

**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 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 January 14, 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 December 10, 2020 UCCWA meeting; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

The following invoices were presented for approval: Kielty Diversified Projects Inv#496 for \$600.00. The invoice is within the budgeted/approved limits. It was moved and seconded to approve the invoices for payment totaling \$600.00; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Account Status: CHECKING (12/28/20)	\$ 245.04
SAVINGS (12/28/20)	\$73,802.55
INVESTMENTS (9/30/20)	\$21,603.06

Invoices: KDP Invoice #496 - \$600.00

Action: Secretary/Treasurer send out 2021 dues invoices. Goal to move invoicing to paperless. Make request to all members.

Referrals

- Proposed Washington Mill Site Subdivision: Preliminary Plat as part of the Preliminary Subdivision process from Georgetown. Please respond with your comments by January 15, 2020.

Located in the heart of town on the east side using city sewer and city water. They will need to add a water and sewer line within city connections. CDPHE did inform them they have concerns with mine waste and have been working with the developer. Applicant has a materials management plan in place should they discover mine waste in the area.

Motion made to respond to Georgetown that UCCWA has no objections but reserves the right to comment in the future if there are issues that arise with the water course made by Jim Ford and seconded by Lisa Leben; motion carried unanimously.

- New Wastewater Treatment Facility Site Location Approval Regulation 22 Site Location Approval No.: ES.20.SA.05351, Mighty Argo Upper Landing, Wastewater Reclamation Plant Project Colorado Discharge Permit System (CDPS) No. COUT Clear Creek County. Are there any further questions on this facility? We will have another chance to comment. Letter from CDPHE is standard approval on a site application. UCCWA concerns are included in the letter.

Motion made to accept the CDHE site approval by Jim Ford and seconded by Kerry Major; motion carried unanimously.

Water Quality Incident Reports

- Golden Police Department informed UCCWA on December 10th, 2020 at 22:50 pm that their dispatch center received information of a possible contamination of the water in Clear Creek west of mile marker 261 due to a vehicle accident.
- Golden Police Department informed UCCWA on December 28th, 2020 at 23:05 pm that their dispatch center received information of a possible contamination of the water in Clear Creek at approximately mile marker 270 due to a vehicle accident.

Did the facilities receive these notifications? None of the member representatives present received these notifications. The UCCWA Call Down sub-committee will be working on the call down system. Golden does have this on their radar.

On Dec 22nd Idaho Springs wastewater treatment plant had a large release. Hidden Valley had to shut down. Ammonia spiked and the operators were able to shut down. It could have been devastating. Did Golden detect anything. Neither Golden nor Coors received information on this release. There have been discussions with Idaho Springs. There is construction in the area which IS identified as the problem. There is concern that there was no operator at the plant when Hidden Valley went up to discuss with the IS plant. Only the contractor was present. Can UCCWA take action? These releases need to be properly reported and managed.

Action: Discuss at the next meeting to formalize a response. Jim Ford will provide a memo to inform the discussion.

Golden operators have been noticing odd water chemistry changes in Clear Creek. Ben Moline will ask Coors plant operators if they have seen chemistry changes. Recommendation made to ask entities to compare water chemistry with river volumes in 2003 when drought conditions were similar.

Other Business

- **2021 UCCWA Dues** (Diane Kielty) - letters will be sent out in the next few weeks. Please inform the Secretary/Treasurer of any address or contact person changes within your organization.
- **West Denver Trout Unlimited Creek Integrated Water Management Plan (CCIWMP)** (Ashley Giles) – The summary of the preliminary stakeholder survey was provided in the meeting packet. They are waiting to hear back from grants submitted last year to bring on a facilitator to manage the stakeholder meeting process. They anticipate hearing about grants in early February. There are 15 people on the steering committee to direct the management plan. A survey was sent out to the steering committee. They plan to make revisions and send out a survey to the larger stakeholder groups. Watershed coverage from the continental divide to the confluence. They have reached out to over 75 stakeholders. Water Quality was a concern throughout the survey. They would like a stronger connection throughout the entire watershed. There is also concern regarding fires and floodplain connectivity. Is there a sense on the prospects for receiving the grants? If they don't receive funding in the first round of grant requests, they will still go forward. They anticipate favorable results and will be submitting to the WaterSmart grant program. They anticipate receiving two awards at approximately \$44,000.

Facilitator services will be looking at gaps in plans within all the communities. A phase 2 is expected to be directed at identifying projects.

- **Pre-Fire Study Update** – Matrix Design Group will be prepared to present the draft study for review and comment at the February 11, 2021 UCCWA regular meeting. The final deliverable is targeted for end of February. Golden has been responding to many campfires. Rock climbers are starting campfires and not putting them out. Golden fire department will be working with Jeffco to launch an awareness campaign.
- **Call Down Committee Update** (Ben Moline) – They have not met yet. Ben will be contacting them this month.
- **CC Watershed & Forest Health Partnership Update** (Kerry Major) – The group is waiting for the Matrix Design Group study results. The committee will meet after. The Partnership has been looking into fiscal hosting programs. They will put together a matrix of fiscal agency options. Golden and Standley Lake Cities are applying for a Coalitions and Collaboratives Action Implementation and Mitigation program grant which is federal funding. The grant request will be for \$20,000 with an even match for a total of \$40,000 to be directed at project plan development and increased public outreach efforts.

Announcements

- [Applications open now for Water Education Colorado’s Water Leaders Program](#) are now open. **Apply by Monday, Feb. 15 2021.** This is not your average leadership or professional development program. WEco has graduated nearly 200 professionals from across all sectors of Colorado water since 2006. While the program covers examples of water-related leadership challenges and case studies, the primary focus is individual growth. Participants receive extensive training in skills related to navigating conflict and diversity, leading self and others, and effective problem-solving. Water Leaders Program graduates walk away with better understanding of their strengths and how to utilize them, learn how to address challenges both in their workplace and the broader community, gain skills to enhance their teams or projects, and form a network of peers to further their career growth. [Click here to learn more and apply.](#)
- **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

- None

Adjournment

At 9:14 am, Chair Moline adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, February 11, 2021.

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer

MEMBERS ROLL CALL:

Black Hawk: Jim Ford

Black Hawk/Central City San. Dist.: Absent

CDOT: Absent
Central City: Absent
Central Clear Creek San. Dist.: I (opted)
Clear Creek County: Lisa Leben, Gary Hague
Clear Creek Ski Corp.: Cindy Olson
Empire: Sally Rush
Georgetown: Ryan Zabel
Gilpin County: Excused
Golden: Kerry Major, Stephanie Crabtree
Henderson Mine: Kimberly Kellerby
Idaho Springs: Absent
Jefferson County: Patrick O'Connell
Molson Coors: Ben Moline
Saddleback: I (opted)
Silver Plume: Absent
St. Mary's Water & San. Dist.: Chris Oeland

OTHERS PRESENT, PER SIGN-IN SHEET:

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA
Shelley Stanley, City of Northglenn
Molly Bruno, CDPHE
Mary Boardman, CDPHE Superfund
Andy Cross, City of Westminster
Lauren Duncan, Trout Unlimited
Jackie Daoust, CCC Open Lands
Ashley Giles, West Denver Trout Unlimited
Evelyn Rhodes, City of Arvada
Trea Nance, City of Westminster
Kelly Cline, City of Westminster