

**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2021**

Call to Order/Establish Quorum

A regular meeting of the Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association was called to order at 8:33 am by Chair Ben Moline in GoToMeeting May 13, 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 April 8, 2021 UCCWA meetings with correction on summary of Coors presentation. The path widened at Clear Creek not Main Street; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

The following invoices were presented for approval: Kielty Diversified Projects Inv# 508 for \$600.00 and Clear Creek Consultants Invoice #2439 for \$1,620.00 for a total on invoices of \$2,220.00. The invoices were within the budgeted/approved limits. It was moved and seconded to approve the invoices for payment totaling \$2,220.00; motion carried unanimously.

Other Business: Lombard #3 – Limited Impact Operation Reclamation Permit Application, Jeff Carter. DRMS Coal Program. Ben Moline has left a message with DRMS regarding this application.

Referrals

None received.

Water Quality Incident Reports

- On April 30th at 9:10 pm, the Golden Police Department dispatch center received information of a possible contamination of the water in Clear Creek at approximately mile marker 266.5 due to a vehicle accident.
- There was another call down on May 6th. There was a traffic accident at mile marker 268 in the canyon causing a spill of diesel and hydraulic fuel. Ben Moline spoke with Jeffco on their procedures. It was explained that our plants cannot receive texts. Jeffco will work on that procedure. Northglenn received this by text only which did not go through. They can only receive call downs through landlines. We did not get an email. Need to request that Golden engage all the formats of contact.
- We have seen a large uptick of traffic in the canyon. The next section of the peak-to-plains trail parking lot is opening. They are expecting more traffic. Open Space is building a restroom facility at the mouth of the canyon to help manage higher volume. This is a large sewer and water restroom facility. It is also a pervious paved lot for water quality controls.

Presentations

- **Trout Unlimited Projects** – Lauren Duncan & Emily Rodrigue
The Leavenworth Creek Restoration Project which has been addressed in phases was presented. The TU team focuses on abandon mine areas that impact streams. A history was provided about the McClellan Mountain area mining and tourism. Outdoor recreation has become an important component in this area. TU has been working the Leavenworth drainage in the upper basin since

2014 with many project partners. They have started in the lower basin on drainage controls. Four project phases were presented along with an update on next steps. Funding has come in pieces. The most recent Waldorph specific funding was approximately \$600,000 that came primarily from the US Forest Service, DRMS, and Freeport McMoran. TU also used grandfathered funds from the CDPHE 319 program. Project story maps were shared and will soon be available online.

Other Business

- Pre-Fire Study Final Report Actions (Kerry Major)
 - The Coalitions and Collaborative (COCO) Data Sharing agreement was provided in the meeting packet. Kerry Major also discussed with COCO their internal policies on sensitive data. COCO policy dictates that the data is not shared with outside entities without express approval. The data is secure, and password protected. The data file is on a server. A decision needs to be made in order for Matrix to transfer the data to COCO.

A motion was made to enter a Data Sharing Agreement with COCO and approve the Matrix Design Group transfer of Pre-fire study data to the COCO server made by Kerry Major and seconded by Ben Moline; motioned carried unanimously.

- CDPHE 208 Planning Status
Ben Moline, Brad Benning, and Diane Kielty attended this meeting. It was an open discussion about gathering information on what 208 management organizations would like to see in a plan.

Member Updates

- Idaho Springs will be starting up their new AGS system next week. IS is also in the process of interviewing for a new Wastewater Superintendent.
- May 24th TU will be holding a public discussion in Gilpin County about how to address abandoned mine sites. The meeting will be held at a park by Doodle Mine at 6:00 pm. A flyer will be distributed.
- MolsonCoors is not working in the water in Clear Creek and will not be until after the fall runoff.

Announcements

- **CDPHE/WQCD Water Quality 10-Year Roadmap Meeting:**
[Meeting - May 13, 2021 \(1 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.\)](#), Online participation: [Attend via Zoom](#)
Conference Call, Call-in: 1-669-900-6833 or 1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID: 965 416 217 /
Materials - [May 13 meeting materials file](#), [Agenda](#)
- **JUNE 24th-25th, 2021 | Groundwater Artificial Recharge, Storage and Recovery | EUCL.**
Attend this course to learn how aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) uses common techniques such as surface spreading, rapid infiltrations pits and basins, porosity reservoirs and injection wells to efficiently store water supply. Throughout the course attendees will discuss the benefits of implementing ASR, how to navigate geologic and hydrogeologic environments, hydraulic recharge and water quality considerations. Click [HERE](#) to register. Click [HERE](#) to view the full brochure.
- **National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF)** is pleased to announce \$128,000 in grant funding to support public lands that have been impacted by increased use during the COVID-19 pandemic. With social distancing regulations in place, people are turning to the outdoors more than ever for exercise and rejuvenation. At the same time, the agencies and organizations responsible for maintaining public lands are hampered by reductions in staff, volunteers, and resources, leaving them ill-equipped to keep up with increased human presence in these delicate ecosystems on top of existing maintenance backlogs. In response, NEEF has

established the **Restoration & Resilience COVID Recovery Fund** to help restore these special places by distributing resources and mobilizing volunteers. **The deadline for the next round of funding is June 1st, 2021.** For more information click [HERE](#).

Adjournment

At 9:45 am, Chair Moline adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 10, 2021.
The city is still closed to the public at this time.

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer

MEMBERS ROLL CALL:

Black Hawk: Jim Ford
Black Hawk/Central City San. Dist.: Absent
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: Absent
Golden: Kerry Major, Stephanie Crabtree
Henderson Mine: Kimberly Kellerby
Idaho Springs: John Curtis
Jefferson County: Absent
Molson Coors: Ben Moline
Saddleback: I (opted)
Silver Plume: Absent
St. Mary's Water & San. Dist.: Chris Oeland
Trout Unlimited: Lauren Duncan, Emily Rodrigue

OTHERS PRESENT, PER SIGN-IN SHEET:

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA
Shelley Stanley, City of Northglenn
Trea Nance, City of Westminster
Jim Pals, Douglas Mtn.
Mary Boardman, CDPHE Superfund
Andy Cross, City of Westminster
John Winterton, City of Northglenn