



## CHATFIELD WATERSHED AUTHORITY

### Board Meeting Summary September 24, 2008

**Member ATTENDEES:**

Larry Moore (Roxborough)	Steve Boand (Douglas County)
Don Moore (Douglas C. C.)	Martha Hahn (PCWA, Castle Pines)
Dan Dertz (Douglas County)	Diana Miller (Louviers, Perry Park)
Kristi Livedalen (Jackson Creek)	Matt Krimmer (Larkspur)
Ronda Sandquist (Dominion, Jackson Creek))	
Tim Friday (Castle Rock)	

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Bill Broderick (DRCOG)  
Griff Johnston (Bell Mountatin Ranch)  
Amy Conklin (CWA Management Team)  
Julie Vlier (CWA Management Team)

Karen Sitoski (US ACE)

#### **Call to Order:**

**Approval of August 27th 2008 Meeting Summary** – Ronda Sandquist moved and Larry Moore seconded approval of the meeting summary without any comments. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**Approval of Invoices:** Steve Boand moved and Diana Miller seconded approval of the invoices from Tetra Tech, Commodore Advanced Sciences, Jackson Kelly, and PCWA. The vote was unanimous. The invoice from GEI was not approved pending additional information being provided to the managers.

#### **New Business:**

**Update on Proposal for Rulemaking Hearing in November** – Responsive prehearing statements have been submitted. Dominion, Roxborough Water and Sanitation District and PCWA filed for party status and filed statements in favor of the Authority's proposal. The negotiating team has been in contact with staff members at the Division. A meeting has been set up for the third week in August. The team expressed disappointment that Tammy Allen has not been attending our meetings during this critical time. Communication has been difficult and the process has been frustrating and disheartening. Concern was expressed that the Authority is being set up to fail.

**Executive Session** – The executive session was moved up on the agenda to ensure that all the members could take part. A motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. 24-6-402(3)(a) to develop strategy for the upcoming Rulemaking Hearing before the WQCC was made by Larry Moore and seconded by Martha Hahn. The vote was unanimous. Larry Moore moved to come out of executive session. Steve Boand seconded the motion. No one objected that anything discussed during the executive session was not pursuant to developing a strategy

for the upcoming Rulemaking Hearing. The vote was unanimous. No action was taken pursuant to executive session discussions.

**2009 Dues Structure and Budget Discussion** – The group discussed the memo from the Dues Strategy Subcommittee. The Subcommittee is recommending to use the existing percentage distribution of dues for 2009 but having a subcommittee examine the issue and develop a revised allocation for 2010. Members of the subcommittee include Patrick O’Connell, Dan Dertz, Larry Moore, Mike Amerman, David Van Dellen, Bob Deeds and the management team. The subcommittee will prepare a recommendation for board consideration no later than June of 2009. Douglas County has committed to providing assessed valuations within the next 2 weeks and will provide a list of entities that may be possible candidates for membership in the Authority.

The Board stressed that the numbers being proposed were only for planning purposes for budgeting. Actual final dues may be as much as 20% higher than those shown. The Board requested that member dues increased by 20% be sent out to the members.

The Board also noted that there were many factors that had changed since 1989 when the original structure was developed. The new method for calculating member dues could include a number of criteria such as; credit for not discharging an amount equal to an entire wasteload allocation, assessed valuations and implementation of BMPs. There was also agreement that it is important to include all the entities that benefit from the Authority’s work as members.

The subcommittee was tasked with meeting before the next board meeting, maybe instead of the TRC meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

The group also agreed to combine the November TRC and Board meeting to November 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Capital Projects Activity list** – The group discussed 2 draft one-page summaries of projects that could be used for potential funders. The summaries were approved by acclamation.

**Referral Letters** – The group discussed a request from Bell Mountain Ranch (BMR) to postpone submitting a request for a wasteload allocation until December of 2009. BMR Board authorized \$12,000 of piping work to fix a problem that required addition of a corrosion inhibitor. The inhibitor contained phosphorus that became a component of their discharge. Griff Johnson will provide the Authority with collected discharge data as soon as it’s available. Griff Johnson will then come back to the Board in either November or December with a firm wasteload allocation request.

**Monitoring updates** – The watershed was sampled on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Copies of the status report and excel spreadsheet of the most recent data are included in the packet. Including the most recent data (July 24<sup>th</sup>), the growing season average for total phosphorus is 17 ug/l; chlorophyll is 3.9 ug/L. The reservoir continues to be stratified with a 4 degree Celsius difference in temperature between the bottom and surface, even though water temperatures have begun to cool. The August 26<sup>th</sup> monitoring reported that South Platte River inflows into the reservoir were muddier than earlier, possibly as a result of upstream storm events. Monitoring on Plum Creek has become more difficult as the USGS gauge is now in a portion of the braided channel that isn’t carrying water. Tim Friday will take the lead in contacting the USGS to re-rate the gauge and adjust data for this year. Karen Sitoski will also follow up with appropriate staff at the Army Corps of Engineers.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Updates from WQCD** – The Board noted that no staff from the WQCD were present.

**Reg. #38 letter for Issues Formulation hearing – Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>, 10:30:** A letter stating the Authority's issues with proposed standards for Regulation #38 must be submitted by October 29<sup>th</sup> for the November 10<sup>th</sup> hearing. Amy Conklin will forward to Ronda Sandquist and Kristi Livedalen the updated memo of July 15<sup>th</sup> discussed at the July Board meeting. Ronda Sandquist will revise the memo and submit it to the WQCD.

Ronda Sandquist noted that a presentation on aquatic nuisance species will be given to the WQCC at 2:30 on October 14<sup>th</sup> that may be of interest to Authority members.

**Update on Massey Draw PIP** – The board approved submitting the PIP for a 319 grant.

**Updates on Outreach Presentations- Castle Rock – Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Amy Conklin and Tim Friday made a presentation to the Castle Rock Town Board on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tim sent notes to respond to a request from a Town Board member. Amy Conklin will make a presentation to the Larkspur Town Board on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30.

**Management Team** – The Management Team reported on their activities. Activities included preparation of member dues information, one page summaries of capitol improvement projects, preparing referral comment letters, and outreach presentations.

**Other** – Amy Conklin reported that the Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners Annual Conference would be held on Friday Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at the Wildlife Experience.

Neil Geitner is requesting that the Authority withdraw it's objection to proposed changes at Ravenna since he has started the deactivation process for their discharge permit. The board directed Amy Conklin to prepare and send a letter to Neil Geitner stating that our objections will not be withdrawn until we receive confirmation that the discharge permit has been deactivated. Amy Conklin was further instructed to include an invoice for the 3 hours of time spent responding to issues related to Ravenna and to invite them become members of the Authority. Douglas County should be copied on the letter.

Roxborough Village should also be approached about becoming a member.

Amy Conklin reported on her visit to the Law Enforcement Training Facility earlier in the day with Tri-County Health staff. The septic systems on the property appear to be working relatively well. A leach field in the flood plain was identified and may need to be relocated. Dave McCaslin will prepare a response letter to address concerns raised in Tri-County Health's letter and copy the Authority on the letter. Amy Conklin delivered an invoice for membership dues to Dave McCaslin and is optimistic about receiving payment. The Facility originally received a wasteload allocation based on a site application for a wastewater treatment plant that has expired.

**Adjournment** – A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Larry Moore and seconded by Tim Friday. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.