

Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association
Meeting Minutes
April 8, 2021

Call to Order/Establish Quorum

A regular meeting of the Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association was called to order at 8:32 am by Chair Ben Moline in GoToMeeting April 8, 2021. A quorum was declared established.

Agenda Approval

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda as presented; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2021 UCCWA meetings with the addition under referrals to reflect total parking spaces at 58; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

The following invoices were presented for approval: Kielty Diversified Projects Inv# 504 for \$600.00 and Matrix Design Group Inv# 32893 for \$3,658.80. The invoices were within the budgeted/approved limits. It was moved and seconded to approve the invoices for payment totaling \$4,258.80; motion carried unanimously.

Referrals

- None received.

Water Quality Incident Reports

- The Clear Creek County Sheriff's office Dispatch Center reported on April 8th, 2021, a semi-truck tanker coming down Loveland pass on Clear Creek County side was involved in a rollover accident. The tanker was leaking Sodium Hydroxide at a rate of 1 gallon per minute, into a ditch on the downhill side of the pass.

Presentations

- Molson Coors G150 project (Ben Moline) – 150th Anniversary of Golden brewery. The project goal is brewery transformation to meet 25% reduction in beer waste, 15% reduction in energy usage, 100 million gallons water reduction yearly, and 90% self-sufficient on CO₂. Their goal is to get to a 1:1 ratio, 1 pint of water to 1 pint of beer. A new tank farm will be built with fermentation tanks and aging tanks. The primary energy efficiency is related to the new fermentation tanks. The footprint will be greatly reduced. Scheduled to start production late 2023 / early 2024. They are building a flood control channel along the east side of Ford Street for circulation improvements. There will be new box culverts along 12th and 13th streets with vegetation. Along Ford Street the path will be widened with benches and two new bridges. There will be a low flow crossing at Main Street and a new bridge. Presentation is available by request.

Other Business

- Pre-Fire Study Final Report Actions (Kerry Major, Drew Beck - Matrix)
 - Host Site for GIS Data – the Clear Creek Watershed Forest Health Partnership is presently an affiliate with COCO. COCO has a robust system for housing data and could house the UCCWA study data and make updates, temporarily. Member entities can have the data, but none want to be responsible for maintenance and upkeep. Please ask COCO

for a data sharing agreement and information about who has access. The data remaining on the COCO site would be contingent on CCWFHP remaining as an affiliate.

Action: Review COCO Data Sharing Agreement for a data housing decision during the May UCCWA meeting.

- CWRA Data Release Approvals & Management – Effort to get data into the State decision support system. Have the UCCWA entities followed-up on this effort? The City of Northglenn has forwarded this information to the ditch companies. Please email Kerry Major if your organization decides to participate.
- Submission for Award – CASFM (CO Association of Stormwater & Floodplain Managers) Matrix would like to submit the Pre-fire study for an award at the CASFM conference. Matrix would handle the paperwork to submit for consideration. The UCCWA membership is not opposed and believe it is worthy of submission.
- 208 Planning Meeting: Former DRCOG Planning Region – April 16, 2021 (Ben Moline, Brad Benning, Esq.) – If anyone wants to join this meeting, contact Diane. This will be a larger meeting with interested entities.

Announcements

- **The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** is requesting applications for \$12 million in competitive funding for projects to provide training and technical assistance for small, rural and tribal wastewater utility systems and onsite septic systems. The closing date and time for receipt of application submissions is **May 17, 2021, by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time (ET)** in order to be considered for funding. Application packages must be submitted electronically to EPA through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) no later than May 17, 2021, in order to be considered for funding. Read the full release [HERE](#).
- **JULY 19th-21st, 2021: American Water Resources Association (AWRA) 2021 Land and Water Policy Specialty Conference | Denver.** The 2021 Summer Specialty Conference will bring together stakeholders from various types of organizations and professions across multiple disciplines to address the design, integration, and implementation of the programs and research necessary to improve the connection of land and water planning and policy. For more information click [HERE](#).

Member Updates

- Cabin Creek Pumped Storage Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2351) Water Quality Adaptive Management Plan 2020 Annual Report is available (*Report included in meeting materials*).
- City of Black Hawk and Clear Creek County are replacing intake on Leavenworth Creek. It has been put out for bid. Replacing the old intake structure with a Coanda hydro intake screen.
- There are public meetings coming up on management of Clear Creek in the City of Golden for rafters / water users to determine how best to manage on water use. There is a lot of recreational activity taking place and new access points as well as a great deal of construction with CDOT. Contact the City of Golden Manager, who is facilitating the discussions, if you want to attend.
- The AML Program at Trout Unlimited is developing an AML program with Central City to identify priority areas for infrastructure, recreation, etc. They are planning to hold a public meeting in May.

Adjournment

At 9:35 am, Chair Moline adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, May 13, 2021.

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer



MEMBERS ROLL CALL:

- Black Hawk: Jim Ford
- Black Hawk/Central City San. Dist.: Absent
- CDOT: Josh Giovannetti
- Central City: Absent
- Central Clear Creek San. Dist.: I (opted)
- Clear Creek County: Lisa Leben
- Clear Creek Ski Corp.: Absent
- Empire: Absent
- Georgetown: Ryan Zabel
- Gilpin County: Brad Benning
- Golden: Stephanie Crabtree, Kerry Major
- Henderson Mine: Kimberly Kellerby
- Idaho Springs: John Curtis
- Jefferson County: Patrick O’Connell
- Molson Coors: Ben Moline
- Saddleback: I (opted)
- Silver Plume: Absent
- St. Mary’s Water & San. Dist.: Chris Oeland
- Trout Unlimited: Lauren Duncan

OTHERS PRESENT, PER SIGN-IN SHEET:

- Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA
- Shelley Stanley, City of Northglenn
- Trea Nance, City of Westminster
- Jim Pals, Douglas Mtn.
- Mary Boardman, CDPHE Superfund