

Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
January 8, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District was held on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at the water district offices located at 548 Front Street in Fairplay. Board President Briggs Cunningham called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

The member present in the office was Briggs Cunningham. Members of the Board who were present by telephone conference were Lisa McVicker, Chris Fuller, Geri Salsig and Craig Steinmetz. Dan Drucker and Nola Knudsen were present in the office. Legal counsel David Shohet was present by telephone conference.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES

Lisa McVicker moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Geri Salsig and the motion carried unanimously. Lisa McVicker made a motion to approve the December minutes as amended, Craig Steinmetz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2.1 Administrator's report on accounts: Nola Knudsen reviewed the monthly warrants with the Board. Invoices for January totaled \$29,429.84. This is comprised of \$ 22,603.76 of monthly warrants and a \$6,826.08 payment to CRMC for the monthly funding request.

2.2 Treasurer's Review: Hold the check

2.3 Approval of Invoices and Warrants: Lisa McVicker moved to approve the invoices and warrants as presented with the caveat Nola will hold the loan fee until after she has a conversation with Kathy and at that time will decide whether or not to mail. Chris Fuller seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2.4 President's State of the District report. – Briggs Cunningham reported CCW has two reservoirs and storage in another. Overall, the District is doing well in many aspects. The Board does need to be considering new members. He humorously stated current Board members are "long of tooth" and we need new members.

2.5 Election of District Officers – Lisa McVicker moved to maintain officer positions they held

in 2019. Lisa McVicker amended her motion to leave Briggs Cunningham as Chairman, have Lisa McVicker take over the Vice Chair while Chris Fuller will remain as Secretary and Craig Steinmetz will remain as Treasurer. Geri Salsig will be the member at large. Chris Fuller seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Other Administrative Matters: Lynn and Geri Buchanan has been invited to the February meeting to consider a position as an officer on the Board.

Nola will get zoom set up for future board meetings.

OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT

Prior to the meeting, Dan Drucker emailed the Operations Manager's Report to all Board members.

3.1 Update on Chatfield Reservoir Reallocation Project (CRP) – Dan Drucker reported the project is basically done except for installing the pump 'n dump and the restaurant. The Operations Advisory Committee is working on a plan that will allow us to operate our storage in the reservoir along with the other members. The plan should be in place in April and may allow time to get permission to fill the reservoir when water is available.

Guffey area augmentation plan. The 1041 permit has been sent to Tom Eisenman today. Dan will not bother him for a week.

Geri Salsig asked about the participation of the Guffy fire station in the augmentation plan. Lisa McVicker said we were going forward trying to make the fire station as part of our plan but they chose not to proceed with HASP. David Shohet said part of our problem we ran into was our trucking and storing of water. He believes the fire station well is not augmented but the engineer has other issues to deal with presently.

OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Discussion and decision on the CCWCD Scholarship Program:

Lisa McVicker said she did a little research on scholarship programs. The Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado provides two \$5K scholarships per year to non-traditional or high school children. Pre-requisites include that applicants have to have participated in three outdoor activities.

NEW BUSINESS:

5.1 Possible future projects: Chris Fuller said CUSP did a rapid assessment on the North Fork for Denver. Aurora water gave CUSP \$20K to do the planning and pick what they thought was the most urgent project to undertake. Chris thought about a reduction in sediments in the North Fork and wondered if this may also help CCWCD. Chris inquired whether when the plan is pulled together, if CCWCD might want to partially fund something like that. David Shohet would be interested in seeing the assessment. Once it is completed and sent to Denver Water, Chris will send him a copy.

UPDATE ON LEGAL ISSUES

David Shohet said there was not much going on during the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Case 16CW3184 – David said he has received the BLM expert disclosures and is presently going through. The disclosures ignored the matters raised in HASP’S letter. HASP’S expert disclosures will be due on April 27, 2020 with trial set for October 2020.

Case 17CW3214 – Lininger Lake – Park County, Aurora, Mountain Mutual and Centennial have fled statements of opposition to this case. Park County and Aurora have stipulated out of this case. We are making some progress with Centennial but not Mountain Mutual. This case is set for a three-day trial starting on February 9, 2021.

Case 18CW3100 – Retreat Land – Madoline Wallace-Gross is the lead attorney for HASP in this case. This case has been sent to the Water Judge and will be set for trial in the next 60 days. Progress towards settlement is being made with the Applicant and they are close to recommending stipulation.

David Shohet said the rest of the cases are in the process of negotiations.

David Shohet said he sent invoices to Centennial for lease water and Randall and Sessions water. The Center will be getting approximately \$28,000 for this water.

Briggs Cunningham asked about the County’s 5 acre feet of storage in the JTR. Since there has not been a reply from the County to meet and discuss the matter of storage, Briggs asked if this lack of activity will just continue on without a reply. David Shohet said there is no sense trying to chase them down. We offered a nominal fee. Dan Drucker suggests not to take hostile action until the 1041 is permitted.

PATRONS COMMENTS

None

DIRECTOR’S ISSUES

None

Chris Fuller moved to adjourn the session. Lisa McVicker seconded and the meeting adjourned at 3:59 PM.

Nola Knudsen, District Administrator