

Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
December 11, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District was held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at the water district offices located at 548 Front Street in Fairplay. Board President Briggs Cunningham called the meeting to order at 3:04 PM.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES

Chris Fuller moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Lisa McVicker and the motion carried unanimously. Lisa McVicker made a motion to approve the November minutes as amended. Chris Fuller 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 December totaled \$17,030.07. This is comprised of \$ 13,079.90 of monthly warrants and a \$3,950.17 payment to CRMC.

2.2 Treasurer's Review: None

2.3 Approval of Invoices and Warrants: Chris Fuller moved to approve the invoices and warrants as presented. Lisa McVicker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2.4 Adoption of the Proposed Budget for 2020: Board members discussed the features of the proposed budget. Lisa McVicker moved to approve the budget as presented. Craig Steinmetz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT

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

3.1 Chatfield reservoir Reallocation Project (CRP) issues: Dan Drucker reported the project is winding down. There is likely to be a large payment once the reservoir is filled with our storage.

CWCB requested a loan extension from them because the loans have expired. Dan Drucker signed for it after receiving counsel from David Shohet.

3.2 Update on Division 2 Guffey-area Augmentation Plan: Dan Drucker said he is waiting on a decision from HASP regarding the storage tanks and when to apply for a 1041 permit. Dan has written to the HASP Board. It is a speculative project and HASP was aware of this. HASP decided to go ahead and use that permit application to get Park County prepared for a major future 1041. The big permit will be the Indian Mountain permits. The amount of objectors will increase because of the amount of properties involved. In Guffey, it is our property. When we do get customers, the permit will be in place.

Lisa McVicker said as a member of the HASP Board, she will vote to go forward. She appreciates Dan's work on it and wants to thank Dan for his tireless work on the Chatfield Reservoir project. He has represented us with honor and integrity and wants to say thank you.

OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Update on County storage in the James Tingle Reservoir: David Shohet said the Center agreed to rent storage at \$50 per acre foot. The Center has to be reimbursed for the operator's time to make releases. The County did not feel it was acceptable. David offered to set a time to meet with the County and discuss the issue, however, the County has not replied.

4.2 Update on Deer Creek Measurement Gauge: David Shohet said a preconstruction meeting will be held on site. FlyWater is the contractor. The gauge should be installed. The Division of Water Resources, W.W. Wheeler and the County will all attend. Construction is set to begin on Monday December 6th.

NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Ratification of the Chatfield contract extension request: Chris Fuller made a motion to ratify the extension of the loan with the CWCB for a 2-year period from October 20, 2019 to October 19, 2021. The motion was seconded by Lisa McVicker and carried unanimously.

5.2 Discussion of CCWCD Scholarship program: David Shohet suggested the Board consider a scholarship program. He put together a memo with bullet points to consider how it would operate and distributed to Board members.

Dan Drucker wondered if one scholarship would be appropriate for college and another for a high school STEM program. Lisa McVicker likes both of Dan Drucker's ideas and she requested Dan write up his notes around this idea and circulate to the Board. Dan shared that the Colorado Water Conservation Board awarded a grant in the amount of \$2000. A third party was hired to determine who the grants were awarded to. Dan added some suggestions about using an amount

of \$1997 because that was the year the Center was formed. Briggs Cunningham thinks one of the requirements for the stipend could be for the awardee to attend a couple of board meetings. Another suggestion was a paid internship over the summer.

Lisa McVicker recommends everyone looking at the various bullet points on the decision memo and email one another.

5.3 Discussion of future projects: David Shohet said the Chatfield Reservoir project is starting to wind down and we have a lot of money setting in our bank. Proposals for additional projects will probably have to be generated from Dan Drucker or David Shohet. Board members were asked to consider what does the Center need in the way of water and where does it need it? David said storage location is probably the biggest single issue. There was a general discussion regarding reclaiming gravel pits for water storage.

David Shohet feels the solution for Division Two is to purchase the Del Ditches.

UPDATE ON LEGAL ISSUES

Case 17CW3214 Lininger Lake: The Center filed the application Lininger Lake case seeking to appropriate a water right for Lininger Lake and to exchange water into Lininger Lake. HASP has been substituted in this case as the Applicant. Park County, Aurora, Mountain Mutual, and Centennial filed statements of opposition to this case. Park County and Aurora have stipulated out. This case is sent for a three-day trial starting on February 9, 2021. Progress towards settlement is being made with the remaining parties as they continue to negotiate

David Shohet said in the rest of the cases, HASP is the opposer. There is not much going on in the last 30 days. His office is in the process of getting draft decrees, working with engineers, and responding to other parties.

HASP received a large application from the Glen Isle Resort who will be another good customer. Usage is expected to be ½ to an acre foot of water. Estimated income will be \$25,000 to 30,000. The use will be for the cabins, kitchenettes and hotel. They will go into the 12 augmentation plan

Other Legal matters: Jan Leach Trust Agreement. The buyer has backed out of the contract to purchase the property. They are now uncertain about the amendment; nothing is pressing and they probably won't do anything about amending the agreement.

PATRONS COMMENTS

None

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES

Briggs Cunningham was wondering about purging his cabinet of old Center paperwork; he was advised public material could be thrown away but executive session meetings must be destroyed.

Lisa McVicker said to utilize Zoom for Board meetings will cost \$14.95 per month when used for longer than 45 minutes.

Chris Fuller moved to adjourn the session. Lisa McVicker seconded and the meeting adjourned at 4:12 PM.

Nola Knudsen, District Administrator