

**Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association
Meeting Minutes
October 8, 2020**

Call to Order/Establish Quorum

A regular meeting of the Upper Clear Creek Watershed Association was called to order at 8:36 am by Patrick O'Connell, acting Chair for Ben Moline in GoToMeeting October 8, 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 September 10, 2020 UCCWA meeting with correction to time of adjournment; motion carried unanimously.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

The following invoice was presented for approval: KIELTY Diversified Projects Invoice #486 for \$900.00. It was moved and seconded to approve the invoice for payment totaling \$900.00; motion carried unanimously.

Referrals

- None received.

Water Quality Incident Reports

- None received.

Member Updates

- City of Black Hawk and Clear Creek County are going forward with a new headgate to move water from Leavenworth Creek per the water rights water portfolio. Pipeline sits on the ground and goes into Green Lake which is owned jointly by Black Hawk and Clear Creek County. They are purchasing a headgate with a self-cleaning screen. The old headgates will be removed. Construction bids will begin next year.
- TU finished plantings at the Waldorff Mine area. They will go back next year for reseeding. They also completed WQ sampling in Gilson Gulch with EPA and DRMS and completed the project at Frontenac Mine. Trails are being built for recreation. The Front Neck Mine is privately owned in Gilpin County.
- CDPHE Superfund received a concern that mine waste was going to be used for fill at the Mighty Argo. Idaho Springs had not heard anything on mine waste materials being moved to the upper area. There was discussion on the lower piles. Mighty Argo does not have plans to touch those piles.
- Is the membership contemplating replacing Katie Fendel's role in the UCCWA organization? She is also the alternate for Black Hawk/Central City Sanitation District.

Action: Black Hawk and Black Hawk/Central City Sanitation District will try to find someone from Leonard Rice to be their new UCCWA alternate.

Presentation

- CC-40 (Kermit's) Station Background and Status – Mike Crouse, Clear Creek Consultants
The cost to maintain the station became expensive in the early 2000's. Clear Creek Consultants (CCC) took over for UCCWA in maintaining the flow data. CDOT supports the WQ data. It costs UCCWA approximately \$3,000 a year. CDOT values the data for watching trends and changes. UCCWA receives an annual report from Clear Creek Consultants and CDOT receives a separate report. CCC generally reports every few years to UCCWA with a PowerPoint review of CC-40 and CC-59. The sedimentation rates have been dropping along with contaminate transport, but not as much as flow is dropping. These are significant changes happening to watersheds across the state. Gauges with long-term data like CC-40 are important to evaluate long-term trends in terms of WQ. Clear Creek WQ is good right now compared to 20 years ago, but changes are occurring. The website address for flow data was provided in the meeting chat box. Standley Lake Cities also value this data. If we need support for gauge costs, please approach them.

Action: Jim Ford and Mike Couse will look at loading the information into additional data repository locations.

Other Business

- UCCWA 2021 Positions Update - Nominating Committee
The committee plans to meet and reach out to select a Vice-Chair. This discussion will be moved to the November meeting.
- Mighty Argo Application Update – Review Committee
There were tie-in questions and flow concerns. There was a visit to the upper site. It's rocky and steep. The area on the top where the gondola is located is limited for development. This concern was dispelled. There are going to be some bars and food trucks. No motels are in the plans and there is no intent to have additional buildings. There are some corrections on their plans that need to be addressed. It is recommended that UCCWA sign off on their application on the first phase, with caveats.

Action: Jim Ford will draft the approval letter for submission.

- Clear Creek Stream Management Plan (West Denver Chapter TU)
 - Applied for Gilpin County and Metro Roundtable Water Supply Reserve Fund grants. The UCCWA Secretary/Treasurer is on the mailing list and will keep the membership informed on their progress.

Announcements

- In response to the impacts of COVID-19, **GOCO has launched the [Resilient Communities Program \(RCP\)](#)**. The \$15 million program aims to fund one-time, immediate needs or opportunities that have emerged in direct response to the pandemic. It will help partners advance outdoor recreation, stewardship, and land protection projects in a manner that best reflects community needs and priorities at this moment in time. Capacity and operations support, stewardship efforts, projects that support community vitality, and urgent and emergent land acquisition opportunities will be considered. For more information, including eligibility criteria and application forms, please visit the [RCP page](#).
- **OCTOBER 21st- NOVEMBER 11th, 2020 | Trout Tank Pitch Accelerator.** Trout Tank H2O is about ensuring entrepreneurs who are stepping up to preserve and protect the things we love about living, working, and playing in Colorado are successful, which means we all get to

continue to do the things we love. It is free to apply but only 15 companies will be accepted so be sure to apply early. Entrepreneurs and businesses along the range from early-stage startups to more established companies are welcome. If you have an idea, product, or service that addresses a water-related challenge, you are a fit for this program. **Applications close on October 15th, 2020.** For more information click [HERE](#).

Adjournment

At 9:37 am, acting Chair O’Connell adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, November 12, 2020.

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.: Absent
- Empire: Absent
- Georgetown: Ryan Zabel
- Gilpin County: Absent
- Golden: Stephanie Crabtree, Kerry Major
- Henderson Mine: Aaron Hilshorst, Kimberly Keller
- Idaho Springs: John Curtis
- Jefferson County: Patrick O’Connell
- Molson Coors: Absent
- Saddleback: I (opted)
- Silver Plume: Absent
- St. Mary’s Water & San. Dist.: Absent

OTHERS PRESENT, PER SIGN-IN SHEET:

- Diane Kielty, Secretary/Treasurer UCCWA
- Shelly Stanley, City of Northglenn
- Tara Kratzer, City of Northglenn
- Trea Nance, City of Westminster
- Mary Boardman, CDPHE Superfund
- Lauren Duncan, Trout Unlimited
- Mike Crouse, Clear Creek Consultants
- Evelyn Rhodes, City of Arvada