

MINUTES

**NFRWQPA
March 31, 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	Ravi Srivastava – Boxelder S.D.
Earl Smith – Evans	Gale McGaha Miller – Ft. Collins
Tracy Kittell – Greeley	Harleigh Peppler – Johnstown
Roy Lauricello – Johnstown	Trudy Peterson – Kersey
Ed Schemm – Larimer County	Cindy Titus – Lochbuie
Rod Hamilton – Loveland	Richard Kraemer – Mead
Michael Friesen – Mead	Ester Vincent – NCWCD
Bill Haas – Northglenn	Bob Alberts – Pierce
Terry Farrill – South Ft. Collins S.D.	Lee Lawson – St. Vrain S.D.
Tim Gaines – Timnath	Ron Witt – Upper Thompson S.D.

Also present were Merle Maass, Troy McWhinney, Brad Simons, Jim Wright, Brian Zick, Bob Acher.

2. Minutes

Minutes of the January 27, 2005 meeting were considered. Mr. Peppler noted that his name should be included on the list of attendees. Mr. Witt made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Mr. Smith seconded the motion and it passed.

3. Financial Reports for January and February

The financial reports for both January and February were reviewed. Ms. O’Neill summarized the reports and noted that expenses were within the normal monthly range. She also stated that 100% of the dues have been received for 2005. Mr. Farrill made a motion to approve the financial reports for both January and February, Mr. Alberts seconded the motion and it passed.

4. Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between Berthoud and Johnstown

Mr. White passed out an Activity Timetable prepared by the Town of Berthoud. The table outlined the meetings and activities that the Town of Berthoud has had with the Town of Johnstown regarding the IGA for Berthoud’s South Metro Plant. Mr. White highlighted the February 15, 2005 meeting in which both towns reaffirmed the desire to have the facility serve as regional plant. Mr. White also

noted that McWhinney Development will be building the initial part of the plant. Mr. Peppler stated that the development of the IGA will be a long process but they are confident they will be able to accomplish it. Mr. Alberts asked for verification on the design capacity of the plant for 0.5 MGD. Ms. McGaha Miller then reminded everyone that the site application for the South Metro Plant had been approved with a condition at the January meeting. Mr. DuBois asked when the towns expected to complete the IGA. Mr. White and Mr. Peppler both indicated that the IGA should be final by the end of May.

5. Utility Plan Policy

Ms. O'Neill presented the draft Utility Plan Policy submitted by the Utility Plan Review Committee. Ms. McGaha Miller then asked for comments and input on the policy. Mr. Schemm voiced concern regarding the cost associated with and the need for a facility plan for some small camps and homeowners associations. Mr. Farrill stated that the intent of the policy is to assure that communities who are growing are planning appropriately. Mr. Srivastava stated that he felt requiring an approved utility plan was too ridged and that the policy should allow for more alternatives. There was also discussion of whether this type of planning would be required under CMOM. Ms. McGaha Miller asked how the review committee had been selected in the past and suggested a more formalized process in the future. She also suggested modifying the purpose of the policy to reflect the intent of the committee. It was then decided that the policy, along with the Utility Plan Guidance, would be e-mailed out to the group for comment and placed back on the agenda in April for further discussion.

6. Other Business

- A. Ms. O'Neill gave a Water Quality Control Commission update. The Basic Standards hearing is scheduled for June 13, 2005.
- B. Mr. Alberts requested additional information about a newspaper article regarding the proposed special district in the Mead area. Mr. Alberts questioned whether that request would come to this board and how the 208 board reacts to that request. Mr. Srivastava described the difference between special district boundaries and 208 service boundaries and the rules that govern those boundaries and noted that the 208 group has applied the service area concept in the past. Mr. DuBois indicated that the Town of Mead is familiar with the situation. The proposed district is going through the formation process now, and we will have to wait and see if it gets to us. Mr. Farrill stated that state law does not allow for duplication of services. Ms. McGaha Miller reminded the group that we do have a process for making plan amendments. She also stated that we are not an arbitration organization but we do review and have certain criteria that we use to evaluate these types of requests. In the past if parties are in opposition, we have tried to get them to work out a

resolution before coming to this board. There was then further discussion about how service area boundaries are decided.

Mr. Kramer stated that Mead is aware of the proposed district and has filed suit against Weld County for their decision to approve it. Mead is currently working on a site application that would demonstrate the ability to serve the proposed district area. Mr. Kramer questioned how the application from the proposed East I-25 district would come to this board and what the rules would be for how it is presented and for opposing comments to be presented. He also stated that this board has the ability to make a determination as to whether Mead has the ability and capacity to serve the proposed district area. Ms. McGaha Miller stated that this group looks at water quality issues only and that there is a clear process outlined in the "Plan Amendment Process". She also noted the need for this organization to become more formal in its processes due of these types of issues.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.