

**Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District**  
**Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**October 14, 2020**

The monthly meeting of the Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District was held on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at the water district offices located at 548 Front Street in Fairplay. Board President Briggs Cunningham called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM.

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

Lisa McVicker moved to remove items 4.1 and 4.2 from the agenda and approve the agenda as amended. Lynne Buchanan seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Chris Fuller made a motion to approve the September minutes as amended with a spelling correction. Lisa McVicker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

2.1 Administrator's report on accounts: Nola Knudsen reviewed the month's expenses with the Board. October's warrants and invoices totaled \$10,264.96. Total cash assets after payment of October invoices is \$1,445,904.29.

2.2 Treasurer's Review: The Treasurer has reviewed all warrants/invoices and cash assets.

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

2.4 Lisa McVicker moved to appoint Craig Steinmetz as the 2021 Budget Officer. The motion was seconded by Chris Fuller and carried unanimously.

Preliminary budget review: During the review of the proposed budget, the board members decided to add an expenditure for technology for the conference room and a separate line for Chatfield Operations and Maintenance. Some funds were adjusted to increase or decrease other line items.

## **OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT**

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

Dan Drucker notified board members that CCWCD now has 1.39acre feet of storage in the Chatfield Reservoir. The Adventure Placer II release is 0.293acre feet each October. This has been made this year. Depending on how much is in the SPR, we will divide by 2.93 acre feet and this will tell us how long water would last if there is a drought. It will be impacted with evaporation or leakage. David said we are not maxed out in our augmentation plan. Even if that happened, our plans are planned to function for three years.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

## **UPDATE ON LEGAL ISSUES**

**Case 16CW3184 Bureau of Land Management:** This case was reset for trial in March 2021. We have a proposed decree from the BLM to increase the amount of the replacement water it will provide associated with its pond. HASP has accepted the settlement proposal and are trying to settle with BLM.

**Bar Star Application:** Bar Star and HASP agreed that HASP would not file a statement of opposition if Bar Star provided HASP with a proposed ruling for review and included language requested by HASP in a final decree protecting HASP's ability to augment Indian Mountain wells under HASP's plans. There has been some discussion about exploring ways for HASP to augment Indian Mountain wells. A work group with IMMD to figure out what would be fair if HASP did acquire the augmentation plan has been formed and the first meeting will be Oct 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Case 19CW3154 Mountain Mutual:** We are now in front of the referee. By December 4<sup>th</sup>, HASP is required to provide comments to the Applicant's revised decree.

**HASP Applications:** There have been no new applications in the last thirty days. There is one old account that will rejoin the HASP and purchase water to augment for year round uses.

**Deer Creek Measurement Device:** We have an agreement with CPW that is making its way through their approval process. We will have an agreement to present to HASP in the next six weeks. All major users will have paid their contribution on the Deer Creek Measurement Device. The last 6-8 weeks have been dry and there are more water rights than water. At the end

of September there was not enough water therefore the water is being pro-rated among the users. As a result, we may be at a 20% reduction.

**North and South Side Ditches:** A bid was placed on these ditches, however, the owner took them off the market.

**Letter to the County and CCWCD's Boundaries:** There are approximately 8 parcels that have been excluded from CCWCD. David said we have legal descriptions. To the extent those landowners may want water, it can't come from CCWCD assets.

**Adventure Placer and SPR Operations:** Dan Drucker and David Shohet have been working with the Water Commissioner and Lisa Brown to make a release from the SPR to cover winter depletions associated with the Adventure Placer.

**Chatfield** – We have delivered 1.50 acre-feet of credits on Deer Creek, which allowed us to store 1.39 acre-feet in Chatfield after transit losses.

**Dell Ditches-** David Shohet sent an email to the Smiths who own the Dell Ditches on the Current Creek in Division 2 near Guffey. This could be beneficial to our Division 2 Augmentation plan. David Shohet is hoping to hear back from them.

**Elkhorn:** Elkhorn owns their augmentation water but they are tired of working with Bar Star. Jon Rice, John Matteson, and David Shohet met with Elkhorn to discuss possible ways for HASP to augment Elkhorn.

**Lease of Twin Lakes Shares** – HASP had all six shares conveyed to them. They have leased 4 of the 6 to the Brights. They had a 5-year lease that just expired and the lease has been extended for two more years.

## **PATRONS COMMENTS**

None

## **DIRECTOR'S ISSUES**

None

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

Nola Knudsen, District Administrator