



## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 2010

MEMBER: David Van Dellen (Castle Rock) Martha Hahn (PCWA)  
ATTENDEES: Andy Hough (Douglas County) Harold Smethills (Dominion WSD)  
RC Hanisch (South Santa Fe Metro District) Diana Miller (Perry Park WSD, Louviers WSD)  
Lissa Oelkers (PCWA) Ronda Sandquist (Jackson Kelly)  
Joe Fowler (Douglas County Planning Services) Tim Grotheer (CSWD)  
Bob Deeds (City of Littleton) Kevin Urie (Denver Water)  
Larry Moore (Roxborough WSD)  
Patrick O'Connell (Jefferson County)

OTHER ATTENDEES: Julie Vlier (Tetra Tec)  
Erin Connor (Tetra Tech)  
Bill Broderick (DRCOG)

### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 by Kevin Urie.

### Items Requiring Board Action

- A. Approval of the May 26, 2010 Board meeting summary** – A copy of the draft meeting minutes from May is included in the packet for Board review and approval. No Board meeting took place in June due to the Chatfield Summit.

The meeting summary from May as presented was approved by a unanimous vote without any changes made. Bob Deeds made the motion which was seconded by Ronda Sandquist and unanimously approved.

- B. Financials** – Treasurer Lissa Oelkers summarized the May/June 2010 Bank Statement & Financial Report included in the packet, including 2010 membership dues collections. Jackson Creek Ranch, Jefferson County, Castle Pines North, and Sedalia remain unpaid.

The Manager discussed the public outreach budget exceedance of Hughes and Stuart by approximately \$2,800. Ms. Vlier noted the significant level of effort to coordinate Summit activities so that it was a success story and the change in management in late May as contributing factors. The Authority concurred with the success of the Summit and suggested the donations from sponsors and participation from the Summit coupled with the CDPHE Mini Grant offset the Hughes and Stuart budget exceedance. Kevin Urie noted dissatisfaction with the failure of Hughes and Stuart to inform the Board that the budget would be overrun, and requests that in the future the Board be made aware of such issues sooner. Larry Moore reiterated the success of the first Summit and thanked Julie Vlier for her outstanding effort. Harold Smethills moved to use generated monies from Summit and Mini Grant to offset Hughes and Stuart budget exceedance. Larry Moore seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

- C. Approval of May/June 2010 Invoices** – Julie Vlier summarized invoices totaling \$27,640.40 and requested that the Board also formally ratify the Chatfield Summit catering invoice which had already been paid on June 16, 2010 totaling \$2,492.00. Larry Moore moved to approve the invoices as presented and ratified approval of the caterer invoice. Bob Deeds seconded the



motion. Kevin Urie asked for clarification regarding the contributions of other parties for the Grundemann Bronze Plaques. Julie Vlier explained that the Centennial Water and Sanitation District contributed by offsetting the cost of the memorial service. The vote to approve invoice payments was unanimous.

- D. Adoption of 2011 Member Dues** – David Van Dellen, Dues Sub-Committee chair, summarized the dues equation. The subcommittee recommended a dues equation be developed to determine membership dues based on MS4 land area, non-MS4 land area, industrial permit lad area, population estimates, and TP discharged, waste load allocation, source of water supply in watershed and other incentives metric such as best management practices. These metrics and other weighting factors were included in meeting packet. The 2011 membership dues calculated using the equation were also included in the packet. David noted that the Subcommittee chose to include Lockheed Martin as a category 1 industrial facility whose dues would reach the \$35,000.00 cap. The Authority discussed the importance of including Lockheed Martin because the Authority strongly believes they have a responsibility to the watershed to contribute as dues paying members of the Authority. The subcommittee also identified a list of 15 potential new members which they suggested might contribute additional new member fees totaling \$10,000.00 income for the Authority. David moved to approve the Dues equation, the Dues Categories and the 2011 Membership Dues as set forth in the packet. Tim Grotheer seconded the motion which carried unanimously. At the request of Harold Smethills, Larry Moore suggested the Board develop a plan to contact the potential members identified by the Subcommittee. The management team offered to create a timeline and mailing packet to be included in next month's Board meeting packet. Members already having working relationships with potential members will be asked to assist in outreach which should consist of an initial mailing of informational material highlighting the benefits of membership, a follow up meeting and invitation to attend a future Board meeting.
- E. Nutrient Criteria** - The Manager reminded the Board of a June 2011 rulemaking hearing before the WQCC regarding Nutrient criteria for rivers, streams, lakes and reservoirs which have the potential to affect the Authority. Several members of the Board raised concern regarding the non-site specific nitrogen and phosphorus standards that could be imposed on the watershed. Martha Hahn reported that PCWA is in a coalition which is accumulating funds to propose an alternative to the Division's criteria, and encourages other members of the Board to become members as well for \$1,000.00. She offered to bring more information to be discussed next month. Other members of the Board stressed the importance of keeping up to date on scientific studies and analogous occurrences in other states such as Florida which could influence the State to re-evaluate their approach.
- F. Letter to Governor Regarding DRCOG Water Quality Planning Responsibilities** – The Board was asked to decide if it would like to send a letter to the Governor's office recommending the de-designation of DRCOG from the 208 planning process responsibilities. Larry Moore reported that he received a call from the Governor's office concerning a meeting to discuss these issues and invited members of the Board to attend. Bill Broderick described DRCOG's position as tending toward de-designation, but anticipating the State's response. Given the existence of Watershed authorities which already fulfill most of the responsibilities of the 208 planning process, the Board seemed in agreement of the reasonableness of de-designating DRCOG contingent upon the Board refining current policies. Harold Smethills moved to send a letter to the Governor recommending the de-designation of DRCOG from 208 planning process, requesting that DRCOG funds currently allocated to the 208 planning process be allocated, in part, to the Authority as well as clearly explaining the reasoning of the Board for making such



requests. Larry Moore seconded the motion approved by a unanimous vote. Julie Vlier was asked to draft the letter which would then be reviewed by the co-chairs before submittal to the Governor's office. Larry Moore then seconded a motion made by Martha Hahn to create a subcommittee tasked in refining the Authority's policies. Martha was assigned as chair with Tim Grotheer and Ronda Sandquist as fellow members of the committee.

**G. Chatfield Summit Follow Up Projects and Next Steps** - The Manager summarized the Chatfield Summit project ideas and potential funding partners and next steps in four key areas;

1. Chatfield Reallocation,
2. ISDS,
3. Stream Restoration, and
4. Animal and Stable Management.

Ronda provided clarification and input on the porous pavement suggestion developed in the Reallocation break out session. Patrick O'Connell suggested the Hildebrand parking lot could be a source of water quality data to determine effectiveness of the BMP. Kevin Urie offered to follow up with Denver Water staff on open pavers used at their administration building. The Authority discussed opportunities for the Reallocation Water Users Group to consider support of a shoreline paver project to reduce erosion and maximize access. Stream restoration opportunities along Plum Creek and Massey Draw were also discussed, not to mention animal waste management and other funding, grant opportunities. The Board also discussed the ISDS issue as a long standing water quality priority that requires attention and ongoing work with other organizations. General discussion surrounded monitoring in Plum Creek near areas of ISDS impact, such as Titan Road and Sedalia, as being very worthwhile. Larry Moore suggested focusing energy and effort on one or two projects at a time. Bob Deeds proposed the Board's progress on these issues be added to the website especially for the benefit of attendees of the Summit. Harold Smethills encourage Tri-county Health Department participation on any ISDS special study and suggested a survey of how others test ISDS. Julie Vlier mentioned the study completed by Dr. Lewis in the Dillon reservoir watershed that supported conversion of ISDS to conventional sewer. Ronda Sandquist reminded the Authority of the incentives provided by water districts in the Dillon area, namely, total phosphorus credits. The Manager suggested additional discussion on these topics at the next TRC meeting on August 19, 2010.

**Informational Items**

- A. **2011 Authority Budget** –The next TRC meeting originally scheduled for August 12 has been moved to August 19. The Budget Subcommittee will also meet at this time to allow for a timely submission of the 2011 budget to the Board in September 2010.
- B. **2009 Annual Report** – All members in attendance of the 2009 Annual Report presentation given by Kevin Urie and Julie Vlier to the WQCC agreed it went very well. The flyover portion of the presentation received especially positive comments. Kevin Urie noted the request made by the Authority to the WQCC for assistance with Lockheed Martin and Bell Mountain Ranch, and expressed the need to follow-up with the WQCC.
- C. **Water Quality Update** - Graphical representations of the sampling complete by Denver Water in May and June 2010 were provided in the packet. Storm events resulted in some high sediment and TP loads. A press release from Denver Water concerning Waterton Canyon closures due to the sediment dredging project at Strontia Springs Reservoir could also be found in the packet and



on the website. Harold Smethills raised concerns that dredging could affect sampling, and suggested future reports of data contain notes with start and end dates for the project.

- D. **Barr Milton Watershed Association TMDL** – Julie Vlier reported for the management team that so far nothing has been approved through the EPA. However, Tim Grotheer informed the Board that it will be moving to stakeholders soon.
- E. **Public Outreach Update**
- a. **Chatfield Summit Meeting Summary** – The summary of the Chatfield Summit and survey is provided on the website and in the packet.
  - b. **Watershed Volunteer Interest in the Authority** – As a result of outreach efforts and the recent Summit the Manager has received inquiries from members of the public providing volunteer support and assistance.
  - c. **Spring Up the Creek** - A thank you note was sent to the Authority from the Town of Castle Rock for Authority support and contribution to the clean up event.
- F. **Update on Chatfield Reallocation** – A brief summary on Chatfield Reallocation project activities was made. Andy Hough mentioned that if critical mitigation is required and done on a per basin basis, the land availability and expenses could affect the reallocation. A copy of a letter from Barbara Biggs to Jim Martin and Carol Campbell, US EPA Region 8, regarding the Chatfield Reallocation was included in the packet.
- G. **Authority Member Updates** – None provided.
- H. **Management Team Update** – The Manager updated the Board of past activities and upcoming meetings.
- 4:00 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm by Kevin Urie.