding the service area boundaries for Mead, St. Vrain Sanitation District, and East I-25 Sanitation District. Mr. Holdren seconded the motion and it passed.

Ms. O'Neill then moved to a discussion of the update items with unresolved issues. She reviewed the information from the Status Report included in the agenda packet regarding the Town of Mead, St. Vrain Sanitation District, and East I-25 Sanitation District's service areas. She indicated that there were no proposed changes to the Town of Mead's service area however, during the comment period the East I-25 Sanitation District submitted comments opposed to the boundary remaining unchanged and proposed their own service area

boundary. This East I-25 Sanitation District service area would remove area from both the Town of Mead and St. Vrain Sanitation District's current boundaries. It was determined that the proposed new boundary by East I-25 would require a separate plan amendment and that amendment was distributed on December 28, 2007. She indicated that the public comment period will be up in February for that amendment and as a result, the membership is faced with a decision about whether or not to proceed with a decision on the Mead and St. Vrain Sanitation District maps today or not.

Mr. Bendelow then presented a map of the general area and summarized the debate and the effects on Mead and St. Vrain Sanitation District from the East I-25 Sanitation District's proposal. He encouraged the Association to adopt the plan as presented and follow up with changes in the future if the East I-25 Sanitation District's proposal is approved. He stated that by taking no action the Association would be acting on information that has not been heard yet. Ms. Sandquist then recommended that the Association defer a decision on all the boundaries until the East I-25 Sanitation District proposed plan amendment is considered in March. She indicated that this will allow for one set of arguments to be presented to the membership. She also indicated that she felt the issues with St. Vrain Sanitation District will be resolved prior to March. Mr. Doering indicated that there are ongoing negotiations with the East I-25 Sanitation District and that he would agree with the recommendation to defer the decision.

Mr. Mays posed a question on the procedure. Mr. Farrill pointed out potential complications with approval from the Water Quality Control Commission. Mr. Wright then pointed out a concern with the ability to provide service east of the proposed East I-25 service area. He also indicated that pipes in this area would run past the new Mead wastewater treatment plant to reach the St. Vrain service line. Ms. Sandquist stated that what exists now as the service area boundary is the base to start from and that the Town of Mead is asking for confirmation of those boundaries. Ms. Stewart then made a motion to defer a vote of the service area maps including Mead, St. Vrain Sanitation District, and East I-25 Sanitation District until consideration of the plan amendment proposed by East I-25 Sanitation District. Mr. Hodge seconded the motion. Mr. Adams questioned the need for a date certain to be included in the motion. Mr. Hodge then offered a friendly amendment to the motion to include consideration at the March meeting of the Association. Ms. Stewart was agreeable to the amendment. Mr. Farrill then called for a vote and the motion was approved with one descending vote.

7. **Decision Item: Election of Officers**

Mr. Farrill presented the slate of officers prepared by the Nominations Committee which included:

- Jeff Hodge – Chair
- Eric Doering – Vice Chair
- Steve Adams – Secretary / Treasurer
- Earl Smith – Member
- Carol Webb – Member
- Jon Mays – Member
- David Andre - Member

He then asked for additional nominations from the floor. Mr. Masden nominated Mr. Walker. Mr. Walker questioned the number of representative on the Executive Committee. Mr. Farrill clarified that there are seven positions on the Executive Committee. Mr. Meine questioned the voting process and whether additional nominations should be taken. After a brief discussion Mr. Holdren made a motion to close the nominations. Mr. Doering seconded the motion and it was approved. Mr. Walker expressed his desire to serve on the Committee and indicated that one of the outgoing Committee members is the District's Engineer. Mr. Farrill then asked Ms. O'Neill to pass out ballots. Ms. O'Neill then collected the ballots and Mr. Farrill called for a recess to allow for the votes to be counted by Ms. O'Neill and the Associations current Secretary, Mr. Adams. Mr. Farrill then brought the meeting back to order once the votes had been counted and Ms. O'Neill indicated that the original slate of officers as presented by the Nominations Committee has received the most votes and therefore would serve as the 2008 Executive Committee.

8. **Other Business**

Water Quality Control Commission: Ms. O'Neill gave an update from the January meeting of the Commission. She indicated that the Commission had considered revisions to Regulation 62, the Effluent Limitation Regulation. The Division's proposal was approved with no objections. She also indicated that an update of the appeal of the Site Application for the Town of Mead was given. In addition an Information Hearing was held regarding the Division policy "Implementing Narrative Standards in Discharge Permits for Protection of Irrigated Crops." She stated that this received much public input which the Division will be working through.

Water Quality Forum: Ms. O'Neill gave an update of the most recent Water Quality Forum meeting. She stated that the 208 agencies along with the Division gave a presentation regarding 208 planning in the state. This was the result of concerns that had been brought to the Forum by the Sierra Club regarding the process in the state. As part of the presentation the Division indicated that they did not anticipate changes to the 208 planning approach in the foreseeable future.

Other Business: Mr. Macomber invited everyone to the ground breaking ceremony for the Town of Mead's new wastewater treatment facility on Friday January 25, 2008.

Ms. O'Neill then announced that the recorder had not been turned on during much of the meeting including the public hearing and apologized for the error.

9. **Adjourn**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.