



**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association
Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2023**

Call to Order/Establish Quorum

A regular meeting of the Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association was called to order at 8:33 am by Vice-Chair Geoff Niggeler. 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 May 11, 2023, meeting; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Account Status: CHECKING (5/25/2023) \$ 9,887.00
SAVINGS (5/25/2023) \$68,572.33
INVESTMENTS (3/31/2023) \$21,892.46

Invoices: KIELTY Diversified Projects Invoice #605 for \$750.00
Additional Invoices: LRE Water UCCWA Webpages - \$1,018.75
KDP Webpages - \$840.00

The following invoices were presented for approval: KIELTY Diversified Projects Invoice # for \$750.00 and Invoice #605 for \$750.00, LRE Water Webpage Services Invoice #23201 for \$1,018.75, and KDP Webpage services Invoice #608 for \$840.00. Total invoices for payment, \$2,608.75; motion carried unanimously.

- New checkbooks were ordered on June 6th. The cost was \$90.40.

Referrals

- No referrals.

Water Quality Incident Reports

- On May 16, 2023, at 1500 hours, the Eisenhower Tunnel Water Treatment facility reported an unknown contaminant with an odd color and odor of an unknown amount entering the waterway. Tunnel personnel will be testing the water for glycol and will update if contamination is confirmed. There are three major projects currently underway by CDOT at the tunnel. The testing was negative for glycol. It may have been an asphalt product. They are still investigating.

- On June 7th, 2023, it was reported that an unknown amount of diesel fuel, possibly as much as 150 gallons, spilled into Clear Creek at mile post 216 on interstate 70 in Clear Creek County.

Presentations

- UCCWA Web Pages Review (Diane Kielty)
 - Request approval to launch UCCWA web pages.

A motion was made by Lisa Leben to approve taking the webpages live after suggested changes are made and was seconded by Pat O’Connell. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

- RFP UCCWA 208 Management Plan Update – Two proposals in the range of \$150,000.00 and \$200,000.00 were submitted. UCCWA will need to pursue a grant.
- July 13th UCCWA Meeting Site Visit to Loch Lomand and Fall River Reservoir
 - Participant numbers
 - 4-Wheel Drive vehicle access
 - General UCCWA business meeting 1st hour with Code Red Call Down Presentation – Meeting Space

The meeting in July will be virtual. Requests for August 10th as the site visit and Idaho Springs City Hall as the live general meeting location will made. An email will be sent inquiring about participant interest and will include a 4-wheel/AWD vehicle request.

Standing Items:

- **Bakerville SWEEP Update** (Kerry Major & Ryan Zabel) July 7th is the next scheduled meeting.
- **Floyd Hill / Technical Team** (John Curtis & Jo Ann Sorensen) [I-70 Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnels Design and Construction — Colorado Department of Transportation \(codot.gov\)](#)
 - UCCWA participation in 1041 process – Clear Creek/Idaho Springs. This process is being conducted in three phases. The east end phase is complete. The middle section is about to begin. The west section is near 90% design. A request for a presentation from the CCC Planning Department to UCCWA will be made by Lisa Leben.
- **LRE Regulatory Bulletin** (Jessica DiToro) ([UCCWA 2023 06 Regulatory Update](#)) Regulation 38 is coming up for it’s triennial review process. CDPHE proposed changes will be announced at the November launch meeting, but this will be high level. Jessica DiToro will monitor this within her current budget. She will inform UCCWA on this outcome for 2024 UCCWA budget inputs.
- **Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership Update** (Diane Kielty) A refreshed fund application was submitted to the National Forest Foundation and was granted to CCWFHP for Clear Creek/Gilpin County to have a forestry position to support the counties in developing projects.
- **Integrated Watershed Management Plan** (Ashley Giles) – Discussed a possible forum on data collection and central repository.
- **CDPHE Stormwater Weblink:** [Notice of Responsive comment period for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Active and Inactive Mining Industrial Activity COR040000](#)

Member Updates

- The Mighty Argo Upper Landing Engineering Report from June 5, 2023, was provided by Lisa Leben. UCCWA reviewed this application in 2020. This update was not provided to UCCWA.

Action: Diane Kielty will contact CDPHE about referral status.

Announcements

- **The American Stormwater Institute, LLC** now offers courses in a live setting and online that deal with developing the knowledge and skills required to conduct stormwater inspections. Our courses are based on a “Real World” attitude of finding implementable solutions to the challenges that stormwater inspectors face every day. The state and federal regulations require that “QUALIFIED PERSONS” conduct inspections related to stormwater permits. The overarching goal of the ASI classes is to ensure that our students are well qualified to conduct these inspections. For a list of all classes offered click [HERE](#).
- **Non-standard MS4 Permit PDD** Template and Program Strategy Templates. SPLASH members and SEMSWA worked with CP Compliance to create resources to educate permittees. It may also assist permittees with implementation of the new Non-standard MS4 Permit. Please click [HERE](#) to access the material.

Adjournment

At 9:39 am, Vice-Chair Geoff Niggeler adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 13, 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: Josh Giovannetti
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: Sam Zrust, Kerry Major
Henderson Mine: Geoff Niggeler, Aaron Hilshorst
Idaho Springs: Edward Sigward
Jefferson County: Pat O’Connell
Molson Coors: Absent
Saddleback: I (opted)
Silver Plume: Absent
St. Mary’s Water & San. Dist.: Chris Oeland
Trout Unlimited: Katrina Hettinger

Others Present:

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA
Andy Cross, City of Westminster
Trea Nance, City of Westminster
Shelly Stanley, City of Northglenn