

Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
November 11, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District was held on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 at the water district offices located at 548 Front Street in Fairplay. Board President Briggs Cunningham called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM.

The member present in the office was Briggs Cunningham. Members of the Board who were present by telephone conference were Chris Fuller, Lisa McVicker, Lynne Buchanan 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 approve the agenda as presented. Lynne Buchanan seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Lynne Buchanan made a motion to approve the October minutes as amended with a change in the Operation's Manager's report. 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. November's warrants and invoices totaled \$14,241.41. Total cash assets after payment of November invoices is \$1,433,086.76.

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. Chris Fuller seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

2.4 Preliminary Adoption of the 2021 Budget: Craig Steinmetz sent the Board members a copy of the preliminary budget prior to this meeting. Craig took out \$250,000 from the Capital Expenses; successful and unsuccessful, and replaced it with \$100,000. There were no other recommended changes to the budget. In discussion, Chris Fuller stated she wanted to have an item added to the January agenda for discussion about possible projects to improve the water conditions for Park County. David Shohet agreed and said there were numerous possible projects to consider. Final adoption of the budget will be made in the December meeting.

OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT

Prior to the meeting, Dan Drucker emailed the Operations Manager's Report to all Board members. In addition, he emailed Board members the preliminary design of Phase 1 of the Current Creek 2 project.

Dan said the drawings he has are not up to standards for this job. He is dealing with the engineer in LRA and another in Nebraska. Lisa McVicker asked whether the SPR was frozen over. Dan Drucker said he was at the reservoir prior to this meeting and parts of it are melted.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

UPDATE ON LEGAL ISSUES

Adventure Placer: When the Center acquired the Smelter Pipeline Reservoir, we took on the augmentation for Adventure Placer and we are required to make releases each year. Unfortunately, a contact was lost and we don't have the needed information on how much to release based on the wells drilled. David Shohet suggested getting the legal description for Adventure Placer, provide a notice and attach the legal description that would come up for anyone purchasing a lot.

Lisa McVicker made a motion to authorize counsel to add language putting landholders on notice about who augments their water, to notify CCWCD if they want to drill another well, and for legal counsel to create a notice to be recorded with the chain of title on the lots in Adventure Place. Chris Fuller seconded. There was further discussion. Dan Drucker was concerned how this would be received. He suggests sending out a letter first letting landholders know they need to notify CCWCD if they wish to drill a well. He thinks it is important to let the landowners CCWCD isn't doing anything "funny" with their title. David informed the Board, the augmentation plan is already recorded; this would be another notice to add on informing the owners that CCWCD has taken over the augmentation and needs correct information from them. Lynne said she sees this as an administrative matter and asked if there was an HOA.

There was a review of the motion and the second on the table. The vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

Mountain Mutual Application: Mountain Mutual filed an application for a small pond augmentation on Mosquito Creek. Madoline Wallace-Gross did not want to bring this up to

HASP, so David is bringing this to the attention of the CCWCD Board to see if Board members are interested in filing a statement of opposition. It is a small pond augmentation plan. They need a little less than one half an acre foot but there is potential for small injury as we are doing a lot on Mosquito Creek. David said one half acre foot is approximately 175,000 gallons of water. The Board discussed the pros and cons of whether or not to go further with legal action. The general Board consensus was to send a letter to Mountain Mutual letting them know CCWCD has decided not to send a letter of opposition and that maybe we could work together in the future.

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES

None

Lisa McVicker moved to adjourn the session. Lynne Buchanan seconded and the meeting adjourned at 1:49 PM.

Nola Knudsen, District Administrator