

**Rocky Flats Coalition of Local Governments Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 6, 2006**  
**8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**  
**Jefferson County Airport, Broomfield**

**Board members in attendance:** Shaun McGrath (Director, City of Boulder), Jennifer Bray (Alternate, City of Boulder), Lori Cox (Director, Broomfield) Mike Bartleson (Alternate, Broomfield), Jo Ann Price (Director, Westminster), Ron Hellbusch (Alternate, Westminster), Lorraine Anderson (Director, Arvada), Clark Johnson (Alternate, Arvada), Jim Congrove (Director, Jefferson County), Kate Newman (Alternate, Jefferson County), Karen Imbierowicz (Director, Superior), Jane Uitti (Alternate, Boulder County).

**Coalition staff members and consultants in attendance:** David Abelson (Executive Director), Rik Getty (Technical Program Manager), Barb Vander Wall (Seter & Vander Wall, P.C.), Erin Rogers (consultant).

**Members of the Public:** John Rampe (DOE), Bob Darr (DOE), Marion Galant (CDPHE), Carl Spreng (CDPHE), Marjory Beal (League of Women Voters-Jefferson County), Amy Thornburg (USFWS), Rob Henneke (EPA), Roman Kohler (citizen), Susan Vaughan (League of Women Voters), Jane Greenfield (City of Westminster), Mark Sattleberg (USFWS), Frazer Lockhart (DOE), Marten Toth (Town of Superior), Patricia Rice (RFCAB), David Hiller (Senator Salazar), Larry Kimmel (EPA), Jennifer Bohn (RFCLOG accountant), Scott Surovchak (DOE-LM), Doug Hansen (Stoller/LM), Debbie Grieco (Rocky Flats Cold War Museum), Todd Neff (Daily Camera), Rich Schassburger (DOE), Kim Grant (Rocky Flats Cold War Museum), Bryan Taylor (Rocky Flats Cold War Museum), Ann J. Lockhart (Rocky Flats Cold War Museum), Donald Rohlf (Rocky Flats Cold War Museum), James F. Holladay (WCRA), Charlie McKay (Church Ranch), Dan Branch (citizen), Kathy Russell (citizen), Shirley Garcia (Broomfield), Bob Nelson (City of Golden), Mark Aguilar (EPA), David Krucek (CDPHE), Sheri Paiz (City of Northglenn), Shelley Stanley (City of Northglenn), Jeannette Hillery (League of Women Voters)

**Convene/Agenda Review**

Chair Shaun McGrath convened the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

**Business Items**

**1) Consent Agenda – Karen Imbierowicz moved to approve the consent agenda. Lorraine Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.**

**2) Executive Director's Report - David Abelson reported on the following items.**

- First, David wanted to confirm where each government was in the process of approving the IGA for the Stewardship Council. The following governments have already approved the IGA: Boulder, Boulder County, Jefferson County, Arvada, Superior, Northglenn and Broomfield. Westminster is scheduled to vote on February 13<sup>th</sup>, and Golden on February

9<sup>th</sup>. Also, David asked each government to send their signature pages to Barb and she will place them into the document.

- David and Rik are now working out of their homes, as the Coalition decided not to sign new lease. This seems to be going smoothly, and all are adjusting to this new way of doing business.
- The Cook case regarding property values around Rocky Flats is now with the jury. This case was filed in 1990, and originally included a number of claims, some of which, such as a request for medical monitoring, were dismissed at an earlier date. One claim that held was diminution of property values based on trespass and nuisance. DOE decided long ago that it had no interest in settling this claim. The jury is expected to issue a ruling any day now. David advised the Board to watch for this news. He said if DOE loses this case, it will be interesting to see what happens. State Representative Wes McKinley has not reintroduced his bill yet, and may be waiting for results of this case.
- David has been invited to participate in a panel discussion at the upcoming Waste Management conference in Tucson. The panel will also include Frazer Lockhart, Nancy Tour, Carl Spreng and others. Since David's new contract requires approval for expenditures over \$250, he is asking the Board for its approval to travel to this conference. He also asked more generally if the Board believes that the Stewardship Council will want to participate in these kinds of events in the future, since it is not quite clear how exactly this type of participation will benefit the organization. David needs a decision today.

Shaun McGrath said he thinks this is good for the organization. He noted it is important for members of the Stewardship Council to have this discussion now, because it will most likely come up again in the future as Rocky Flats is asked to share lessons learned about its successful cleanup. Lorraine Anderson said she thinks it is good for Rocky Flats groups to participate in these kinds of events, as she believes we have a debt to other sites around the country that accepted our waste. She thinks that if we can help them make sound decisions about their cleanup, we should do it. Jo Ann Price said she has no problem with David going to this conference, but that the Stewardship Council will just need to watch how many conferences come up and how often. Frazer noted that this conference will have about 1,000 attendees, and will focus on nuclear cleanup and waste management issues. Jane Uitti offered her support for this trip, but thinks that the Stewardship Council can discuss in more detail, including setting criteria for future trips. She also asked whether they will be talking about institutional controls, and other topics that are relevant to Rocky Flats today. Frazer said the session that David has been asked to attend is focused on transition issues, including transition in public participation. There are also sessions on institutional controls, transportation and designation of waste, and other related topics. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> year for this conference, which is one of the larger, more established conferences in the complex. David noted that he would minimize time he was there, and plans to stay one night only.

Shaun moved to authorize David to take this trip and also recommend that the Stewardship Council develop criteria for making these decisions in the future. The motion was seconded by Jo Ann Price. The motion passed 7-0.

David announced that the Board should sent their resolutions terminating the Coalition to Barb Vander Wall, as well as their designation of Directors and Alternates for the Stewardship Council.

Just prior to the public comment period, Shaun asked the members of the audience to introduce themselves.

### **Public Comment**

David Hiller (Senator Salazar) updated the Board on the Steelworkers petition to be part of the Special Exposure Cohort related to radiation exposure coverage. An Advisory Board must provide a recommendation to the Department of Health and Human Services on whether the petition should be granted. This Board is currently waiting for a report from the contractor it assigned to review the information. They are taking a look at the site profile, and historical exposures and quantities so that each worker's claim can be reviewed with this background information. There are questions about whether site profile is accurate. A working group has been put together on which congressional staff from the offices of Salazar, Udall and Beauprez have been participating. David said that hopefully the petition is headed for approval at the April meeting of the Advisory Board in Denver. He said anyone is welcome to call him if they have questions about this issue. Lorraine Anderson said she was curious if tobacco use is considered in these claims. David said that it is considered in individual claims. It is not, however, part of the review of the petition for the Special Exposure Cohort. If a worker is part of the Special Cohort and has one of 22 listed cancers, they are automatically approved. If they are not in the cohort, tobacco use will be considered as part of their dose reconstruction.

In recognition of Shaun's last meeting as chair of the Coalition, Karen Imbierowicz presented him with a leadership award and thanked him on behalf of the Board for his excellent service as Chair.

### **Discussion of Draft Rocky Flats Stewardship Council Bylaws**

Shaun McGrath invited representatives from Golden and Northglenn to join the Board for this discussion. The Board will be reviewing and commenting on a draft set of bylaws for the Stewardship Council that was drafted by David Abelson. No formal action is required, as the bylaws will need to be formally approved by the Stewardship Council. Shaun suggested going through page-by-page to flag issues and then return to the discussion questions in David's memo if they have not been addressed. David noted that he had received comments from Boulder and Westminster that he will raise as they come up in the discussion as needed.

**Page 1:** David noted that Westminster pointed out the need to remove the word 'all' before 'as described'. Clark Johnson said that since four of the Stewardship Council members will not be party to the IGA, maybe they should add something in this section about purposes, rather than

simply refer to the IGA. David noted that these members will still need to follow the IGA. The Board also discussed the definition of 'Principal Office' with regard to ensuring that there is a provision if necessary to allow for a virtual office. Lorraine Anderson said she thinks the definition is fairly broad and would allow for a virtual office. Barb Vander Wall agreed that the definition is pretty generic and added that she does not know if there is a statutory requirement to have an actual physical office. She will look into this. David directed attention to the last line on the page, and stated that Westminster suggested adding 'not including ex officio members' to the 'not to exceed 12 members' wording. Barb agreed this is a good change.

**Page 2:** Westminster raised the issue of unexcused absences under the 'Performance of Duties' section. There is also no provision to allow removal of members by the Stewardship Council. Lorraine Anderson stated that she thinks it is very important that elected officials attend these meetings. She suggested including a provision for replacing a member if they miss three meetings. Shaun asked if she was distinguishing between elected and non-elected members. Lorraine noted that both would need to be replaced if they missed too many meetings. Barb asked if the Board would like to distinguish between excused and unexcused absences. Lorraine noted that DRCOG does not have a distinction between excused and unexcused absences. Jim Congrove added that other governmental entities do make this distinction. Lorraine stated that she would be worried about abuse of the excused absence. Jim answered that the Stewardship Council members would be responsible for speaking up if there was a problem. Karen Imbierowicz asked if the Board could see some written options for these removal and absence issues.

Shaun brought up the wording used under 'Performance of Duties' that directs the members to work for the 'best interest of Stewardship Council'. He said this seems to imply that members should put Stewardship Council needs above those of the entity they represent. Barb noted that while acting as a Board, the members will be carrying out duties and responsibilities of Stewardship Council. Lorraine pointed out that, in the past, when the Coalition made a decision that may not have been in the best interest of a member's jurisdiction, all members have still supported the Coalition. Shaun noted that he was just flagging this issue and does not think it was ever a problem with the Coalition. Barb pointed out that sometimes results of Board discussions are a compromise that allows the group to move forward.

Shaun referenced the section on 'Expenses' and said he was assuming this means travel to other meetings if there is a resolution by the Board to do so. Barb answered yes.

**Page 3:** Shaun provided some wording comments. He then brought up the issue of Ex-officio members, and suggested clarifying that these will only be the agencies involved in Rocky Flats. The Board agreed. David noted that this issue will come up again on pages 12-13 of the bylaws. He pointed out the need to distinguish the rotating parties from ex-officio members. Westminster had suggested that 'ex-officio' also refer to the rotating party at those times when it is not a voting member. David suggested leaving language as-is, and always refer to each of the rotating parties as a rotating party. Westminster also submitted some grammatical changes which will be incorporated.

**Page 4:** Shaun pointed out that there appears to be some conflicting language with regard to the length of terms for the Secretary/Treasurer position, since this is the only section that includes the statement ‘No Director may hold the office of Secretary/Treasurer for more than one consecutive term’. Lorraine said she thinks they should remove the one term limitation. David will remove this statement.

**Page 5:** Various typos on this page will be fixed. Westminster asked whether the ‘Delegation of Duties’ would require a motion or a resolution, since this is not addressed in this section. David responded that if left vague, the Stewardship Council can do it how they like. Westminster also asked about the wording under Executive Director Duties regarding responsibility for hiring and firing of other staff. David noted that this was hold over from the Coalition bylaws because of David’s specific contract provisions. Westminster suggested this be removed and that the Stewardship Council may make it a contractual provision with the future Executive Director if desired. David agreed and will make this change.

**Page 6:** Shaun suggested changing the draft to call for ‘quarterly’, rather than ‘monthly’ meetings and leave the statement ‘or as otherwise determined by a quorum of the Board’. This change was accepted.

**Page 7:** No comments

**Page 8:** Shaun suggested lowering the number for quorum from nine to a simple majority and deleting ‘for the transaction of business’. This would still require any action to have a quorum of nine members. Lorraine then stated that if there is no quorum, the Board would be able to do anything other than take action. Shaun noted that he is not sure if this was important, but he just wanted to flag it. David said that nine is not a random number at all. Having this number as the quorum ensures that a majority of governments supports any action to be passed, and also serves to balance elected vs. non-elected interests. Barb noted that this issue came into play with RFLII because of problems with member attendance. David said that instituting a super-majority serves to push the group to find common ground. Shaun said if they changed the quorum definition to three-quarters of the Board, then if number of members change, the bylaws will still be valid. The Board agreed to the latter change.

**Page 9:** On the middle of the page, in part B, Westminster pointed out a possible inconsistency relating to the number of votes necessary to move to executive session. David stated that the number of votes required to take an action and those required to approve moving to executive session are separate issues, since no action can be taken in executive session. He asked if Westminster accepted this explanation. Jane Greenfield said she will have to look at the state law. David thinks it will work.

**Page 10:** Under Boards and Committees, David will change ‘shall’ to ‘may’.

**Page 11:** No comments

**Page 12:** Shaun asked Barb whether the language under ‘Miscellaneous’, Part A, ‘Gender’ was required. She said it depends on who you ask. Shaun asked that it be made more understandable if possible.

**Page 13:** No comments

Shaun referred the Board to a list of seven questions on David’s cover memo, a few of which still needed discussion.

Karen Imbierowicz stated that she was not sure the Coalition should be deciding all of these points and that some could wait for the Stewardship Council to decide. Shaun clarified that the purpose of this discussion was just to get feedback that could be incorporated in the draft presented to the Stewardship Council.

- Shaun suggested that only member governments be asked to contribute funding for the Stewardship Council. The Board agreed.
- David had also asked about the process for selecting members in the future. Shaun suggested going through the current process, evaluating how it worked and then make a determination for how to proceed in the future.
- The next question centered on the length of terms for non-elected members. Lorraine suggested one year. The Board agreed on 2 years.
- The Board agreed to recommend that the Stewardship Council require three-quarters of the members to pass a motion.
- The Board was asked to determine which of the rotating parties should serve first as a voting member. Karen asked if Golden and Northglenn had spoken about this. Bob Nelson said that they had not spoken about this. He added that since Golden has been attending Coalition meetings regularly, he thinks it would be more appropriate for them to hold the voting seat first, which would also give Northglenn the opportunity to get up to speed on the issues. Northglenn agreed that this would be fine. Jo Ann asked who will be representing Golden on the Stewardship Council. Bob reported that it will be the Mayor as Director, and he (Bob) will be the Alternate.

### **Review of Residual Contamination Reports**

Shaun introduced Rik Getty’s presentation of his review of various remediation sites and residual contamination at Rocky Flats. He said that he believes Rik has done an outstanding job putting together these reports, and that they will be useful for future generations.

Rik said this has been an interesting project, as he got to go back and look at a lot of the history of the site through various documents. He found some of the original documents from the 1970’s, and even Dow memos from the 1950’s. Rik showed a fairly large binder which contained a typical closeout report from one of the site cleanups.

For this project, he went through and looked at various IHSS's and PAC's. The list of sites he examined included:

- Buildings 371/374
- Buildings 771/774
- Buildings 776/777
- 903 Pad and Lip Area
- Ash Pits and Incinerator
- Bowman's Pond
- Mound Site
- Ponds B1, B2, and B3
- Present Landfill Trenches
- Solar Evaporation Ponds
- East Trenches
- Original Process Waste Lines; and
- White paper on statistical confidence in soil sampling

Rik's slideshow began with an aerial view of site taken in 1995, which showed a mostly intact Industrial Area. He then showed the same view taken in late 2005, with all structures and roads removed from the site.

Rik noted that some people thought high radiation levels would be found at Bowman's pond in the Industrial Area. While radiological contamination was not found, this area was found to have a PCB problem. The Solar Ponds area is still being treated with a passive treatment system, which is inspected weekly by DOE-LM. In past, this area impacted Woman Creek.

In the building areas, carbon tetrachloride was found to have leaked from underground tanks. RFCA regulations allowed the site to leave a total of 7 nanocuries/gram of plutonium in concrete, as long as it was at least six feet underground. The site estimated that it left approximately 1 ½ grams each in the foundations of Buildings 771 and 774, for a total of 3 grams. This allowance was made because of research showing that plutonium and americium do not mobilize well in groundwater. As a safeguard, the site installed three additional groundwater monitoring wells around these foundations to check for any movement of plutonium.

Building 371 was a huge structure that went about 45 feet below ground with a huge basement and a smaller subbasement. There is also some remaining contamination well below the six foot threshold at this location. The estimated amounts are similar to those for B771/774. Karen Imbierowicz asked if there are wells around this area as well. Rik said there are monitoring wells in place for a period of time.

Moving on to a review of some of the environmental restoration projects, Rik discussed the 903 Pad and Lip Area. At his visit to the site in August 2005, there was already a lot of new vegetation at this site. Rik explained that this is important because there are some hotspots known to be in this area and vegetation helps to immobilize the contents of the soil. He noted

that the site has also done some treatment (injecting hydrogen releasing compounds) in this area to degrade VOCs. This was called for as part of the groundwater IM/IRA.

The Mound site was named for the past history of the mounding of hundreds drums at this location. There is a VOC contamination plume which affected South Walnut Creek and the B-series ponds. A passive groundwater treatment system is also in place at this location, with weekly inspections by DOE-Legacy Management.

Radiological contamination, SVOCs, and metals were all removed from the sediments in the B1-B3 ponds. The site ended up having to remove more than they anticipated in this area.

The East Trenches area is the third location which contains a passive treatment system. Original Process Waste Lines are found all over site. The site also left wastes buried in place at the East Trenches.

Rik stated that his overall conclusion after doing all of his research was that regulators were very thorough in their oversight of the cleanup and that they did not simply approve what was put in front of them.

JoAnn Price thanked Rik for his work and told him it made her feel more comfortable about the cleanup that he had done this research. Karen asked how much effect the Stewardship Council can have on monitoring decisions, since that is what the focus is now. Shaun noted that Rik's reports will be a good roadmap for reference regarding what is there, potential pathways and related questions. Shaun asked Rik to elaborate about his conclusions. Rik said he was not sure if many people realized just how involved the regulators were in the cleanup process from cradle-to-grave. He said it was not a rubber stamp process. There was lots of back and forth dialogue, as well as disagreements. It was an iterative process throughout, which gives him confidence in the results. Shaun asked about a white paper Rik was working on. Rik said he had been asked to put together a 2-3 page paper for the general public which summarizes his work. He recently gave a draft to David, and it will be distributed shortly. Shaun added that Rik's report could use a catchier name, and that the Board should add a cover memo to explain what the reports are about. Shaun moved that the Board officially accept Rik's residual contamination reports. The motion was seconded by Lori Cox. The motion passed 7-0.

### **Public comment**

Shaun McGrath asked for public input on the Stewardship Council nominees, as well as any other public comment. There were no comments.

### **Big Picture**

David noted that, if everything goes according to plan, the next meeting will be a transitional meeting. The group will open as the Coalition, take a few last actions, including the assignment of its assets and liabilities to the Stewardship Council, and then close. There may be some kind of recognition of this transition, and then the group will reconvene as the Rocky Flats Stewardship Council. At this point, presumably, the assets and liabilities just assigned from

Coalition will be accepted by the Stewardship Council. Following this, the first steps as the Council can proceed, such as election of officers. David is not sure if there will be 1 or 2 packets mailed for this meeting. There will likely be some briefings, as the stage is beginning to be set for the Rocky Flats RI/FS. Dan Miller gave a presentation to the Energy Communities Alliance on institutional controls at Rocky Flats, and David thinks this might be a good presentation for the Stewardship Council. Once the new members are selected, their knowledge base will need to be assessed. David asked the members to bear with the staff as they try to work through this transition.

Shaun then announced a five minute break before beginning the Stewardship Council interviews.

### **Rocky Flats Stewardship Council Interviews**

Shaun noted that the Coalition will be interviewing applicants and making membership recommendations to DOE. It is DOE that will make the final selection. Shaun then outlined the process that he suggested the Board use for the selection process. First, the Board will interview each of the eight candidates, starting off by asking each a general question about why they would like to serve on the Stewardship Council and what they will bring to the group. Then, Board members will be able to make nominations. The Board will have a chance to discuss the nominations, which Shaun said he hopes to keep positive. If there are more than four nominations, the Board members will vote. Each member will have four votes, and a nominee will need six votes to be added to the Coalition's recommended member list. They will narrow down the names as they go each round of voting, moving on the top two if no one gets six votes. Jane asked if the votes would be verbal or written. Shaun said the votes should be public, so he suggested doing it by a show of hands. The Board was in agreement on this process. Shaun noted that the Board has eight outstanding candidates, and that it will be hard to narrow it down to the four that can be recommended to DOE. He also wanted to stress the Board's appreciation to everyone who submitted an application.

**Charlie McKay** – Charlie was asked what he thinks he can do to help the Stewardship Council achieve its mission. Charlie began by sharing with the Board that he is with Church Ranch, original landowners in the southwest part of the site. He has decades of experience working with Rocky Flats and still owns land adjacent to site. He worked with the AEC before DOE, and has had both good and bad experiences, although he said he had learned a lot from the bad ones. He also serves on the Jefferson County Metropolitan District, and owns mineral and water rights under the buffer zone. Since the late 1930's, his family has run mineral operations near Rocky Flats, and he said they have always tried to do a good and clean job. He is also involved with the Rocky Flats Cold War Museum. Additionally, he has grazed cattle in the area, and is therefore in tune with issues related to the long term management of the land.

**Questions from the Board** - Lori Cox asked Charlie to name the one thing that brings him to the table for the Stewardship Council above anything else. Charlie answered that it would be having worked with DOE on various issues for decades. Lorraine Anderson asked what he would bring to the Stewardship Council regarding continuing stewardship of land and what he would like to see happen out there. Charlie said he believes the site is more contaminated by perception than reality. He believes the site is pristine and clean, and should be enjoyed by general public. He

has already started working with the USFWS, and believes they have developed a good working relationship. Jo Ann asked Charlie to address the lawsuit with DOE in which he is involved and whether or not it presents a conflict of interest. Charlie said he would let the Board decide whether or not it was a conflict, but he had a 1985 agreement with DOE, which he says they have chosen not to honor. He said he has learned a valuable lesson from that experience that all agreements need to have teeth, and that all sides need to be clear, so that everyone knows what will be done.

**Ken Foelske** (via phone) – Ken worked for 30 years with Jefferson County open space as a landscape architect/planner. Throughout his career, he worked with many different groups, and helped to gather public input for recommendations to the county commissioners. He had contact with officials at the local, state and federal levels and was very involved in building consensus on the issues being discussed. He was appointed to a 17-member Ad Hoc Committee in 1980's. Jefferson County open space came up with recommendations on the roles and responsibilities of various organizations, which was used to put together a plan that is still in effect today. He has also been involved in park use and access plans, developing comprehensive plans in the public arena, use conflicts, and the use/non-use of open space land. He provided input to develop access plans for integrating the Rocky Flats site with the various open space entities surrounding it, including trails, transportation, species, wildlife corridors, and other issues. As part of this effort, they came up with something everyone could agree with. He was also involved in land trades for Jefferson County. He is now retired and has no direct ties to any agency. He currently serves on a land trust board of directors in southwest Colorado.

**Questions from the Board** - Lori Cox asked if he had ever attended Rocky Flats meetings in past. Ken said he did attend meetings with staff to make recommendations regarding open space issues. She asked if open space issues were the main reason he wanted to serve on Stewardship Council. He said he enjoys small group decision-making as well, but his experience is with open space/trails issues. Karen Imbierowicz asked, other than his work with USFWS on the open space issues, what knowledge he had of Rocky Flats the cleanup process and issues. Ken said that he was aware that the 5,000 acres were cleaned up to background, and that other areas would be off-limits. He knows that the most important issues were monitoring, and any adjustments that need to be made. He also said he understood that any additional issues discovered will be dealt with. He said he reads three newspapers a day, so he keeps up with what is going on. He also noted that readers get a different slant from each of the local papers.

**Daniel Branch.** Daniel is a resident of Boulder County, and has lived in Colorado since 1990. He was member of the senior management team at Rocky Flats from 1990-2003, at which time he retired. He also spent 30 years in the nuclear navy, which provided him with a technical background on nuclear issues. He created the nuclear safety organization for EG&G to bring Rocky Flats up to date with current regulations. He implemented strict compliance with environmental regulations. He was also responsible for personnel training and has first-hand knowledge of building operations at the site. Daniel currently sits on various committees/groups with Representatives Udall and Tancredo, and works on legislative affairs issues for another organization. He said he shares Rep. Udall's passion for the outdoors. He wants to see Rocky

Flats managed well as we go forward, including respecting the legacy of the site. In his experience working at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, he learned to work together to solve political issues. He has also been active on the local level with PTA's and working with the governor on education decisions.

**Questions from the Board** - Clark Johnson asked Daniel what he thinks the focus of the Stewardship Council should be in its first year. Mr. Branch said he would like to see the Stewardship Council bring realistic oversight, consensus from communities, balance in its reactions, and a realistic path forward. He was then asked what his opinion was of people using site in the future. Mr. Branch answered that, initially, it should be closed until everyone is satisfied that it is safe. He thinks it can be properly managed and does not feel it is hazardous for people to be out there using trails. He said the thought of walking around in the buffer zone does not frighten him after being around some of the radioactive liquids at Rocky Flats in years past.

**Jim Holladay (Woman Creek Reservoir Authority)** – Jim is a professional engineer, employed as manager for the WCRA. He spent his first 10 years after college working on soil conservation, erosion, for federal agencies. He has broad experience on both construction and working with agencies on all levels.

**Questions from the Board** – Lorraine Anderson asked what unique quality he would bring that is not already represented on the Stewardship Council. Jim answered that he is a neighbor, he operates a facility adjacent to the site, is involved with wetlands maintenance, and he has worked with DOE extensively. The WCRA is concerned about water quality since water leaving the site flows directly into their facilities. Lorraine restated her question. Jim reiterated that he runs facilities connected to site, the WCRA is a neighboring landowner, and that he has worked with both federal and state agencies. Karen Imbierowicz asked which governments participate in the WCRA. Jim replied that it is Northglenn, Thornton, and Westminster. He added that the WCRA's concerns are a little different than the cities concerns, since WCRA is a direct neighbor. Jim was then asked, since WCRA is located in Jefferson County, if he would be able to look out for the interests of everyone in that County. Jim added that he also personally lived in neighborhood of Rocky Flats, has a technical background, and can understand the lingo. He is also very concerned about ongoing monitoring at the site. Jo Ann Price asked if he was aware of issues related to the future Refuge, including trails and such. Jim said that he was. He used to work for the Forest Service, and in that capacity worked on these kinds of issues, such as erosion and trails.

**Kathy Russell.** Kathy is applying as a citizen. She has lived in Colorado since 1981, and currently lives in Superior. She is an engineer and has previously worked for NREL, the National Institute for Standards and Technology, and Ball Aerospace. She has worked at Sun Microsystems since 1999. She believes that the plans for Rocky Flats are commendable, but that there needs to be more education and outreach to the community. Three of her neighbors have cancer and she does not know what could be causing that. She is worried about groundwater monitoring and said she would not want to live near Standley Lake, because of its location directly downwind and downstream.

**Questions from the Board** - Karen Imbierowicz asked Kathy if she was familiar with the history of cleanup at Rocky Flats and if she has attended meetings before. Kathy said she had no background. She said there has not been a lot of public outreach and that she has talked to some of the engineers involved in cleanup and she does not feel very good about what went on. Jim Congrove said he was concerned about this statement and asked for more information. Kathy said she did not think they seemed credible to her. They mentioned things like buried barrels, and buildings not being completely clean, but that this was about two years ago. She said that is why she worries about the groundwater. She said this was her first meeting. She has lived in Superior since 2000 and Boulder before that.

***Jeannette Hillery and Marjory Beal (League of Women Voters)***: Jeannette introduced Marjory Beal who would be her Alternate. She pointed out that the League has been participating in Rocky Flats issues for years. During the 1990's, she helped coordinate and organize a program to involve the public in Rocky Flats cleanup decisions. She also follows water issues on the state level for the League, especially nonpoint source cleanup issues. She helped moderate panels in Boulder about Rocky Flats issues. Jeannette has been attending these meetings since August or September, 2005. She said she does not have extremely detailed, technical knowledge, but has a good overall understanding. She believes strongly in public participation. In the first year of Stewardship Council, she thinks it should be looking at how to move on after closure. She would also like to see cooperation on a refuge trail system, and sharing information with the public.

**Questions from the Board** - Lorraine Anderson asked who attended these meetings for the League before Jeannette started. Jeannette said it was Hildegard Hix and Ann Fenerty. Karen Imbierowicz asked about the panels Jeannette moderated in Boulder. Jeannette said they were developed by former Lt. Governor Gail Schoettler to look at presenting information to the public about how to go about cleanup. Jeannette was involved in looking into how to keep dialogue going, ground rules, getting information out and similar issues. Clark Johnson asked if the LWV had any specific positions on Rocky Flats issues. Jeannette said that most LWV positions are on the national level, approved by local members. However, they are mostly interested in criteria for public participation, and they do not go into the specifics of cleanup. Their interest is more about the process and getting public input.

***Kim Grant and Bryan Taylor (Rocky Flats Cold War Museum)*** Kim introduced Bryan Taylor who would be his Alternate and also mentioned that 6-7 of the Museum's board members were in attendance. Kim stated that the RFCWM is keenly interested in the work of the Stewardship Council. The Museum board brings a broad representation reflective of the wide range of viewpoints on Rocky Flats. The Museum also has a complementary mission, and believes its interpretive/educational mission can help educate the public. They could bring an historical approach to the work of the Stewardship Council. The Museum board also has a long-term perspective. They have recently received a donation of land immediately adjacent to the site and plan to break ground by January 2008. The Museum has a vested interest in the future of the site and the work of the Stewardship Council.

**Questions from the Board** - Jo Ann Price stated that her one concern would be if the Museum board were to use the Stewardship Council to pursue funding in any way. Kim stated that, at some appropriate time in the future, the Museum may be looking for local government funding, but that is not a reason for their participation with the Stewardship Council. Lori Cox stated that she had similar concern. Clark Johnson asked for more detail on how the Museum can fit with future stewardship at the site. Kim responded that the Museum can help maintain a historical memory of Rocky Flats. Bryan added that, as both DOE-LM and the Stewardship Council will value the importance of recruiting long term interest, the Museum can stimulate public involvement and preserve public awareness. Lorraine Anderson noted that there is no visual reminder of what was at Rocky Flats and asked how the Museum would work with the Stewardship Council to do this. Kim said the Museum will help maintain the visual, historical record of the site. Bryan added that the Museum would like to link goals with the Stewardship Council, as their goals are complementary and compatible. Karen Imbierowicz asked how it would help the Museum's mission by sitting on the Stewardship Council. Kim replied that it helps to stay abreast of issues, and the Museum would also like to work in concert with FWS and others on trail development, as the Museum's mission could also tie into interpretive signage in the future.

**Roman Kohler (Rocky Flats Homesteaders).** Roman has been coming to meetings since the Coalition started. The Homesteaders is now open to all Rocky Flats workers. They have 1,800 dues-paying members, scattered around various locations. Roman puts out a newsletter five times per year informing members about what is going on at the site. The Homesteaders' current focus is on seeing that DOE follows through on the agreements it made with the communities and the workers. He would also bring his experience working at Rocky Flats for 27 years, mostly in the production area, in both hourly and management positions.

**Questions from the Board** – Lorraine asked if Roman felt confident that he could represent all employees. Roman replied that many of the Homesteaders members are from union, although he does not know what the exact percentages are. He does consider himself a point of contact for all workers and his group has good communication channels with DOE.

### ***Nominations and Discussion***

Karen Imbierowicz reviewed the criteria discussed at previous meetings for selecting members.

The criteria include:

1. Impacted by and interested in a majority of the scope topic areas of the Stewardship Council
2. Willingness to invest time and energy on all of the topic areas
3. Some familiarity with Rocky Flats history, the cleanup process, etc.
4. Represent a broad constituency with a wide diversity of viewpoints
5. Bring new ideas to the table

Board members were asked to share their nominations.

Lorraine Anderson nominated the **Rocky Flats Homesteaders**, and said she would expect the Board to support this group. She also nominated the **Rocky Flats Cold War Museum**, mainly for the diversity it brings to table. She liked that they represent the whole spectrum of Rocky Flats interests, and also their ability to keep story of Rocky Flats alive.

Lori Cox nominated the **League of Women Voters**, saying she appreciates their promotion of public participation and education in nonpartisan manner. She also nominated **Daniel Branch**, adding that his technical expertise would bring a slightly different and very helpful perspective.

JoAnn Price nominated the **Woman Creek Reservoir Authority**, noting the importance of water issues, and that Jim brings good diversity with his knowledge, including refuge issues. She also pointed to his experience working with broad constituencies, representing the water interests of 200,000 people, his expertise in the history of Rocky Flats, and monitoring issues.

Jim Congrove nominated **Charlie McKay**, who grew up on the property, and currently owns mineral rights.

Shaun McGrath nominated **Ken Foelske** for his excellent expertise with open space issues.

Bob Nelson noted that he is a member of both the Homesteaders and the Cold War Museum board, and asked if it was appropriate for him to vote. The Board approved his voting.

### ***Voting***

In order to receive a recommendation from the Coalition, an applicant had to receive 6 votes. Each government had 4 votes to use on the 7 nominees.

### **Round one votes:**

Rocky Flats Homesteaders – 8\*  
Rocky Flats Cold War Museum - 5  
League of Women Voters – 7\*  
Daniel Branch - 4  
WCRA - 1  
Charlie McKay - 3  
Ken Foelske – 4

\*Denotes enough votes to receive a Coalition recommendation for membership on the Stewardship Council.

The Board moved on to a second round after approving the Homesteaders and the League of Women Voters, and taking out the WCRA which received only one vote. Each government was given two votes.

### **Round two votes:**

Rocky Flats Cold War Museum-6\*

Daniel Branch-3  
Charlie McKay-3  
Ken Foelske-3

\*Denotes enough votes to receive a Coalition recommendation for membership on the Stewardship Council.

The Board moved on to a third round after approving the Rocky Flats Cold War Museum, noting that it could recommend one more nominee. Each government was given one vote.

**Round three votes:**

Daniel Branch-1  
Charlie McKay-2  
Ken Foelske-5

The Board moved on to a fourth round after removing the lowest vote-getter. Each government was again given one vote.

**Round four votes:**

Charlie McKay- 1  
Ken Foelske – 6

The Coalition will recommend the following nominees to serve on the Stewardship Council:

- Rocky Flats Homesteaders
- Rocky Flats Cold War Museum
- League of Women Voters
- Ken Foelske

David had already circulated a draft recommendation letter to the Board. He will insert the nominees and send the letter to DOE today so that the Stewardship Council will be able to hold its first meeting on March 6, 2006.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Erin Rogers.*