

**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2021**

Call to Order/Establish Quorum

A regular meeting of the Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association was called to order at 8:31 am by Chair Ben Moline in GoToMeeting March 11, 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 February 11, 2021 UCCWA meeting; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

The following invoices were presented for approval: Kielty Diversified Projects Inv#502 for \$600.00 and CCC Historic District Public Lands Commission Membership Dues of \$100.00. The invoices were within the budgeted/approved limits. It was moved and seconded to approve the invoices for payment totaling \$700.00; motion carried unanimously.

Referrals

- Referral request for parking at Floyd Hill Open Space Park. The total amount of parking spaces will be approximately 58 and it will be located at the top of the hill. It is a good idea to have designated parking as opposed to parking along the I-70 frontage road. Can we expect more specifics on the build out? We did not receive the engineering information. Water quality BMPs need to be included in packet information.

Action: UCCWA make request that WQ BMPs be provided for review. Next Wednesday is the planning commission meeting.

Water Quality Incident Reports

- On February 13th at 7:50 pm, Golden Police Department dispatch center received information of a possible contamination of the water in Clear Creek at approximately mile marker 270 due to a vehicle accident.
- Black Hawk had a call from Idaho Springs treatment plant. The blower was turned off during an outage and ammonia went up. There was enough dissolution to manage the discharge. Black Hawk was notified right away. Thank you Idaho Springs. The new call down system worked well.
- Xcel Energy said they would work with Georgetown directly to address issues related to call down during incidents.

Presentation

- CDOT Projects Update (Josh Giovannetti & Tamara Burke) I-70 Mountain Corridor Projects update presentation. WB Peak Period shoulder lane project is wrapping up and is scheduled to finish spring 2021. County Road 314 construction targeted to begin late summer / early fall 2021. The NEPA was just finalized. CR 314 project will be happening in tandem with two sections of the Clear Creek Greenway project, Dumont Trailhead and East Idaho Springs. Floyd Hill EA public release is scheduled for spring 2021. They will have a virtual public engagement

and are hoping to complete NEPA by early 2022. The Silver Plume Sound Wall and Fall River Road Bridge were completed in 2020.

Other Business

- Pre-Fire Study (Kerry Major)
 - Wildland Fire Decision Support System Data Integration (Marshall Cain). This effort mixes well with the Matrix Design Group criticality study. This effort is contracted under CDPHE to mark fire suppression priority water system infrastructure for protection. This involves mapping facility infrastructure and creating a tier ranking. Sharing the Matrix Pre-Fire Study data should be easy to pull. Would the membership be open to sharing this information? It would support our preparedness. The data goes into a national Forest Service database and CDPHE for fire response. The data is private. It is not a public data base. The City of Northglenn would need to reach out to the ditch companies for approval. Northglenn offered to share the data request and release form with the ditch companies. You do need a state ID to participate.
 - The next CC Watershed and Forest Health meeting will be in Mid-April. The group has approved working with COCO going forward to formalize as an organization.
- Data Request for the 2020 Annual Report. You will be receiving a request for data and information on NPS projects that took place in 2020.

Announcements

- **APRIL 8th-9th, 2021 | Project Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities | EUCL.** Project Management for Water and Wastewater Utilities will cover the hard basics of defining and closing a project while driving home the importance of refining the soft skills that bring an idea from the drawing board to your residents' backyard. This course will enable you to assess the feasibility of a project and define (or refine) your plan. The instructor will layout strategies for piloting a project, identifying new opportunities, mitigating risks, promoting your team to take ownership of their work, and defining the intangibles of customer communication. Click [HERE](#) to view the full brochure.
- **APRIL 19th-22nd, 2021 | Colorado Rural Water Association Annual Conference | Crowne Plaza Denver Airport Convention Center.** Join the 40th annual CRWA conference live. Early bird registration is now open and ends March 19th. For more information and to register click [HERE](#).

Member Updates

- CCC Hazard Mitigation Plan Kick-off meeting is scheduled for March 24th.
- Representatives from UCCWA participated in a 208 CDPHE one-on-one planning initiative meeting. The clearing house for 208 related information is not easy to locate. We asked how to get funding for studies. We discussed nutrient loading requirements along the corridor and ensuring the requirements align with all agencies that manage Clear Creek. Since DRCOG released it's 208 planning role, CDPHE assumes the responsibility as the 208-planning agency, but it is an unfunded mandate. CDPHE does not have 208 resources currently.
- Does the membership want to consider starting in-house meetings in the next few months? We have had more participation by offering an online option. This will be a topic at a future meeting.

Adjournment

At 9:15 am, Chair Moline adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, April 8, 2021.

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer

MEMBERS ROLL CALL:

Black Hawk: Jim Ford
Black Hawk/Central City San. Dist.: Absent
CDOT: Tamara Burke, Josh Giovannetti
Central City: Absent
Central Clear Creek San. Dist.: I (opted)
Clear Creek County: Lisa Leben
Clear Creek Ski Corp.: Absent
Empire: Sally Rush
Georgetown: Ryan Zabel
Gilpin County: Brad Benning
Golden: Kerry Major, Stephanie Crabtree
Henderson Mine: Kimberly Kellerby
Idaho Springs: Excused
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: Emily Rodrigue

OTHERS PRESENT, PER SIGN-IN SHEET:

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA
Marshall Cain, Colorado Rural Water Association
Shelley Stanley, City of Northglenn
Mary Boardman, CDPHE Superfund
Andy Cross, City of Westminster
Trea Nance, City of Westminster
Tara Kratz, City of Arvada