

Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 9, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Center of Colorado Water Conservancy District was held on Wednesday, June 9, 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 3:13 PM.

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

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AND MINUTES

Lisa McVicker moved to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Chris Fuller and carried. Chris moved to approve the May 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. Nola said she received an invoice this morning adding an invoice for Dynotech for a transducer. She was instructed to add it to the monthly totals. June's warrants and invoices totaled \$15,414.833. Remaining cash assets after payment of June's bill is \$1,684,397.00. Nola also updated the Board on the progress of the 2020 annual audit. It should be wrapped up within the next couple of weeks.

2 Treasurer's Review: Lynne Buchanan reviewed all financials prior to the meeting and approved them. Lynne advised the Board that CCWCD did not receive property taxes deposited as of yet for last month. Deposits consisted of interest which was \$81.65 from Colotrust and \$.08 from High Country Bank.

2.3 Approval of invoices and warrants: Chris Fuller moved to accept the Treasurer's report and warrants and invoices as presented to include the addition of Dynotek invoice. Lisa McVicker seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT

Lisa McVicker was unable to open her report and asked Dan Drucker to provide a brief review. Dan said he attended the monthly CRMC meeting and he has replied to emails on behalf of CCWCD to Lauren Ris and Kirk Russell regarding purchasing 131 orphan shares of Chatfield Reservoir storage. The option is because of contractual obligations between upper stream users and lower stream users. Denver is "testy" about keeping the number of shares the upper and lower stream users equal. We are waiting on two entities, the Castle Rock Metro District and the Castle Rock North Metro Districts decision on whether or not they want to purchase orphan shares. If they don't, we can purchase them from the CWCB.

Dan said the JTR is almost ice free and it is filling. Dan went to the SPR and removed the non-functioning transducer and returned it to Dynotek for credit. On his second trip to the SPR he measured the length of cable from the SPR outlet to the vault data manager. He spent a lot of time enlarging the vent hole to pass the cable for a submersible transducer to replace the non-functioning vault transducer. Dan also continued to work on the remote reader for the staff gauge unit. After putting in the new submersible transducer, we attempted to reprogram the data manager while Troy Russell was on the phone; we were unable to do so. What we will do is get Troy Russell up to the reservoir and see what is wrong with his equipment. In Lakewood, the equipment functions properly but not up here. This has been a program for over a year.

Lisa Brown took it upon herself to clean up the area trash. Dan replace the trash bags used.

Dan Drucker informed the Board we need to select a new project engineer for the Currant Creek Two project. Justin Korkus is Dan's choice to be the replacement engineer. Justin is to provide a proposal by the end of the week. He is requesting approval to hire this engineer. The Board members were in favor of working with Mr. Korkus.

Dan Drucker asked the opinion of the Board about moving the monthly CCWCD meeting to 1:00 PM in line with the quarterly board meetings. All board members and legal counsel were in favor of the change.

OLD BUSINESS

4.1 Update on possible projects – The repair of the head gate at the SPR There is damaged concrete. Lisa Brown, Garver Brown and Dan Drucker have all seen the damage. Chris Fuller may bring the Boot Brush Station and North Fork Sediment stairs repair projects to the July meeting.

4.2 Discussion of scholarship plan – Nola Knudsen reported she sent the scholarship application to the school counselors of South Park High and Platte Canyon High. She was concerned with the close dates for graduation, they may not have been able to distribute the information. Nola has also placed an advertisement in the Flume. Lisa McVicker asked if the scholarship application was placed on the CCWCD website. Nola will follow-up with the web site administrator to be sure the application is posted there. Dave Shoet said he would like to arrange to get the web-site updated regarding the achievements of the District. David and Nola can coordinate with Dan Drucker and develop new verbiage on CCWCD's current progress.

4.3 Update on Matching Funds application form – Chris Fuller was unable to get the information to the Board members until the last few days. Please send Chris the comments and she will incorporate the ideas into the grant forms.

NEW BUSINESS

Nola Knudsen asked if there might be any interest by the Board to purchase the building should it go up for sale. David Shoet said it is legal for the Board to purchase a building for its' use as long as it was based on fair market value. An appraisal would be required. Craig Steinmetz said he would like to see a package that outlines rents, sq. footage, age etc.

UPDATE ON LEGAL ISSUES

David Shohet provided a summary of the following cases:

Case 19CW3154 – Mountain Mutual: HASP entered into a stipulation with the Applicant. We have reached a decree that is acceptable and are just monitoring the case to ensure that any final decree entered in this case is consistent with the stipulated decree.

Case 19CW3257 – Centennial Water and Sanitation District: Centennial would like to exchange its Randall and Session credits into Chatfield Reservoir after such water is discharged from its wastewater sewer plant to the South Platte River below Chatfield. The Center is the only opposer in the case. We want to make sure nothing happens to the Randall and Sessions water. We are very close to being able to stipulate out.

Case 21CW3032 – USPWCD and CCWCD adjudicated several conditional exchanges as part of the original Case 02CW389 (Blanket Plan). This application (21CW3032) is seeking to make absolute some of the conditional exchanges that were actually operated and as well maintain diligence on the rest of the water rights.

Concerning other legal matters, there are no new applications filed requesting service from HASP. HASP is still processing the Magness Land Holdings application. The CWCB is requesting more information on the gates and when the ponds were constructed.

Elk Horn HOA – There is no update, however, David said he has been trying to schedule a meeting to explore possible relationships and there may be a meeting date in late June. For the gauge. Briggs Cunningham asked who would make up the membership of the committee. David Shohet said John Matteson would probably represent HASP; HASP will probably take the lead in terms of operation and maintenance. We will then possibly ask the users to fund an escrow account and we will draw from that account as funds are needed to maintain the gauge. We will meet annually at least to go over the expenses and the participants to refund their account every year.

HASP has under contract approximately 10 acre feet of storage in Spinney Mountain Reservoir. The seller is David's account and Madoline Wallace-Gross is the representative for that matter and questions would have to be directed to her.

2021 Water Operations – David said he has jumped full gear into the 2021 water operations. We are moving and exchanging water all around this county Dan Drucker, Garver Brown and Lisa Brown filled up the SPR. We were able to exchange Randall credits in the SPR; we exchanging Sessions credits now into Spinney. He is working a lot with Aurora, Garver Brown, and Centennial (Swithin Dick) to move our water, get credits, and fill our reservoirs.

Lininger Lake – The Kenosha Trout Club is not going to renew the lease for twenty years but David is anticipating receiving another five year or ten-year lease.

DIRECTOR'S ISSUES

Briggs Cunningham said the Western Slope is really dry and we're relatively wet. Is there any way we can reduce the taking of water? Dan Drucker said unfortunately all the tunnels that take the West Slope water and bring it to the East Slope water are gravity ones. Contractually, you cannot shut them down. Lisa McVicker said she is not privy to the contracts involved but that issue would be up to Denver Water. Lisa said Briggs question was a good one and she expressed appreciation for Briggs concern for the other portion of the state.

Craig Steinmetz received a questionnaire from the auditor at Hoelting and Hoelting. Since he was the auditor last year, he will complete the questionnaire and notify them that Lynne Buchanan has taken over the Treasurer position.

Chris Fuller made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Lisa McVicker and the meeting adjourned at 3:59 PM.