

MINUTES
NFRWQPA January 25, 2007 Meeting

1. Roll Call

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

Tony Huerta – Berthoud	Larry Wyeno – Longmont
Anthony Tuka – Broomfield	Steve Adams – Loveland
Les Morgan – Dacono S.D.	Mike Friesen – Mead
John Mays – Erie	Terry Farrill – South Ft. Collins S.D.
Jim Duell – Estes Park S.D.	Eric Doering – St. Vrain S.D.
Earl Smith – Evans	Bud Hart – Thornton
Jim Sidebottom – Ft. Lupton	Jeff Hodge – Upper Thompson S.D.
Wendy Daughtry – Greeley	David Brand – Upper Thompson S.D.
Dave Pusey – Kodak	Rob Masden – Weld County
Ed Schemm – Larimer County	Wayne Ramey – Weld County Tri- Area S.D.
Karen Frarck – Lochbuie	Dennis Wagner – Windsor
Cindy Titus – Lochbuie	

Also present were Connie O’Neill, Manager for the Association, Sharon Sullivan, Grant Ruff, Trisha Culp, Matt Benak, Steve Butherus, Mike Ketterling, and Jack Hibbert.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the November 16, 2006 meeting were considered. Ms. O’Neill read the proposed corrections submitted by Mr. Friesen. Mr. Schemm asked if the meeting recording had been reviewed to determine if the corrections were consistent. Ms. O’Neill stated that she had not done that because the corrections were received shortly before the meeting. Mr. Ramey made a motion to table the consideration of the minutes until the next meeting to verify the changes against the meeting recording. Mr. Farrill seconded the motion and it passed.

3. Financial Reports

Ms. O’Neill summarized the 2006 year end financial report. She also reviewed the new format of the financial reports and the necessary changes from the 2005 audit. Mr. Schemm indicated that the Executive Committee had reviewed and approved the 2005 audit and the financial report. Mr. Farrill made a motion to approve the financial report. Mr. Sidebottom seconded the motion and it passed.

4. Decision Item: Site Application – Town of Pierce New Wastewater Treatment Facility

Ms. O’Neill gave a brief summary of the proposed plant. She also indicated that signatures on the application have been received from Weld County Planning and the Health Department. Mr. Butherus indicated the upgrades to the plant were necessary to meet water quality standards not because of hydraulic capacity limits. Mr. Schemm asked where the point of compliance would be. Mr. Butherus indicated that the goal would be at the end of the discharge pipe. Mr. Ketterling indicated they are not seeing much growth but that they are sizing the plant at double the existing population. Mr. Masden asked about the ability to expand the plant. Mr. Ramey questioned the manufacturer and stated the type of facility indicated is not that easy to operate. Mr. Brand questioned consolidation with Ault. Mr. Butherus indicated that consolidation was cost prohibitive. Mr. Adams pointed out some concerns with the financial information provided. Mr. Masden then made a motion to recommend for approval of the application. Mr. Sidebottom seconded the motion and it passed.

5. Decision Item: Site Application – Town of Ault Expansion of an Existing Facility

Ms. O’Neill gave a brief summary of the application. She indicated that NFRWQPA had originally considered the application in 2003 and had given a recommendation for approval

subject to the review and approval of Weld County. She also read the comments submitted by Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment. She indicated that because the plant is located in the county, it would be appropriate to place a condition on any recommendation for approval that stated the application must also be approved by Weld County Planning. Mr. Benak indicated that the project is substantially complete and that the Town is being asked to go through this process now because the original application has expired. Mr. Ruff indicated that he had talked with both Weld County Health and the Colorado Department of Public Health and that the Town will not be required to monitor off site. Mr. Friesen asked if the Town would be annexing the plant site. Ms. Sullivan indicated they would consider that. Mr. Adams questioned the need for the facility to go through a 1041 review with the County. Mr. Masden indicated the County would prefer they annex the property. He then made a motion to recommend for approval of the application with the condition that they receive Weld County Planning approval and that they annex the property within six months. Mr. Mays seconded the motion. Mr. Adams then questioned whether the Town would be agreeable to that. Ms. Sullivan indicated that annexations have to go to a vote which may create a problem. Mr. Ramey asked why the application had expired. Mr. Benak indicated that it was because the original bids were well over what was anticipated and resulted in need for additional funding. There was then additional discussion of annexation. Mr. Masden then amended his original motion to remove the condition for annexation. Mr. Mays agreed to the amendment and it was approved.

6. **Public Hearing: Plan Amendment – Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Authority**

Ms. O'Neill indicated that the representative from the Authority have asked to have this item postponed to allow for a coordinate timeline with DRCOG. Mr. Adams requested follow up from the Authority on the financial documents that were required as part of the Utility Plan approval.

7. **Election of Officers**

Mr. Schemm indicated that Mr. Farrill served as the nominating committee this year and that nominations would also be accepted from the floor. Mr. Farrill indicated that he had attempted to contact all the members. He stated that the current slate of officers had agreed to serve another term. Those officers include:

Ed Schemm – Chair
Terry Farrill – Vice Chair
Steve Adams – Secretary / Treasurer
Earl Smith
Cindy Titus
Randy Siddens
Jeff Hodge

Mr. Ramey then made a motion to accept the slate of officers presented. Mr. Morgan seconded the motion. Mr. Schemm asked for any additional nominations from the floor. Seeing no additional nomination, Mr. Schemm called for a vote on the motion and it was approved.

8. **Approval of 2007 Budget**

Mr. Schemm indicated that the Executive Committee is recommending approval of the proposed budget. Mr. O'Neill pointed out some highlights in the budget. Mr. Schemm indicated that the Executive Committee will be conducting an evaluation of the Manager's performance and considering a salary increase to be taken from the contingency fund. Mr. Doering made a motion to approve the 2007 budget. Mr. Masden seconded the motion and it was approved.

9. **Other Business**

A. Water Quality Control Commission: Ms. O'Neill gave an update of the Commission meeting in December. She also gave an update of the January meeting which included a

Rule Making Hearing to consider temperature standards in Regulation 31, the Basic Standards Regulation. She distributed a hand out of some of the changes that were approved. She also asked that anyone wanting an electronic version of all the changes let her know. The changes to the standards were grouped into three categories: revised table value standards, interim standards for the basins, and implementation of the standards into permits. Mr. Adams indicated that Loveland was party to the hearing and originally had concerns with the thermal shock issues which were ultimately removed. He also indicated that the City is going to consider additional ambient monitoring. There was also discussion regarding sampling protocol and calculating the maximum weekly average temperature or MWAT.

- B. Resource Colorado Water and Sanitation Metro District Membership: Ms. O'Neill indicated that the District had requested membership to the Association. Mr. Hibbert with the District stated that they are working through the process with Weld County and the Utility Plan Review Committee. Mr. Ramey made a motion to approve the District as a new member. Mr. Duell seconded the motion. There was a question about whether a metro district could become a member. Mr. Schemm indicated they could because they have been approved as an operating agency. Mr. Schemm then called for a vote by a show of hands and the motion passed by a vote of 18 to 0.
- C. Utility Plan Review Committee: Mr. Schemm indicated the Committee is looking for volunteers. Mr. Farrill indicated that Mr. Smith and Mr. Schemm will be stepping down from the Committee. He also indicated that Mr. Ramey has volunteered to serve. Ms. Kline may also be willing to serve. Anyone else willing to serve on the Committee should contact Mr. Farrill.
- D. GIS Needs for 2007 Update: Ms. O'Neill stated that she will be collecting requests for GIS needs as part of the 2007 Update. Any suggestions for the GIS system upgrades should be submitted to NFRWQPA by the end of January.
- E. Proposed Plan Amendments: Ms. O'Neill indicated that there are two proposed amendments in the comment period. Those amendments are from Boxelder Sanitation District and the City of Ft. Lupton. Additional information for those proposals will be added to the website.
- F. Meeting Time Survey: Ms. O'Neill indicated that the results of the meeting time survey conducted a couple of months ago showed a preference for the meeting time at 3:00 p.m.
- G. Water Quality Monitoring Policy: Ms. O'Neill indicated the state would be posting a draft revised Water Quality Monitoring Policy in February. This policy identifies possible reductions in effluent monitoring which entities may be eligible for based on performance and ambient water quality monitoring. The state will be accepting comments on the draft policy through February. Ms. O'Neill indicated that she would e-mail out the link to the policy. She also indicated that the Poudre Monitoring Committee would most likely submit comments.
- H. Poudre Monitoring Committee Update: Mr. Pusey gave an update on the Committee progress. He indicated that the Committee met with representatives from CDPHE the previous week. A revised monitoring plan was presented to the state. The state basically accepted the plan and it will now be up to the individual entities to pursue reductions within their own permits. The Committee members were pleased with the state response and will now begin to work on a cooperative monitoring agreement.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.