

**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association  
Meeting Minutes  
June 9, 2022**

**Call to Order/Establish Quorum**

A regular meeting of the Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association was called to order at 8:05 am by Acting Chair Ben Moline on June 9, 2022. A quorum was declared established.

**Agenda Approval**

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with addition of a small grants discussion; motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2022 UCCWA meeting; motion carried unanimously.

**Secretary/Treasurer Report**

The following invoices were presented for approval: Kielty Diversified Projects Invoice #545 for \$750.00 and Clear Creek Consultants Invoice #2558 for \$300.00. Total invoices for payment, \$1,050.00; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer asked the Budget Committee (Ben Moline, John Curtis, and Pat O’Connell) for a discussion on the contingency refund policy.

**Referrals**

- None received.

**Water Quality Incident Reports**

- None received. There was discussion on the call-down system and communication between the three counties. There is a gap between Jeffco and Clear Creek County. A prompt request has been made to Jeffco.

**Presentations**

- CDPHE TMDLs & Projects Update – (Barbara Bennett, CDPHE Restoration and Protection Unit) They will be developing TMDLs in Clear Creek Watershed next year. This presentation provides background information. Presentation is available by request and was recorded.

**Other Business**

**Standing Items:**

- LRE Regulatory Bulletin (Jessica DiToro) – The update was provided in the agenda packet. There are links in the update if you would like to learn more. Regulation 85 control limits for wastewater facilities was discussed. The voluntary incentive program is an opt in program to submit total phosphorus and nitrogen. There is a credit system assigned to this program. UCCWA is presenting the Annual Report to the WQCC this year. Need an UCCWA volunteer.
- Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership Update (Diane Kielty) – MOU has nine confirmed agencies signing. Once signed they will go forward with a COCO agreement to begin administrative functions. Molson Coors did not sign on to the MOU due to governance

issues for a private company to sign MOUs with government entities. Kielty Diversified Projects will be supporting the WSRF grant effort in crafting draft scopes of work for priority projects.

- Integrated Watershed Management Plan (Ashley Giles) – No report.

There was a small grants discussion about the purpose of the small grants fund and refining the criteria. The idea is to tighten up the criteria to focus specifically to improve water quality. The fund is not intended to pay fines but could help plants find ways to come into compliance. This review will include reconsideration of eligibility requirements. The committee will present a formal proposal on ideas for criteria structure.

There is a request from Jefferson County for a grant for their annual Clear Creek clean-up event in the canyon in September 2022. Additional funds would be helpful. This is to improve water quality and water quality awareness. It was suggested this is more of a donation than a small grant request. The amount is under \$2,000. The request falls under the current ideas of the program. This request would not fall under any new criteria. This event is within our boundaries.

Ben Moline made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 from the Contingency Fund to the Jefferson County Clean-up event and second by John Curtis; 1 nay from Georgetown, 1 abstention from Jefferson County. Motion passed.

The CC40 Gage will be discussed at the next regular UCCWA meeting.

### **Announcements**

- **The Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forest and Evergreen Fire Rescue will be hosting a Community Mitigation Assistance Team (CMAT) from June 18-30.** CMAT is a national interagency resource designed to help communities build sustainable local capacity for community wildfire mitigation. Their assistance can be requested before, during or after a wildfire incident. Thank you for considering this opportunity to help our area become better prepared and more resilient to wildfire. Feel free to reach out to CMAT Team Lead Pam Wilson (970-799-2926 or [cmatinbox@gmail.com](mailto:cmatinbox@gmail.com)) if you have any questions. Visit the [CMAT Website](#) or check out this [3-minute video about CMAT](#) if you want to know more.
- [Forest Ecology, Collaborative Forest Management, and Defensible Space Webinar \(with Boulder County Nature Association\)](#)  
**Webinar: June 22, 5:30-7:00pm** with Wildfire Partners, the Watershed Center, and Boulder Valley Longmont Conservation District  
In this evening talk on Zoom, they will provide an overview of some general forest ecology principles, the legacy of fire suppression and changes in the forest that have occurred, and the desired future conditions ecologists see for our forests. They will also discuss the current work that is occurring in the St. Vrain Watershed across many partners and communities to respond to forest management needs across boundaries. Lastly, Wildfire Partners, a resource for homeowners in Boulder County, will provide an overview of defensible space principles, and resources available to home/landowners.

### **Member Updates**

The Molson Coors Flood control channel is open and functioning in Golden.

## Adjournment

At 9:40 am, Acting Chair Moline adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 14, 2022.

*Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer*

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### MEMBERS ROLL CALL:

Albert Frei & Sons: Absent  
Black Hawk: Jessica DiToro  
Black Hawk/Central City San. Dist.: Jessica DiToro  
CDOT: Excused  
Central City: Jack Beard  
Central Clear Creek San. Dist.: I (opted)  
Clear Creek County: Lisa Leben  
Clear Creek Ski Corp.: Absent  
Empire: Absent  
Georgetown: Ryan Zabel  
Gilpin County: Sarah Baciak  
Golden: Tracey Pond  
Henderson Mine: Geoff Niggeler, Aaron Hilshorst  
Idaho Springs: John Curtis, John Bordoni  
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: Lauren Duncan

### OTHERS PRESENT, PER SIGN-IN SHEET:

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA  
Trea Nance, City of Westminster  
Mary Boardman, CDPHE Superfund  
Barbara Bennett, CDPHE  
Umit Duru, CDPHE  
Tristan Acob, CDPHE