



Waverly Community Group
Meeting Minutes for Thursday, June 29, 2006; 7:00pm
Turning Point at Waverly School, 10431 NCR 15

Present: Committee members: Helen Boggs, Jud Brown, Sue Foster, Andy Hatch, Cate Meyer, Ron Splittgerber, Karl Zeller, Bob Zimdahl. (8/12 WAC members present)

Absent: Jane Clark, Jack Sipes, Amy Wagner, George Wallace.

Community residents: Sonia Brown (q2), Scott Tunney (q1), Tom McMillan (q1), George & Sue Reed (q3), and Nancy Wallace (q4)

Guest Speaker: George Reed spoke about the Northern Colorado Water Association's (NCWA) augmentation plan and source water protection. He is a member of their board of directors.

NCWA Well Augmentation Plan

Background: Three NCWA wells (about 5 miles from the Wyoming line) supply the water for the north end of the NCWA water system. The wells supply water south to somewhere in the middle (north-south) of the Waverly community. Additional water is purchased from Elco, Tri-Cities and North Weld County for the south half of the NCWA distribution area. The NCWA capacity will be 1000-1300 taps with the completion of the new pipeline from the Nunn wells, well above the current NCWA membership requirements.

Other water has been available by leasing a well from the Three Peaks organization. At present it is unknown if there is an augmentation plan in process for that well or what the Water Court might decide about their plan.

In 2003 the Colorado Supreme Court ruled, in effect, that all well augmentation plans, all of which had been approved by the Colorado State Engineer's Office, were invalid because the state engineer did not have that authority. The Colorado Water Courts were the only recognized authority. This affected about 3400 wells.

The NCWA staff, attorney, engineer and Board of Directors have been busy because time is running out on the temporary plan. Now there is a good chance of getting a contract with Greeley Water Utility, which the Court might approve. It is very expensive, and the sum of all the costs could be \$500,000. NCWA, over time, has put money in a special fund so an assessment is not expected, but, if that were not the case, it could have required nearly \$500 per tap. If the contract with Greeley does not fall into place there is a back-up possibility, so it is not expected that the three wells will be shut off.

Wellhead Protection

Colleen Williams, of the Rural County Water Association, has been helping small water associations with their wellhead protection programs to avoid well contamination. The chief risk identified so far is from spills from the railroad tracks which run near the wells. The Wellington Fire Department is the first responder for any hazardous materials spill with Poudre Fire Authority as a backup responder.

Further information on these two water topics will probably surface at the annual NCWA meeting, normally held in the winter.

Business Meeting

Bob will be absent for the September Full Membership Meeting, so another chair will need to be selected.

Karl will be gone in July.

Secretary's Report: Requested approval of minutes of May 25, 2006 meeting. (Minutes having been provided via e-mail to committee members); no corrections noted. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$104 remaining after paying the copying bill for additional survey copies for quadrant reps personal distribution. A collection taken for additional yet un-invoiced survey expenses resulted in an additional \$125. Sue is accepting additional donations. Ron estimated the cost of the survey to be almost \$200 and offered to pay this cost. We acknowledge his gracious offer.

Old Business

1. WCG incorporation as a non-profit – Nancy Wallace. Incorporation is progressing. Nancy needed some information for official forms, mainly pertaining to official contact and group head (Secretary and Chair). These contacts will change with time. Nancy also mentioned that we will not be Tax Deductible because we will need to retain the option to be politically active on issues which affect us. Tax deductible non-profits cannot take political positions. This incorporation procedure is to remove liability from the group in the event of legal action (per any group sponsored activities).

2. Survey Report.

Helen reported 35 surveys had been returned plus the 2 returned at tonight's meeting.

Cate says her neighbors at Miner's Lake did not receive the survey, and she made arrangements to take additional copies to them.

Ron mentioned that a 12% survey return was considered very good.

Quad Reps: Please remember to get any changed constituent names/ addresses to Helen for database correction.

As an additional outreach effort, Sonia Brown volunteered to put together a WCG bulletin board for the Legacy Land Trust gathering August 5th at Grant's Farm. She will coordinate with Jane, the creator of the Brochures.

3. No additional discussion was had about the Survey and Full Membership schedule except for scheduling a July 13th meeting to go over survey results.

New Business

1. Replacement of Deanna Rice position. It was decided to leave this position vacant until new elections this fall. WAC membership is now 12 w/ Jack, 11 w/o Jack.

2. Survey Data - There will be a meeting July 13th at 7:15 at Bob's Zimdahl's to go over survey results and determine categories for the subjective responses. The group gave Helen the directive to go ahead and do an initial tally of responses. George was not present, but Nancy will inform him of this meeting, and he will email Helen in the next day or so if the July 13th meeting is not good for him. 5 or 6 people would be a good number to decide on these additional categories. It would be nice if Ron could bring his laptop so information could be summarized onto it. Please get any completed surveys to Helen before this July 13th meeting for tabulation. A summary of the data will be presented at the July meeting.

3. Full Membership Meeting

A. Agenda – The following items were offered

1. Helen (per George) suggested redistricting quads 3 and 4 by giving Greyhawk Knolls (Q4) to Q3 because Q4 is the largest quadrant, and Q3 the smallest.
2. Nancy suggested Bylaws modifications requested at the meeting last year. She will bring those suggestions to the next meeting.

B. Activities –

1. Food – Phil Pringle, Mel's Bar-b-q.
Selling hot dogs, hamburgers, cokes, Bar-B-Q
2. Sue, Andy and Sonia are in charge of organizing this event. If you have interests in entertainment, refreshments, or activities, Get with Sue, Andy, or Sonia.
3. Presentations –
Survey results
Sticky note Board for additional comments (Red Feather had this)
4. Handouts- **[Helen has added this item, forgot to mention at meeting]**
Quad maps
Updated WAC contact sheet
Revised brochures, printing???
Other

C. FM Mtg Notification will be thru post card from Ron's mailing source. The database has been provided updated county addresses and Ron is in the process of updating it.

4. Owl Canyon Road - Sue mentioned that this topic had made it to the Commissioner's Agenda for a joint meeting 06-29 with Fort Collins and Loveland City Councils regarding a Master Transportation plan. At this time it seems no one was planning to take minutes, but Sue had requested a report from Frank Landcaster on the outcome of the meeting.

Bob wanted to know why we weren't contacted.

Nancy mentioned that it seems the county has decided not to pave Owl Canyon Road because of the Fort Collins referendum. They may reverse this decision if FC decides to repeal their referendum.

The meeting was adjourned about 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Boggs, Secretary