

MINUTES
NFRWQPA
March 24, 2011

1. Roll Call

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

Ed Burke – Brighton	Larry Wyeno - Longmont
Merle Maass – East I-25 S.D.	Chris Matkins - Loveland
Jon Mays – Erie	Michael McCrary - Loveland
James Duell – Estes Park S.D.	John Holdren - Severance
Carol Webb – Fort Collins	Terry Farrill – South Ft. Collins S.D.
Dennis Schump – Greeley	Eric Doering – St. Vrain S.D.
	Doug Rademacher – Weld County

Also present was Connie O’Neill, Manager for NFRWQPA.

2. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Rademacher made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Mays seconded the motion and it was approved.

3. Minutes

Minutes from the February 24, 2010 meeting were considered. Mr. McCrary pointed out two typographical corrections for the minutes. Mr. Holdren made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Rademacher seconded the motion and it was approved.

4. Financial Report

The financial report for February was presented for review and consideration. Mr. Farrill made a motion to approve the February financial report. Mr. Mays seconded the motion and it was approved.

5. Public Hearing: Upper Thompson Sanitation District and City of Loveland Plan Amendments

Mr. Doering then opened the public hearing. Ms. O’Neill stated that both the Upper Thompson Sanitation District and the City of Loveland have requested to modify their existing 208 Wastewater Utility Service Areas as outlined in their approved Utility Plans. Ms. O’Neill explained that as per the Plan Amendment process, maps of the proposed boundary changes have been posted on the Association’s website to allow for public review and comment. Ms. O’Neill explained that Upper Thompson would take in an area of Rocky Mountain National Park currently being served by the District. This change would be consistent with the approved Utility Plan for the District. Larimer County Health and Estes Park have both reviewed and have no concerns with the proposal. Mr. Doering then asked for public comments and none were received.

Ms. O’Neill stated that the Loveland proposal includes some minor adjustments to their service area as a result of some land use decisions and is also consistent with their Utility Plan. She added that the City discussed the changes with Berthoud, Johnstown and South Ft. Collins as part of the Utility Plan process. The only comments received during this amendment process were from the Town of Johnstown who had no concerns with the proposal. Mr. Matkins explained that the existing overlaps areas with South Ft. Collins Sanitation District are currently being served by the District but could be served by gravity to Loveland in future if the District and City chose to make this change. Ms. O’Neill asked about any changes to the shared area at this time and Mr. Matkins indicated that no changes had been determined for the shared area by the City at this time. Ms. O’Neill stated that if changes to the shared area are needed, those could be handled with the 208 Plan Update over the next few months. Mr. Doering then asked for public comment on this proposal and none was received. Mr. Rademacher made a motion to approve the Upper Thompson Sanitation District and the City of Loveland Plan Amendments. Mr. Mays seconded the motion and it was approved.

6. **Discussion Item: Nutrient Standards and Colorado Nutrient Coalition Work**

Mr. Doering then turned the meeting over to Mr. Mays. Ms. O'Neill explained that there was a conference call to discuss CNC's continued approach and make sure CNC is covered in small group discussions as Mr. Foster and Mr. Hall will not be attending the meetings due to budget.

Ms. O'Neill explained that Doug Kemper met with Representative Looper. They are exploring ideas for a bill stemming from the Lower Fountain District discussions. There was a lot of discussion about what the best approach should be and the reality of getting a bill through during this session. The group decided they would draft a one page resolution which generally outlined the issues and asked that an Intermin Committee meet this summer to discuss items including delaying rule making hearing until the cost - benefit study can be done and presented to legislature, and the state can explore flexibility indicated in the EPA guidance memo. Ms. O'Neill also stated that they may try to include something in the draft about exploring the possibility of a phosphorus ban in lawn fertilizer.

The group also discussed the budget. Ms. O'Neill stated that there has been a little more funding coming in to CNC. Ms. O'Neill stated that there were also discussions of the narrative implementation policy due to comments that EPA has made regarding the need for the narrative criteria to be addressed in permits. This should be brought up at the small workgroup meeting. Mr. Rademacher agreed this was not the right time to try and introduce a bill regarding nutrients. He felt a resolution that may slow things down and ensure the use of good science was an acceptable approach.

7. **Other Business**

a. **Water Quality Control Commission:**

Ms. O'Neill stated that at the March meeting there was a hearing to approve the 303 (d) listing methodology.

b. **Water Quality Forum & Workgroups**

Ms. O'Neill stated that there is a new Director of the Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment and he is looking at possible changes to the Divisions. The Forum's retreat has been scheduled for August 4th and 5th.

- Policy 96-1 Workgroups: Ms. O'Neill stated that a draft of the regulation revisions was to be ready this month. That has now been delayed until the end of June.
- Reg 84 Workgroup: Ms. O'Neill stated that the February meeting was cancelled.
- Permits Issue Workgroup: The group has been working on comments to the WQCD regarding a reasonable potential document. They are also discussing options for alternate flow allowances.
- ISDS Workgroup: Ms. O'Neill stated that no draft regulatory changes are out yet. She also indicated that a bill introduced by the Colorado Professionals in Onsite Wastewater to change the statutes to a risk based approach died in committee.

c. **Pesticide General Permit:**

Ms. O'Neill referred to an email she had forwarded last week and stated that the permit process has been put on hold.

d. **Other:**

The Statewide Water Quality Management Plan will be considered by the WQCC in April.

8. **Adjourn**

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