



# UPPER CLEAR CREEK WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

**Meeting Minutes  
November 9, 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 Acting Chair Moline on November 9, 2023. A quorum was declared established.

## **Agenda Approval**

It was moved and seconded to approve the agenda with a modification to add a discussion on changing Diane Kielty's position title from Secretary/Treasurer to Manager under Other Business; motion carried unanimously.

## **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2023, UCCWA meeting; motion carried unanimously.

## **Secretary/Treasurer Report - [UCCWA October 2023 Financial Summary](#)**

Account Status: CHECKING (10/25/23)	\$ 7,606.01
SAVINGS (10/25/23)	\$68,716.18
INVESTMENTS (09/29/23)	\$22,234.66

A motion to approve the following invoice for approval: Kielty Diversified Projects Invoice #635 for \$820.00 for Secretary/Treasurer duties and website maintenance October 2023. Total invoice for payment, \$820.00; motion carried unanimously.

## **Referrals**

None received.

## **Water Quality Incident Reports**

None received by UCCWA. A call-down was received on November 8<sup>th</sup> regarding an accident with a spill at mile marker 226 near Silver Plume in Clear Creek. The call down was received by the City of Westminster. There was no other information.

## **Other Business**

- LRE Regulatory Updates – 2024 Survey (Jessica DiToro) Jessica will put together a Google survey to be distributed to the UCCWA membership to tailor regulatory updates to specific UCCWA interests. This will be circulated in the next couple of weeks.
- 2024 Position Nomination for Vice-Chair (Brad Benning)  
**Action:** UCCWA selection of 2024 Vice-Chair

Pat O'Connell stood for Vice-Chair.

A motion was made by Ben Moline and seconded by Lisa Leben to appoint Pat O’Connell as UVVWA 2024 Vice-Chair. The motion carried unanimously.

- Discussion: Floyd Hill 1041 UCCWA Referral Response Letter (John Curtis & Jo Ann Sorensen) [I-70 Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnels Design and Construction — Colorado Department of Transportation \(codot.gov\)](#)

- [Floyd Hill 1041 Referral Response Final](#)

The letter with CDOT’s review was distributed to the UCCWA membership on October 16th. The feedback from members was no further action being necessary at this time. There was interest expressed in reviewing CDOT’s Mg Chloride application to review and make recommendations. CDOT will be holding a meeting on this soon. There were elements in the UCCWA letter that CDOT may not be able to address. This could be an opportunity to open a discussion on these issues and consider ideas for moving forward. UCCWA will continue conversations with CDOT and the County.

- Cost of Review Policy (Brad Benning)

A motion was made by Pat O’Connell to approve the draft Cost of Review Policy and was seconded by Sally Rush. The motion carried unanimously.

- UCCWA 208 Management Plan Update (Diane Kielty) – A CDPHE NPS grant application is underway.

Standing Items:

- **Bakerville SWEEP Update** (Kerry Major & Ryan Zabel) No update.
- **Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership Update** (Diane Kielty) An update on the USFS MOU and WaterSmart, WSRF, and Wildfire Ready Watersheds grant applications status was provided.
- **CDPHE Stormwater Weblink**: [Notice of Responsive comment period for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Active and Inactive Mining Industrial Activity COR040000](#) – This item will be removed from the standing agenda items.

- A title change is suggested for the position of Secretary/Treasurer to Manager. The actions and functions of the Secretary/Treasurer position are more in line with a Managers role. A committee to evaluate a job description that addresses the time and skill set for a Manager position going into 2024 was put in place. This change would also involve a bylaw revision to be compliant.

Committee: Pat O’Connell, Sally Rush, John Curtis, Ben Moline, Josh Giovannetti

**Action**: Send 2024 Budget and Bylaws to Pat O’Connell.

## Member Updates

- Clear Creek County hired Mathew Harris as the new County Sheriff
- The Section 106 Georgetown decommissioning of the entire forebay with Xcel Energy is moving forward. The sediment in the bottom of the forebay is of concern. Core testing on the old mills in the area will be conducted. They will be looking at the sediment and mineral content. The public meeting announcements will be sent to UCCWA to share with interested parties.

## Announcements

- **Watershed Academy’s new Hazard Mitigation Planning and Water Resource Management Module** Ready - The EPA [Watershed Academy](#) has released their new Hazard Mitigation Planning and Water Resource Management Module. This module is intended for water quality and hazard mitigation professionals that are interested in integrating water quality issues and/or

nature-based solutions into state or local Hazard Mitigation Plans (HMPs) and highlights the benefits of working across water quality and hazard mitigation programs. Modules in this series can be used as training tools to help planners from both worlds explore activities of mutual interest and benefit. Case studies and examples are provided to assist hazard mitigation planners with integrating water resource programs into HMPs and help watershed planners understand the synergies between water resource plans and HMPs. Visit [this link](#) to begin the course.

- For utilities that are not members of the Colorado Wastewater Utility Council, temperature has become an issue.
- On November 17<sup>th</sup>, the Watershed Wildfire Protection Group is planning a presentation on the Marshall Fire and its impact on the water supply.

### **Adjournment**

At 9:22 am, Acting Chair Moline adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, December 14, 2023.

*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: 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: Excused  
Gilpin County: Excused  
Golden: Brynn Goe  
Henderson Mine: Aaron Hilshorst  
Idaho Springs: John Curtis, Ed Sigward  
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: Katrina Hettinger

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

Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA  
Shelly Stanley, City of Northglenn  
Andy Cross, City of Westminster  
Kelly Cline, City of Westminster