

Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
May 12, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District was held on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at the water district offices located at 548 Front Street in Fairplay. Chairman of the Board Briggs Cunningham called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

The members present in the office were Chris Fuller, Lynne Buchanan, Lisa McVicker, Craig Steinmetz, Dan Drucker and Briggs Cunningham. Present by teleconference was legal counsel David Shohet. District Administrator Nola Knudsen was present in the office.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES

Chris Fuller moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Lynne Buchanan and carried. Lisa McVicker moved to approve the April minutes as amended. 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. She explained the bill for the computer update and repairs as well as the purchase of the TV, sound bar, camera and laptop for the conference room equipment. Nola also discussed the need to obtain a license with Zoom for the water boards use. Nola will purchase the license and be reimbursed monthly by CCWCD. May's warrants and invoices totaled \$13,639.73. Remaining cash assets after payment of May's bill is \$1,699,730.10.

2.2 Treasurer's Review: Lynne Buchanan reviewed all financials prior to the meeting and approved them. Lynne advised the Board that CCWCD has received \$93,428.74 in property tax receipts.

2.3 Approval of invoices and warrants: Chris Fuller moved to accept the Treasurer's report and review and warrants and invoices. Lisa McVicker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT

- 3.1 Update on Div. 2 Guffey Area Augmentation Plan (GAP) Curreant Creek Two (CCT) plan.
- 3.2 Update on various specific items in Operations Manager's report.

The Operations Manager disseminates a monthly report prior to the Board meeting to all Board members. There were no further questions for Dan Drucker.

OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Update matching funds application: Chris Fuller advised David Shohet she will send him the information she has organized regarding the matching funds grant. David will reply with his

recommendations if any. Lisa McVicker discussed the idea of matching funds in a one to one ratio. She is concerned that this will not encourage application. She believes a matching option should be at the discretion of the Board. She came to this conclusion after reading many different grants. Chris Fuller thinks there would be occasions that they would not operate with a one to one ration and “at the Board’s discretion” policy would not concern her, as long as it is not published or if the wording was the prefers a one to one ratio however, the decision would be taken on a case by case basis. Chris wants to avoid CCWCD being the primary funder which would make the Center more responsible for the outcome of the project.

Briggs Cunningham commented from what he thought the point of view would be of the user. He thinks they will want to know how much they will need to raise if the ratio is not known. Chris reiterated that a one to one ratio is preferred but again, it will be taken on a case by case basis. This is because smaller projects may not even come to the Center. Lisa noted in-kind work is an option as well.

4.2 Discussion on the Scholarship Program: David Shohet responded to Briggs Cunningham’s questions regarding whether the Center is authorized to enact a scholarship program. He provided a memo at the last meeting answering in the affirmative that the Center is authorized to offer a scholarship. However, David’s legal suggestion is the District narrow the scholarship and focus it more than the general scholarship. He sent out a suggested revised application and sent it to the Board members. David recommends it contains the requirement that the individual or their parents reside full time in Park County. Additionally, the student must be pursuing higher education program or a vocational technical program focusing on natural resources, agriculture, water resources, and related areas of study during the 2021 to 2022 academic year. Lisa McVicker moved to approve the Scholarship Application as amended by legal counsel. The motion was seconded by Lynne Buchanan and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

5.1 CWCB Loan Authorization Amendment: Dan Drucker said the CWCB sent CCWCD paperwork to sign indicating the Center no longer is in need of the loan that was authorized for CCWCD to activate if needed, for the Chatfield Reservoir project. The paperwork was signed.

UPDATE ON LEGAL ISSUES

David Shohet said this year, the Center has in excess of 131 acre feet of Randall and Sessions water that was offered to Centennial. They have agreed to lease our excess water this year.

The Will O’Wisp filed a Substitute Water Supply Plan request for a couple of ponds. They were going to use their Mountain Mutual shares that are dedicated to their augmentation plan to replace well depletions. They claim they have excess Mountain Mutual shares dedicated to that plan and want to use that to augment their ponds. David spoke to their representative and because of time constraints, David submitted comments on behalf of CCWCD.

Lininger Lake. We originally had a five-year lease with two 20 year options. The Board approved legal counsel to renew the lease with a 20-year period but their board declined that offer. They will probably be open to another 5-year lease. He is confident we will get it. Chris Fuller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lisa McVicker seconded and the meeting adjourned at 1:52 PM.