

Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District

Meeting of the Board of Directors

February 10, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at the water district offices located at 548 Front Street in Fairplay. Briggs Cunningham, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Items 4.2 will be moved to the March agenda. Lynne Buchanan moved to approve the agenda as amended. Craig Steinmetz seconded and the motion carried unanimously

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

. Chris Fuller made a motion to approve the December minutes as presented. Lynne Buchanan 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. January's warrants and invoices totaled \$15,415.77. Total cash assets after payment of January invoices is \$1,435,207.88.

2.2 Treasurer's Review:

The Treasurer has reviewed all warrants/invoices and cash assets.

2.3 Approval of Invoices and Warrants:

Chris Fuller moved to approve the invoices and warrants as presented. Craig Steinmetz seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Dan Drucker wants to consider sending Park County a bill for the fee Centennial charges us for releases. David Shohet will look at the bill and the transcript of testimony as part of the 1041 process to see if this is warranted.:

2.4 Approval of engagement letter with Hoelting & Co. for annual audit:

Lisa McVicker moved to approve the letter of engagement with Hoelting and Company for the 2020-year audit. The motion was seconded by Chris Fuller and carried unanimously.

2.5 President's State of the District report:

Briggs Cunningham said things are moving along well within the District. He questioned David Shohet as to whether the District is using all of water rights we have? David said no, not every drop we have, there is probably some flowing down stream. The District is making efforts to capture and claim as much water as possible. The excess water we do have; we lease to Centennial.

The Center also established a scholarship program in 2020 and continue looking into new ways to use our money; David said there are enough funds to explore other projects.

2.6 Election of District Officers:

Lisa McVicker moved to continue with same officers for the 2021 year as in the 2020 year. Craig Steinmetz would like to see other Board members have the opportunity to experience a different position. Craig nominates Lynne Buchanan for Treasurer. Lisa McVicker amends her motion to have Lynne adopt the Treasurer position. Chris Fuller 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. There were no additional questions from the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Discussion of possible projects – Chris Fuller commented on the report David Shohet emailed the Board of Directors with items for possible future projects. In reference to possible projects for operation of our plans for augmentation, Chris warned we need to be careful on how much we take on for water hauling for Division 2. She stated it is easier to contract someone to haul rather than have trucks, insurance, etc. An installation and meter certifier can be contracted.

Dan Drucker commented on the options of providing water wise gardens, trail signs etc.: If we provide trash cans or some program for trash, the District would not want to be the ones for

maintenance. Dan Drucker said they would have to be bear proof trash cans, and would have to be emptied so trash isn't left alongside them if they fill up.

There was a general discussion on the project ideas. This included being the entity to fund administering water rights in Park County rather than the primary in running projects at the same time not being just "deep pockets" for governmental entities. There are a number of potential partnerships and joint projects in which CCWCD could help them complete projects.

Chris Fuller agreed to draft a check list for when something comes to the District to look and see if applications meet our mission. This might include if there is county benefit, looking at who are other benefactors, does it include water education or have a water quality aspect to it? Briggs Cunningham said before any applications comes before us, he wants to know the District is allowed to participate in it.

NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Discussion of Lininger Lake Lease Renewal: David Shohet reminded the Board that the original lease was for five years with two possible twenty-five year extensions. We need to notify the Kenosha Trout Club (KTC) by May regarding our interest. They have indicated that are not sure they want to do a 25-year extension, but may want to do a 5-year project. David asked if we want HASP to take over the lease? This can be decided at the next month's Board meeting. David's inclination is to renew. Lisa McVicker asked if there was language about assigning the lease. David said we would like to renew and see what KTC comes back with. When we were originally negotiating, we had 5 years to determine if we could work together. Craig Steinmetz would like David to draw up a memo outlining some pros and cons over the terms of the lease. David will have this for the March meeting.

5.2 Discussion of 2021 JTR Service Agreements with CWSD: David Shohet discussed the need for dam and bank monitoring. He said we have received a proposal from Deer and Ault for \$24,000 to perform the necessary services. The proposal includes a management plan that is part of the 1041 permit.

Lisa McVicker made a motion to approve the Deer and Ault proposal for monitoring requirements for the JTR. Craig Steinmetz seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

LEGAL ISSUES

These will be covered in the HASP/Joint Board meeting.

DIRECTORS ISSUES

Briggs Cunningham said while CCWCD has funds for projects, we will want to use the funds wisely and not fall into the cliché of having it “burning a hole in one’s pocket”.

Craig Steinmetz said the issues Chris Fuller put forward for future CCWCD projects along with the recommendations from David Shoet be forwarded to all board members so they may be prepared for discussions during the meeting in March. Craig said he will send information regarding the responsibilities for CCWCD Treasurer to Lynne Buchanan.

Craig Steinmetz moved to adjourn the meeting. Lisa McVicker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Nola Knudsen, District Administrator