

MINUTES
NFRWQPA October 25, 2007 Meeting

1. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 p.m. by Terry Farrill at the Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District offices. Roll was called and the following members were in attendance:

Randy Siddens – Boxelder SD

Fred Walker – Boxelder SD

Anthony Tuka – Broomfield

Jon Mays – Erie

James Duell – Estes Park S.D.

Carol Webb – Ft. Collins

Claud Hanes – Ft. Lupton

Wendy Daughtry– Greeley

David Andre – Kodak-CO Div

Glenn Gibson – Larimer County

Cindy Titus – Lochbuie

Larry Wyeno - Longmont

Steve Adams - Loveland

David Allen - Northglenn

Margaret Medellin – Resource Colorado

Eric Doering – Saint Vrain SD

Rob Fleck – Saint Vrain SD

John Holdren - Severance

Terry Farrill– South Fort Collins SD

Jeff Hodge – Upper Thompson SD

Dennis Wagner – Windsor

Also present were Connie O’Neill, Manager for the Association, Rick Zier, Rich Dvorak, Jeff Couch, Robert K. Glover, Gary Woods, Stephanie Stewart, Bill Woods, Ronda Sandquist, Suzette Shaff, John Faulkner, and Tom Dougherty.

2. Minutes

Minutes of the September 27, 2007 meeting were considered. Ms. O’Neill stated that corrections had been made prior to meeting and were on the copies available at the front desk. Mr. Allen made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Duell seconded the motion and it passed.

3. Financial Report

Ms. O’Neill summarized the September financial report. There is an expense under line item 601 - State Contract Services for GIS contract work from the City of Loveland for the 2007 Update mapping. Mr. Doering made a motion to approve the financial reports. Mr. Mays seconded the motion and it passed.

4. Decision Item: Utility Plan Glacier View Meadows

Ms. O’Neill indicated that Glacier View Meadows Water and Sewer Association had submitted a Utility Plan for review and consideration by the Association. The Utility Plan Review Committee had reviewed the plan and met with representatives of Glacier View in September 2007. At that meeting there were several items that the Committee noted were in need of revision or needed to be included in the plan. Ms. O’Neill noted that within the last couple of days, Glacier View Meadows had submitted their revisions. Those revisions had been sent to the Committee however there had not been enough time for their review.

Mr. Farrill gave an update from the Utility Plan Review Committee and stated that the Committee was recommending conditional approval of the plan. The conditions included:

- Submittal of additional information regarding the existing treatment and collection system which would include clarification on the strength of the wastewater, the gravity and pressurized lines, and the alarm system.
- Submittal of additional financial information which would demonstrate consistent cost estimates throughout the plan.

Ms. O’Neill noted that the Water & Sewer Association were in agreement with the recommendation and will submit a site application following the election in November for the Local Improvement District that will be used to finance the improvements. Mr. Mays made a motion for conditional approval of the Utility Plan. Mr. Wyeno seconded the motion and it passed.

5. Update Item: Site Application – McClelland’s Creek Lift Station

Ms. O’Neill stated that this application was for a fairly small lift station that is located in the South Ft. Collins Sanitation District service area that was designed to serve 428 population equivalents. The

District does have an approved Utility Plan and because of that the Site Application Policy allows for an expedited process. The site application was found to be consistent with the 208 Plan and the Utility Plan so a recommendation was made to the state for approval of the site application.

6. **Decision Item: St. Vrain Sanitation District Interceptor Site Application:**

Ms. O'Neill stated that St. Vrain Sanitation District has submitted a site application for an interceptor. She indicated that this application was discussed as part of the Weld County Tri-Area Sanitation District Utility Plan. It will allow for flows to be redirected from the existing Weld County Tri-Area Sanitation District to the St. Vrain treatment plant and will allow for the Tri-Area plant to be decommissioned. Mr. Hodge made a motion to recommend for approval of the site application. Mr. Gibson seconded the motion and it passed.

7. **Decision Item: Boxelder Sanitation District – Drake Interceptor Basin Utility Plan**

Ms. O'Neill indicated that there was much discussion about this plan at last months meeting as it related to the Timnath Reservoir lift station site application. She stated that at last months meeting the Utility Plan Review Committee had not yet had an opportunity to meet with Boxelder Sanitation District regarding this plan. That meeting did happened on October 10, 2007. Mr. Farrill, Chair of the Utility Plan Review Committee, stated that they met with Boxelder Sanitation District regarding the information that was submitted in support of the lift station. The Committee had a lot of questions that Boxelder responded to and provided the requested information. Mr. Farrill stated that the Committee was now in a position to recommended approval of information submitted in support of the lift station. Mr. Adams expressed his appreciation to Boxelder for turning around a very good document. He had a few administrative corrections to submit for the final document. Mr. Mays made a motion to approve the plan with the administrative corrections. Mr. Holdren seconded the motion and it passed.

8. **Decision Item: Timnath Reservoir Lift Station Site Application – Wild Teal Improvements LLC**

Ms. O'Neill indicated that this agenda item was a carry over from last month's agenda. After much discussion, which included a lot of discussion about the Utility Plant that was just considered, there was a decision to table the item until this month. She indicated that the lift station will serve a portion of the Boxelder service area. It is being sized right now for a peak hydraulic capacity of 1.03 MGD to serve 1,200 homes. As stated in the packet, the lift station is not being sized for the "potential gravity sewer drainage basin". If additional development happens in the future, the District will evaluate the need to upgrade the lift station and submit the appropriate site application at that time. She also indicated that the errors on the application that were pointed out at last months meeting have been corrected.

Mr. Farrill asked for comments from the members. Seeing no comments from the membership the discussion was opened up to questions from the public. Mr. Glover asked why the design was not for a gravity line. Mr. Farrill asked that comments be limited to five minutes per speaker. Mr. Glover then showed a map illustrating a potential gravity line which he felt would best serve the public. He indicated that the homeowners are willing to participate. He stated that their research shows that the line should be a gravity flow and they are willing to pay for their fair share.

Mr. Walker stated that the real issue is that the developers are required to pay their own way. Currently the developers are paying for the lift station and force main. He also added that as they replace lines going west to east, the same pumps will be able to handle more capacity. Mr. Walker stated that the District spent \$50 thousand dollars researching alternative for a gravity line which would cost around \$5 millions. Mr. Gibson asked about the comment that Mr. Glover made that the force main would not serve the public. Mr. Walker said that nothing would preclude other property owners from the opportunity to contribute and participate in the system. Mr. Siddons said that the 13 foot depth that Mr. Glover suggested would not eliminate the need for the lift station and that Boxelder spent a lot of money to determine if this was feasible. Mr. Duell asked what it would take for the other property owners to get service. Mr. Siddens said they would need to come forward with money in order for the gravity sewer to be extended. Ms. Titus asked for confirmation that the area eventually could be served by gravity, but area to the east would still need a lift station. Mr. Siddons said yes

unless they have a 40-45 feet deep gravity line. Mr. Duell asked if the lift station reduced the eventual depth requirement of the gravity line. Mr. Siddens answered yes. Mr. Glover stated that their research showed the cost of a gravity line at \$2.85 millions which is no more cost to the developers and there would not be a need for a regional lift station. Mr. Mays made the motion to recommend for approval of the application. Mr. Doering seconded the motion and it passed.

9. **2007 Update – Areawide Water Quality Management Plan**

Ms. O’Neill indicated that the draft amendments for the 2007 Update to the Areawide Water Quality Management Plan had been posted on the Association’s website for review. She indicated that the comment period for the amendments continues through December 12, 2007 and a review session will be conducted at the December 13, 2007 meeting.

Ms. O’Neill indicated that the basin information and data sheets for all the entities were updated with current information available. She asked that everyone review the information and get any corrections in as soon as possible. Ms. O’Neill stated that several service area boundary changes had been requested and those service area maps with proposed changes had been included with the draft information posted. Service areas with proposed changes included:

- Brighton
- Ft. Collins
- Ft. Lupton
- Greeley
- Johnstown
- La Salle
- Loveland
- Severance
- South Ft. Collins Sanitation District
- St. Vrain Sanitation District
- Windsor

She stated that all of the maps show the current boundary with a red dotted line and that is overlaid by the proposed boundary in green.

Ms. O’Neill added that there were also three other sections that have been updated. Brief updates of the Water Quality, Watershed Initiatives, and Nonpoint Source Concerns sections are included in the draft information posted. These sections include updated information for the program areas and NFRWQPA activities associated with each. She then reminded everyone that a discussion session to review the update information and any comments is scheduled at the December 13th meeting. A public hearing will then be planned to consider the amendments in January.

10. **Nominating Committee**

Mr. Farrill announced that a nominations committee is needed to develop the slate of officers for 2008. He stated that both he and Mr. Schemm had volunteered to be on the committee and are asking for other volunteers.

11. **Other Business**

- A. Water Quality Control Commission – Ms. O’Neill stated that the main item of interest at the October meeting was the Information Scoping Hearing for the South Platte (Regulation 38) hearing in June 2009. A number of items were presented by the Division that they know will be looked at including some classification issues. In addition Metro Reclamation District is looking at proposing site specific temperature standards. Boxelder Sanitation District is also considering the extension of the ammonia temporary modifications.
- B. Poudre Monitoring Group – Ms. O’Neill indicated that the Monitoring Group had held their MOU signing celebration last Friday and that it was well attended. She announced that Kodak had presented the NFRWQPA with an Environmental Excellence Award. Mr. Andre thanked the NFRWQPA for the designation of the subcommittee. He added that the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment had modified their permitting process to allow for reduced monitoring requirements. In addition Kodak has been invited to Washington DC to present the result of this effort as a model to others.

9. **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:53 p.m.