

Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
September 9, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District was held on Wednesday, September 9, 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, Lynne Buchanan and Chris Fuller. Members of the Board who were present by telephone conference were Lisa McVicker and Craig Steinmetz. Dan Drucker and Nola Knudsen were present in the office. Legal counsel David Shohet was present by telephone conference.

Lynne Buchanan moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Craig Steinmetz and the motion carried unanimously. Lynne Buchanan made a motion to approve the August minutes as amended with a spelling correction. Craig Steinmetz 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. August's warrants and invoices totaled \$11,234.99. Total cash assets after payment of August invoices is \$1,432,052.59

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

2.3 Approval of Invoices and Warrants: Craig Steinmetz moved to approve the invoices and warrants as presented. Lynne Buchanan 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.

Lisa McVicker asked when Chatfield will be filled. Matt Loose ran some Deer Creek credits into Chatfield as we are now using our storage in Chatfield Reservoir. David Shohet thinks there are a couple acre feet in there now.

OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Update on Scholarship awards: certificates to winners and checks to schools:

Nola Knudsen verified that the checks were sent to the respective schools; Dan Drucker verified he sent the certificates to the scholarship winners.

NEW BUSINESS:

5.1. Review of future scholarship awards: Briggs Cunningham said we will present scholarships next year and we will start earlier with the offerings.

UPDATE ON LEGAL ISSUES

Chris Fuller arrived at 3:19 pm. David Shohet provided a brief review of some activity on pending cases.

Case 16CW3184 Bureau of Land Management: David Shohet said they are waiting on a proposed decree and plan to wrap things up in a few weeks.

Case 17CW3214 Lininger Lake: David told the board a final decree has been entered and now we will start figuring out how to use this asset.

Bar Star Application: David reviewed the application Bar Star has regarding its wells. Bar Star has run into a problem as the State and Division Engineers are not allowing their application unless they recalculate the depletions associated with its entire augmentation plan. There will discussion at the Friday HASP meeting if there may be a way HASP can work with them.

Case 19CW3154 Mountain Mutual: We are in the process where we are providing comments and they are being provided back.

HASP Applications: HASP received two new applications in the last thirty days. One is for household use in Redhill Forest and the second is for a pond approximately a mile north of Spinney Mountain Reservoir. Glen Isle's application is now complete and HASP also completed the application for Paiement near Alma. HASP is providing augmentation water for these accounts.

Deer Creek Measurement Device: We have continued to work with CPW on agreement for the Deer Creek Gauge. A final agreement has not been reached at this point.

North and South Side Ditches: The North and South Side Ditches are two very senior water rights located just outside Bailey. These water rights have been offered for sale and HASP sent the seller a proposed offer to purchase these water rights. HASP has not heard from the seller regarding HASP's offer. Briggs asked who would pay for these rights if the offer was taken.

The Boards would have to decide if there would be a capital contribution from each board. The money portion hasn't been worked out. This is an 1862 water right that is always in priority. David did not know who the other interested parties are.

David Shohet said the County wants to confirm the parcels that within the Center's District. Lisa McVicker believes a clarifying response is important. She recalls that some individuals did want to be excluded when the District was formed. Lisa made a motion to authorize David Shohet to look at the Court decree and write a formal response to the County on the mill level issue. The motion was seconded by Lynne Buchanan and carried unanimously.

David Shohet said to the extent, those property owners have excluded themselves from CCWCD, we can't provide augmentation water. It would be an important step to take by defining a map and identifying those locations. HASP could not use those assets. Dan Drucker said those that were excluded cannot also be members of the CCWCD Board of Directors.

Lisa McVicker asked about the Wild Horse Reservoir that is going forward. They are wanting to build a damn in the Holly Cross Wilderness area. Lisa asked whether water might be brought through Park County. David Shohet thinks it was a possibility.

PATRONS COMMENTS

None

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES

Chris Fuller said she went to the reservoirs to assess for weeds. She believes Centennial has been spraying but is unsure. Chris said the JTR looks good and the SPR looks fabulous. She reminded the Board the season was dry and growth was late. Chris will go back out and double check these areas but she is happy that there is no sign of Canada.

Chris Fuller moved to adjourn the session. Lisa McVicker seconded and the meeting adjourned at 3:36 PM.

Nola Knudsen, District Administrator