

**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association  
Meeting Minutes  
October 12, 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 Chair Benning on, October 12, 2023. A quorum was declared established.

**Agenda Approval**

It was moved Lisa Leben and seconded by Brad Benning to approve the agenda with a change to move presentations up in the agenda to after the Secretary/Treasurer report and Annual Report Presentation going first. The motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

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

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

Account Status: CHECKING (9/26/2023) \$ 8,426.01  
SAVINGS (9/26/2023) \$68,688.89  
INVESTMENTS (6/30/2023) \$22,079.46

The following invoices were presented for approval: Kielty Diversified Projects Invoice #628 for \$820.00. Total invoices for payment, \$820.00; motion carried unanimously.

**Presentations**

- **2022 Annual Report Colorado Water Quality Control Commission Presentation** – Shelley Stanley ([2022 Annual Report: Clear Creek/Standley Lake](#)) The 2022 Annual Report was presented and followed by Q&A.
- **Idaho Springs RV Park Lift Station A and Force Main Update** - Chuck Williams with KLJ Engineering presented a project description located around 2700 Stanley Road in Idaho Springs to develop 55 RV pad sites. A map was provided showing proximity to the Central Clear Creek Sanitation District. The force main design will need to be changed to meet CDPHE Design Criteria. A description of the Force Main was provided. Overflow storage was addressed via piping and the operator has the ability to close the valve.

**Referrals**

- Lot 8, Unit 3, of the Winterland Subdivision, Section 35, T2S, R74W, of the 6th PM, Clear Creek County, State of Colorado. No comment from UCCWA.

**Action:** Review cost of review policy to identify UCCWA parameters for review.

**Water Quality Incident Reports**

- None received.

**Other Business**

- UCCWA 208 Management Plan Update (Brad Benning)

- Selected Geoffrey Niggeler as UCCWA Member Point of Contact for Watershed Plan 2023 Update
- A concept letter was submitted to CDPHE by the consultant group to discuss with CDPHE an UCCWA grant application for NPS funding for the plan update.
- 2024 Budget Committee Update  
A motion to approve the 2024 recommended budget was made by Ben Moline and seconded by Lisa Leben. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 2024 Position Nominating Committee Update  
**Action:** Diane will send out a meeting poll.
- [UCCWA Draft Cost-of-Review Policy](#) Review (Pat O’Connell)  
**Action:** Diane will send draft policy to UCCWA members for review to bring back. Brad Benning will review the statute on UCCWA’s role in referrals.

Standing Items:

- **Code Red Call Down System Update** (Diane Kielty)
  - Clear Creek Connection September 2023 Newsletter - Transition Clear Creek County Dispatch to Jeffcom. Jeffcom now needs to formally accept Clear Creek Dispatch’s request to be accepted into their system.
- **Bakerville SWEEP Update** (Kerry Major & Ryan Zabel) [Meeting Summary August 9, 2023](#) – There have been no updates.
- **Floyd Hill / Technical Team** (John Curtis & Jo Ann Sorensen) [I-70 Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnels Design and Construction — Colorado Department of Transportation \(codot.gov\)](#)
  - [Floyd Hill 1041 Referral Response Final](#) – No new developments. CDOT suggested that UCCWA get nonpoint source expertise on the committee. Clear Creek Consultants is the subject matter expert UCCWA contracts for this purpose. CDOT asked for studies on Mag Chloride. The Committee has been gathering information based on this request. CDOT commented that it would like UCCWA’s response to be less open-ended and more refined. CDOT will provide their comments on the letter so UCCWA members can provide input.  
  
**Action:** UCCWA members review 1041 Letter and provide comments to be presented at the November UCCWA meeting to determine if UCCWA needs to submit a subsequent letter.
- [LRE Regulatory Bulletin](#) (Jessica DiToro) Bulletin provided in meeting materials.
- **Clear Creek Watershed & Forest Health Partnership Update** (Diane Kielty) No update.
- **Integrated Watershed Management Plan** No update.
- **CDPHE Stormwater Weblink:** [Notice of Responsive comment period for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Active and Inactive Mining Industrial Activity COR040000](#)

**Member Updates**

- None.

**Announcements**

- Thanks so much for your contribution to the National Public Lands Day project last weekend. Jefferson County truly appreciates UCCWA partnership, and they hope to work with UCCWA again in 2024. Thanks to the hard work of 388 volunteers, we were able to accomplish the following:
  - Collected **3,120 lbs** of trash
  - 480 lbs** of recycled materials collected
  - 250 native plants** planted
  - 8 acres** of noxious weeds removed
  - 5 acres** of land reseeded
  - Applied beaver paint to **34 trees**
  - 800 feet** of trail restored
  - 2000 sq ft** of graffiti removed

**Adjournment**

At 10:17 am, Chair Benning adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 9, 2023.

*Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer*



**MEMBERS ROLL CALL:**

- Albert Frei & Sons: Absent
- Black Hawk: Excused
- Black Hawk/Central City San. Dist.: Excused
- CDOT: Josk Giovannetti
- Central City: Absent
- Central Clear Creek San. Dist.: I (opted)
- Clear Creek County: Lisa Leben
- Clear Creek Ski Corp.: Absent
- Empire: Excused
- Georgetown: Ryan Zabel
- Gilpin County: Brad Benning
- Golden: Sam Zrust, Brynn Goe
- Henderson Mine: Miguel Hamarat
- Idaho Springs: John Curtis, Ed Sigward
- Jefferson County: Excused
- 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
- Trea Nance, City of Westminster
- Shelly Stanley, City of Northglenn
- Chuck Williams, KLG Engineering
- Evelyn Rhodes, City of Arvada