

Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 12, 2019

The monthly meeting of the Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District was held on Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at the water district offices located at 548 Front Street in Fairplay. Board President Briggs Cunningham called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES

Lisa McVicker moved to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Geri Salsig and the motion carried unanimously. Lisa McVicker made a motion to approve the May minutes as presented. Chris Fuller seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Administrator's report on accounts: Nola Knudsen reviewed the monthly warrants with the Board. Invoices for June totaled \$41,103.64. This is comprised of \$ 13,706.83 of monthly warrants and a \$27,396.81 payment to CRMC.
2. Treasurer's Review: Craig Steinmetz asked to have the Funding #13 clarified based on the percentage of ownership.
3. Approval of Invoices and Warrants: Chris Fuller moved to approve the invoices and warrants 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.

Briggs Cunningham asked about the results of the Guffey inspection on June 6th. Dan Drucker said the gate was opened for the ERO personnel to enter and begin their work to determine the geology of the soil. They check for possible wetlands and examined the area where the site is

located. Dan Drucker and ERO representatives went to see Tom Eisenman to determine what he would like to see. ERO will develop the proposal for review.

Dan Drucker said conditions by the area of the loafing shed have made the area almost impassable. Restoration work will be needed here.

The SPR has been filled to capacity. Dan Drucker said they have used free river to meet this capacity. He further reported the meters at the SPR show a discrepancy. He said “the SPR water almost fell out of the reservoir, but the meter recorded water 8-10 acre feet less than was in the reservoir”. The readings from the transducer and staff gauge showed it at 17-18 acre feet. Dan has continued to monitor those meters and believes something might be blocking the outflow pipe so it doesn’t record correctly. This could possibly be an algae buildup. It may be necessary to get a camera to search out the problem.

Dan was thinking of asking Garver if he could make a release to blow out the line. Craig Steinmetz said it is also possible to hire a plumber to jet the pipe to clear obstructions.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Discussion of the Water Education Plan:

The Upper South Platte is considering an education plan for Park County. Dan Drucker said we have a good relationship with CUSP who has taught education in the past and may get some assistance from them. At one time CCWCD purchased some educational pamphlets. Lisa McVicker said it was The Citizen’s Guide to Water Law. Lisa will do some research on this and report back to the Board in July.

UPDATE ON LEGAL ISSUES

David Shohet said he is largely in the status of responding and receiving feedback on the majority of cases.

Case 16CW3184 Bureau of Land Management: This case was sent to the water judge and set for trial in October, 2020. David Shohet is working with TZA to see if we can resolve the issues. David said he should have an update by the next joint meeting.

Case 17CW3214 Lininger lake: We have entered a stipulated decree with Park County and are very close to agreement with Aurora. David said he met with Mountain Mutual representatives but doesn't know if anything was accomplished in that meeting.

Briggs Cunningham asked if we have the ability to manage what Mountain Mutual does. David said we probably could but we would likely need a full time manager and would have to change some procedures. David said he is hopeful Mountain Mutual will be ready to stipulate out of that case.

Deer Creek measurement: Matt Loose spoke with other Deer Creek water users and provided an update on the permanent gage station design, schedule, and estimated costs. W.W.Wheeler is moving forward with the design plans. Park County will contribute the land and easement and want that to be their contribution to the gage. Operation and maintenance will be performed by the division engineer and we will pay them annually for the O and M.

David Shohet said there have been free river conditions for several weeks. We now have free water stored in Spinney Reservoir, the Smelter Pipeline Reservoir and we are waiting for Lininger Lake to open up from snow pack. We are starting to top everything off and go into the next couple years with full storage

Indian Mountain: HASP has asked for alternatives to a storage tank to replace Indian Mountain well depletions. HASP has been exploring a pipeline from Michigan Creek at or below the JTR to deliver water directly to Tarryall Creek above Indian Mountain well depletions. At the last HASP meeting, members were discussing what size pipeline would be best used. TZA got back to us and said a 2" pipe will give us enough capacity to meet the needs of 800 wells. This will need to be discussed with HASP. Dan Drucker was asked if Indian Mountain has talked about what they want. David Shohet said they have reached out but have not heard back from them.

David Shohet said we only need 18-20 gallons per minute (gpm) to meet Indian Mountain diversions. If something went wrong such as a clog, we wouldn't get 30gpm. This is not much additional capacity if we might want to serve out of that pipeline. Briggs Cunningham asked if the 3-inch pipe was a better choice. David agreed it would give additional capacity and if we only wanted to run it 6 hours per day, we could meet a 24-hour depletion.

Geri Salsig asked who was the new water commissioner for District 12, Division 2 was and was informed it is Dan Hendricks. David Shohet said Mr. Hendricks was a Ditch Rider for many years, then worked as a Water Commissioner for the last 4-5 years. He moved back to the area for this last year.

ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

None required

PATRONS COMMENTS

None

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES

Lisa McVicker said she and Craig Steinmetz will be attending the Water Shed Summit on June 27th and offered to provide information to any interested board members.

There being no further business brought before the Board, Lisa McVicker moved to adjourn the meeting. Chris Fuller seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 3:52 PM.

Nola Knudsen, District Administrator