



LEFTHAND WATERSHED
oversight group

Board Minutes – March 20, 2018

Attendees

Chris Smith
Kathy Peterson
Mark Schueneman
Rick Kauvar
Sue Schaufler
Jessie Olson
Monica Bortelini
Julie McKay
Ken Lenarcic
Kathy Peterson
Julie Trumpler
Yana Sorokin
Marti Korthase
Greg Ames
Gabe Turek
Sara Houghland
Erin Cooper (speaker)
Terry Plummer (left at 3:30)
Sean Cronin
Luke Clemente

Welcome and Introductions - Chris Smith

Chris S. called the meeting to order at 2:06, and led a round of introductions.

Public comments on items not on the agenda - Chris Smith

Rick Kauvar added item for update on StreamTracker

Boulder County Floodplain Remapping - Erin Cooper

Erin Colorado Hazard Mapping Program Presentation

- Overview of CHAMP program and all stream reaches being mapped or revised and phases.
- Roles and responsibilities of Boulder County, FEMA, and CWCB.

- Public outreach meeting to show maps and revisions, next meeting is April 12. People can talk to staff and engineers to learn more about revisions and models.
- Next stages include more reviews, obtaining public and technical comments, CHAMP will submit to FEMA by May 1, FEMA will review data in spring/summer 2018 and will send preliminary flood insurance rate maps late 2018/early 2019, then a formal 90 day appeal period will commence and anyone can appeal maps with technical data, once resolved maps will be released as final (effective), likely 2021.
- Q and A Session
 - Chris S asked about flood insurance; Erin explained that flood insurance is available to any property owner in Boulder County as a participating flood insurance community but rates are higher if your structure is closer to the floodway.
 - Luke Clemente asked if there will be an increase in regulation around the floodplain; Erin clarified no changes planned to regulation or land use code, just the area of the floodplain may change.
 - Erin encouraged talking to a Flood Insurance agent prior to maps going effective to see if there are any mitigation measures that can be done or possibly to lock in lower rates.
 - Rick asked if the study looked at the effect of ditches in the system; Monica clarified that modeling assumes ditches to be full.
 - Monica clarified that if a structure is in the floodplain, insurance is required but if just property is in the floodplain then it depends on the mortgage company.
 - Rick asked for mitigation examples. Erin provide a few examples such as flood vent installed, raising structure, or flood proofing on non-residential structure. FEMA has more options and some are in Boulder County code.
 - Monica noted that elevation certificate may potentially be used to show that you structure is out of the floodplain in response to Mark's question about his house getting mapped into the floodplain.
 - Erin showed how to use the website.

Approval of Minutes - Chris Smith

Chris S asked if there were any comments or suggestions regarding the minutes of the January meeting. Ken moved, Kathy seconded, to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Financial Statement - Jessie Olson

- Jessie mentioned audit is happening now and that it is going well so far. Annual audit is required by our policies and Single Audit is required by the funders, DOLA.
- 3 Reaches: Waiting on one invoice before we can submit for retainage.
- 63rd Ext.: Waiting to get paid for one invoice until we can submit another.

- Capacity: We estimated closely.
- Stewardship: No invoice yet on new Citizen Science project.
- CWCB: Getting caught up as we receive payment from December and January

Terry left (3:30)

- Foothills: Received retainage and closed out
- Plains: Waiting to receive retainage check
- LWOG revenue: Just normal expenses related to Glenn's salary
- DOLA capacity grant: Next month we are requesting the \$75K extension. We will not be allowed to bill operations expenses starting in June and can only bill for direct salary expenses.
- Page 16: We are starting to bill some of Glenn's time to our stewardship and monitoring funds. This is the match for the CWCB Adaptive management grant. This is allowable as match even though we don't have a CWCB contract yet.

Kathy moved, Monica seconded, to approve the financial report. Motion carried unanimously.

Annual Report Update - Jessie Olson

Jessie mentioned committee worked together on draft and sent to designer but the draft provided back was not well aligned with how we wanted it to look. We moved onto a different designer. Jessie showed new report draft. Jessie noted editorial comments.

Project Updates - Jessie Olson

- Adaptive Management Project:
 - Jessie showed draft illustrations from adaptive management project and reviewed details in the graphics. Discussion ensued about the graphics.
 - Monica asked about EWP monitoring efforts and Jessie clarified that they will only monitor a subset of our sites and we are coordinating with them on the protocols.
- 63rd Street Ext.
 - Updates will go on the website and project is going smoothly
- EWP Projects
 - Revegetation for 41st is underway and plants will be installed this summer with irrigation
- Legacy Project

- Grant agreement completion date is being updated from Jan 2019 to June 2019, which is a more acceptable timeline. We are getting updated copy soon that we can sign.
- New Hinman Ditch Repair
 - Work is complete but still need to closeout. Lesson learned about effort required for small contract using DOLA funding.

Fundraising & Outreach Committee Update - Jessie Olson

- Volunteer event will be scheduled on earth day and Jessie encourages everyone to join.
- Gabe encouraged coloring contest with Lauren's drawings
- LWOG was awarded City of Boulder Research Grant to do adaptive management on two of their project sites.
- We did not receive Patagonia Grant or City of Longmont Community Foundation Grant, but there is still a possibility of Donor Advised Funds.

StreamTracker Update

Rick started one site and is contacting others to create additional sites. Rick is encouraging increased levels of data collection and work so we can be represented on a national chart and track our water better.

Julie M. mentioned story on NRP about StreamTracker.

Adjourn - Chris Smith

Chris S. adjourned at 4:16.