

**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association
Meeting Minutes
December 8, 2022**

Call to Order/Establish Quorum

A regular meeting of the Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association was called to order at 8:35 am by Chair Kerry Major on December 8, 2022. 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 November 10, 2022, UCCWA meeting; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Account Status:	CHECKING (11/25/22)	\$ 100.00
	SAVINGS (11/25/22)	\$72,222.17
	INVESTMENTS (09/30/22)	\$21,776.69

The following invoices were presented for approval: KIELTY Diversified Projects #569 for November duties and annual office supply and internet expenses of \$150.00 for a total of \$875.00. Total invoices for payment are \$875.00; motion carried unanimously.

Other Matters: Election of officers for 2023

- o Brad Benning, Gilpin County – Chair
- o Geoff Niggeler, Henderson Mine – Standing for Vice-Chair

It was moved by Lisa Leben to approve Brad Benning as UCCWA Chair and Geoff Niggeler as UCCWA Vice-Chair and seconded by Ben Moline; motion carried unanimously.

Presentation

- **Loch Lomand and Fall River Reservoir Capacity Upgrade Assessment** - Anthony Cline, General Manager, The Agricultural Ditch and Reservoir Company
Ben Moline provided the presentation. The company diverts water for consolidated mutual water company that serves Lakewood and other areas. It runs under Coors Brewery. Then diverts to the north of Table Mountain. They have two reservoirs, Lower and Upper Chin and the Lock Lomand group. Lake Caroline is also in the area which is a manmade reservoir.

There is a headgate that has been reconstructed with a new flume and metering gage to allow remote monitoring. They may be able to relocate the dam further down the creek to expand the reservoir. They are determining if this is feasible. They have not done a survey to determine the increase in size. The total storage for the entire system is 2400-acre feet. Recreation also takes place at Loch Lomand. St. Mary's and Empire is below the dam. This study is to ensure all systems are safe for the communities below. The company has secured grants to do feasibility studies to ascertain the condition of the dam and determine what can be done to improve it.

Action: Set summer (July/August) hybrid UCCWA meeting to include site visit to Loch Lomand.

Referrals

- None received.

Water Quality Incident Reports

- On 11/30/2022 at 11:58, Jeffcom Dispatch received information of a possible contamination of the water in Clear Creek at MM 270 on HWY 6 due to a vehicle in creek.

Other Business

- 2021 Annual Report presentation to the Water Quality Control Commission December Meeting will be hybrid on December 12, 2022, at 9:00 am. (Ben Moline)
 - UCCWA slides will be presented by Ben Moline. May want to include CCC Household hazardous waste efforts over the past three years. There have also been wildfire efforts. These are additional accomplishments that should be mentioned. Jefferson County will send Ben Moline information on Jeffco efforts.
- Developing and maintaining UCCWA Website or Webpage (Diane Kielty)
 - Recommend webpage on [Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partners Website](#) This is a good approach and would benefit UCCWA public presence. A discussion took place on the pros and cons of a webpage v.s. a website. Jefferson county could support the development of the page.

Action: Get quote from LRE Water on costs to develop page and shared hosting on Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership website.

- Last CC Watershed Plan Update was 2014 ([FINAL Clear Creek Watershed Plan 04-07-14](#)) (Diane Kielty)
 - Criteria often required with grant applications is they be tied to a plan. It is important to get this plan updated and may be worth tackling in 2023. This plan allows all member organizations to apply for grant monies associated with this type of plan which includes 5 of the 9 elements of an EPA plan.

Action: UCCWA will put together a workgroup in 2023 to begin an update.

Standing Items:

- **Bakerville SWEEP Update** (Kerry Major) – Ryan Zabel would like to participate in this process. Kerry Major and Ryan Zabel will bring updates back to UCCWA.
- **LRE Regulatory Bulletin** (Jessica DiToro) – The contract for LRE services has been executed for 2023. Geoff Niggeler will reach out for a contact at DRMS that could present on projects taking place in the Clear Creek Watershed.
- **Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership Update** (Diane Kielty) – An update on the high-priority scopes of work was provided. A second senior design project concept has been submitted for consideration on the Silver Valley Road area. There will be a public outreach session regarding the next phase of Missouri Creek engineering design.
- **Integrated Watershed Management Plan** (Ashley Giles) – No update.
- **CDPHE Stormwater Weblink:** [Notice of Responsive comment period for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Active and Inactive Mining Industrial Activity COR040000](#)

Member Updates

- Josh Giovanetti with CDOT is in the field today installing/upgrading the CC WQ monitoring stations along I-70 today.

Announcements

- [Clear Creek County Recreation in the Outdoors Management Plan \(ROMP\) | Clear Creek County \(Attachment 5\)](#)
- [April 12, 2023 - Society of Wetland Scientists Rocky Mountain Chapter Annual Meeting - Save the date](#)
- **Colorado Water Congress** will take place January 25 – 27, 2023. Registration is open.

Adjournment

At 9:49 am, Chair Major adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 12, 2023.

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer

MEMBERS ROLL CALL:

Albert Frei & Sons: Absent
Black Hawk: Jessica DiToro
Black Hawk/Central City San. Dist.: Jessica DiToro
CDOT: JExcused
Central City: Absent
Central Clear Creek San. Dist.: I (opted)
Clear Creek County: Lisa Leben
Clear Creek Ski Corp.: Cindy Olson
Empire: Absent
Georgetown: Ryan Zabel
Gilpin County: Brad Benning
Golden: Kerry Major
Henderson Mine: Geoff Niggeler, Aaron Hilshorst, Tara Kratzer
Idaho Springs: John Curtis
Jefferson County: Pat O’Connell
Molson Coors: Ben Moline
Saddleback: I (opted)
Silver Plume: Absent
St. Mary’s Water & San. Dist.: Chris Oeland
Trout Unlimited: Need new representative

Others Present:

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA
Shelley Stanley, City of Northglenn
Andy Cross, City of Westminster
Trea Nance, City of Westminster
Anthony Cline, Agricultural Ditch and Reservoir Company