

**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association
Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2020**

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 November 12, 2020. 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 October 8, 2020 UCCWA meeting with recommended revisions to the City of Black Hawk and Clear Creek County headgate information and Trout Unlimited Frontenac Mine correction; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

The following invoices were presented for approval: Kielty Diversified Projects Invoice #490 for \$900.00. The KDP invoice was above the approved 2020 budget. To continue administrative duties for the Pre-fire study, it was recommended to move money from the contingency fund to cover these and any additional expenses for the study. It was moved by Pat O'Connell to allow the adjustment to the contingency fund to pay for administrative costs for the Pre-fire study and for the Secretary/Treasurer to make the necessary adjustments to the 2020 budget to reflect this adjustment, and seconded by Sally Rush; motion carried unanimously.

Matrix Design Group Invoice #31157 for \$2,334.00 was within the budgeted/approved limits. It was moved by Ben Moline to approve the Matrix invoice for payment and seconded by Sally Rush; motion carried unanimously.

Invoices totaling \$3,234.00 were approved for payment.

Action: Secretary/Treasurer move money from the Contingency Fund to cover Pre-fire study expenses through the end of 2020.

Referrals

- Washington Mill Site Subdivision Land Use Conceptual Review, Town of Georgetown. This is a 6-home subdivision being tied into the Georgetown WT plant. They will add a water and sewer line to reach the treatment system. CDPHE Superfund may be sending a letter to the community regarding the potential mine waste exposure in that area. It is not clear if there is room in the repository to move the mine waste into the repository. It was moved by Jim Ford to write a letter to Georgetown informing them UCCWA does not oppose the project and to mention the concern that CDPHE has raised regarding mine waste in the area and seconded by Lisa Leben; motion carried unanimously.

Action: Secretary/Treasurer send review response to the Town of Georgetown.

- Rite of Passage Qualifying (Q) House, Special Use Permit Case #SUP2020-0002 10-year Extension, Clear Creek County. This is a successful and important business to Clear Creek County. There have been no water quality issues that the County is aware. No action is needed.

- Mighty Argo 208 Review Approval 10/15/2020 - A site visit was conducted. There is not much concern for development. The one concern was traffic for removing sludge and water. This was allayed based on site visit. The letter was written and sent to CDPHE.

Water Quality Incident Reports

- On November 7th at approximately 10:30 am the Idaho Springs wastewater treatment plant experienced a malfunction which spilled approximately 90,000 gallons of partially treated wastewater into Clear Creek near mile post 243 of Interstate 70 in Idaho Springs. The contamination was stopped as of 12:00 noon the same day. This fell through the cracks. Hidden Valley was not informed. There were no spikes in the ammonia. Black Hawk called the public works director. The Clear Creek County sheriff did not contact Black Hawk. The call down system may need to be tightened up. The call came from the BH police department well after the incident occurred. The Croak Canal did close its headgates. It spiked the next morning in Golden. Gary Hague should be the Clear Creek County contact. Recommendation that the Call Down Committee regroup and address the call down system.
- **Action:** Form Call Down Committee to conduct review. Committee will be Ben Moline, Jim Ford, Kim Kellerby and will include Andy Cross from Westminster.

Other Business

- UCCWA 2021 Positions Update - Nominating Committee (Ben Moline)
 - Kerry Major was approached and agreed. Motion for Ben Moline as Chair and Kerry Major as Vice-Chair of UCCWA made by Sally Rush, and seconded by Lisa Leben, motion carried unanimously.
- UCCWA Small Project Fund Committee (Ryan Zabel)
 - Need new committee members. The committee reviews request for project funding to help other entities in the organization. Ben Moline offered to be on the committee. If others in the membership would like to be on this committee, please contact the Secretary/Treasurer.
- UCCWA Non-voting Member Annual Fee Discussion (Ben Moline)
 - The lowest level of funding in the past was \$275 for non-profit membership / non-voting membership. It was agreed that this is reasonable. Motion to have non-voting member fee of \$275 made by Ben Moline, and seconded by Pat O'Connell, motion carried unanimously.
- Pre-fire Study Planning Update (Kerry Major)
 - Presentation was provided and is available by request. The question was raised on how to keep the momentum going on this study. An initiative to start a non-profit called Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership has been underway. They would like this NP to take guidance from UCCWA. There has been an initial meeting to gauge interest. They would like to see more participation from the upper basin as this initiative moves forward. Utility crossing streams are being identified and debris flow catchment options will be on the project identification list.
- West Denver Trout Unlimited Clear Creek Stakeholder Survey (Diane Kielty)
 - The group will be presenting this project to the Metro Roundtable this evening to request WSRF funding.

Member Updates

We will continue with virtual meetings. Going forward the group may want to consider both virtual and on-site meetings to increase participation. This may be a topic for a future meeting.

Announcements

- **DECEMBER 3rd, 2020: After the Flames | CoCo | Webinar | 1:00-3:00 p.m.** What does current science and experience tell us about the near and long-term impacts of fire on water quality and how to recover? Coalitions & Collaboratives, Inc. thanks the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy for their sponsorship, allowing them to offer this webinar at no cost. For speakers and registration click [HERE](#).

Adjournment

At 9:22 am, Chair Moline adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, December 10, 2020.

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer

MEMBERS ROLL CALL:

- Black Hawk: Jim Ford
- Black Hawk/Central City San. Dist.: Absent
- CDOT: Excused
- 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, Karl Gulau
- Gilpin County: Excused
- Golden: Stephanie Crabtree, Kerry Major
- Henderson Mine: Aaron Hilshorst, Kimberly Kellerby
- Idaho Springs: Excused
- Jefferson County: Patrick O’Connell
- Molson Coors: Ben Moline
- Saddleback: I (opted)
- Silver Plume: Tia Graham
- St. Mary’s Water & San. Dist.: Absent

OTHERS PRESENT, PER SIGN-IN SHEET:

- Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA
- Molly Bruno, CDPHE
- Jacqueline Daoust, CCC Open Space
- Trea Nance, City of Westminster
- Mary Boardman, CDPHE Superfund
- Jeffrey Ullman, CDPHE