

**Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
October 11, 2017**

The monthly meeting of the Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at the water district offices at 548 Front Street, Fairplay, CO 80440. Board President Briggs Cunningham called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

Members of the Board present in the office were Craig Steinmetz and Briggs Cunningham. Attending by conference telephone were Chris Fuller, Lisa McVicker and Geri Salsig. Also present at the office were Dan Drucker and Nola Knudsen.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES**

Geri Salsig moved to approve the agenda as presented. Chris Fuller seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Chris Fuller moved to accept the minutes with a spelling correction. Craig Steinmetz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

2.1 Administrator's report on accounts - Nola Knudsen was instructed at the previous Board meeting to search for an individual to maintain the district website. She discussed an individual she had located and the proposed billing rate. Lisa McVicker made a motion to authorize Nola going forward with engaging a new independent contractor to help with the website at a billing rate of \$45 per hour. Craig Steinmetz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2.2 Treasurer's Review – included in budget review.

2.3 Nola Knudsen reviewed the monthly warrants with the Board. Warrants and invoices totaled \$21,536.42. Craig Steinmetz made a motion to approve the monthly warrants as presented. Chris Fuller seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2.4 Discussion of 2018 Preliminary Budget – Craig Steinmetz presented the 2018 preliminary budget to the Board and discussed the various line items of the recommended draft budget and proposed changes. Chris Fuller moved to approve the contract agreement with Nola Knudsen which includes a monthly billing increase of \$200 per month. Lisa McVicker seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Chris Fuller moved to approve the contract agreement with Dan Drucker that includes an hourly billing increase to \$85 per hour. Lisa McVicker seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Chris Fuller moved to approve an increase in the lease with 548 Front Street LLC from \$875.00 per month plus one third the cost of utilities to \$1,000.00 per month plus one third of the cost of utilities. Lisa McVicker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Craig Steinmetz will make the changes to the budget that were discussed and approved by the Board and he will email a revised budget to all Board members. Nola Knudsen will advertise the Notice of Budget in the Fairplay Flume prior to the next Board meeting.

**WATER QUALITY REPORT** - Maggie Valentine-Graham with Weston Solutions joined the Board meeting via telephone conference at 3:42 pm to review the water quality report that was provided the Board.

She said in June and in September they collected surface water samples and ran a metals analysis. The results indicated the water is potable water. The arsenic found in the water is naturally occurring in Colorado. While the rate of arsenic is acceptable at the present levels, she recommends monitoring this level to make sure it doesn't go above 10.

Since the London Mine water is believed to have water quality issues, Maggie was asked how that may have impacted the Smelter Pipeline Reservoir (SPR). She said "Dilution is the solution to pollution" meaning that there was enough distance from what is coming out of London to minimize the impact on the SPR.

### **OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT**

Dan Drucker reviewed some of the information presented on the Operations Manager's report distributed to Board members. In discussing the Currant Creek project, he said he is trying to option a tank, get valid numbers on estimates and that it will have to be decided if the project will be designed and stamped by an engineer before proceeding

Craig Steinmetz said if we have a list of improvements and where they will be placed, he suggests having an engineer review and approve the plans. Geri Salsig said the tanks that were looked at to purchase for Currant Creek have been sold. There is a tank in the Alpine Bluffs housing division, but it appears to have a hole in the bottom and would have to be repaired.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

4.1 Report on Water Quality Testing at the SPR – covered above.

4.2 Chatfield – Dan Drucker attended the meeting for the Chatfield Reallocation project today. He said the figures for the project will be presented on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The original estimate was \$134 million. The off-ramp estimate is \$171 million dollars, a 28% increase. Dan said not all factors were known at the original bid time and with the improved economy, contractors are charging accordingly.

Lisa McVicker made a motion to take the off-ramp. The Board engaged in further discussion of the actual costs per acre foot and what the actual usages of that storage will be. CCWCD presently will have 131.82 acre feet of storage. Matt Luce did an analysis of the exchange potential. When Chatfield comes on line, the District can sell an additional 30 acre feet. Lisa McVicker withdrew her motion.

4.2.1 Ratifying CRMC participation fee document – After polling Board members and receiving approval, Dan Drucker has signed the CRMC participation document for the Board. The signing was ratified by the Board with unanimous approval.

4.2.2 Decision on CPR off-ramp – Discussed under 4.2

James Tingle Reservoir – This month the Board was asked to approve payment to Centennial WSD for the purchase of a SCADA system for the JTR. Dan Drucker explained to the Board members what the SCADA systems consisted of. Centennial Water and Sanitation is still looking for a caretaker. The job requires working seven days per week in the irrigation season and one day a week in the winter. Swithin Dick and Rick McCloud have been alternating their services in the meantime.

Division 2 delivery – There has been no change since the last report.

4.3 Update on Indian Mountain subdivision water issues – There is nothing new to report; business is moving forward with Indian mtn.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

5.1 Decision on IGA regarding Currant Creek property – The IGA was circulated among the water entities and was approved by HASP. The IGA turns over control of Currnt Creek to HASP who will become the operating entity for that parcel. Chris Fuller made a motion to approve the IGA regarding lease and management of the Currant Creek Property to the Headwater Authority of the South Platte. Lisa McVicker seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The IGA will be forwarded to Dave Wissel for review by the Upper South Platte Water Conservancy District.

5.2 Filing of application to make absolute or for continuing diligence on the James Tingle Reservoir (JTR) – David Shohet said he has filed the application with Centennial Water and Sanitation District to appropriate a water right for the JTR and received a conditional water right

David Shohet said the diligence application is due by the end of December to make the water right continuous until it can be made absolute. The Center has a decree allowing storage of 200 acre feet of water. Every six years the District has to demonstrate that we should be able to preserve our place. David defined the difference between absolute and conditional water rights. The District has only diverted a portion of the water so the District should maintain diligence. CCWCD is currently in the six-year diligence period.

Lisa McVicker made a motion to have David Shohet file the diligence application for the JTR to make the water right continuous until it can be made absolute. Craig Steinmetz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

## **UPDATE ON LEGAL ISSUES**

David Shohet said his office is largely in the process of writing comments back to applicants and waiting for response and/or when CCWC is the applicant, he is writing responses to opposers. There is not much additional activity at this time.

In August of 2017, David Shohet filed an application to make a portion of the SPR absolute and for continuing diligence on all amounts not made absolute.

Parmalee and Flume Ditch Measurement – David Shohet said the Division Engineer wants a measuring device installed on Deer Creek to allow the Division Engineer to administer the water rights on Deer Creek. David said he just sent a lengthy email, along with other joint water users as to why this action is not necessary.

Audubon Appeal – The Audubon’s appeal of the decision to enlarge Chatfield has been pending for 18 months and the Court has not ruled on the appeal.

Jan Leach property – The family of Jan Leach is considering selling all of the property outside of Alma. The Center owns 15 areas in and around the reservoir and has to cross the Jan Leach property to get to the Smelter Pipeline Reservoir; she has to cross the Center property to access her portions. The document put in place in 2005 was for cross easements and agreements. Jan Leach does have a storage right in Adventure Placer. Dan Drucker said he will explore surrounding property that may be for sale.

## **DIRECTORS ISSUES**

Briggs Cunningham asked for board members and Dan Drucker to look at the proofs of the tri-fold brochure for HASP and to approve. Chris Fuller said she will have the weed report next month. Chris said there has been a shift at the JTR. The prior worst areas are doing better. However, whoever is spraying at the reservoir is still spraying native species. Overall there has been quite a bit of improvement

There being no further business brought before the board, Chris Fuller made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Craig Steinmetz and the Board adjourned at 4:52 PM.

Nola Knudsen, District Administrator