



Board Meeting Minutes 11/20/2018

Attendees

Chris Smith
Sean Cronin
Jessie Olson
Sue Schaffler
Ken Lenarcic
Mark Schueneman
Kathy Peterson
Jim Bryant
Deb Hummel, left at 4:10
Yana Sorokin
Barbara Luneau, SVCC
Karla Brown, SVCC
Bill Ellis, SCVCC
Chris Wiorek
Greg Ames
Clarissa Hageman
Ernst Streng, arrived at 2:35, left after SVCC discussion

Welcome and Introductions

Chris called the meeting to order at 2:04 and went through introductions.

Public comments on items not on the agenda

Chris asked for items not on the agenda. No one had any to add.

SVLH Stream Management Plan (Sean Cronin)

Sean gave presentation on Stream Management Plan. See presentation for details.

- Defined what the plan
 - Involve stakeholders, assess the stream, identify needs and how you meet those needs, and prioritize. Also find balance between physical, chemical, and biological worlds and put them together into the plan.
- Why should water users care?



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- Public trust and river personhood. Provided Poudre River Examples and how to “lift” the stream from a lower “score” to a higher “score” (based on their stream grading approach). Discussed local examples such as market based strategies, water conservation strategies, infrastructure strategies, and channel modification strategies
- Why the St. Vrain and Left Hand?
 - Discussed all of the wide range of uses and unique aspects of the basin to position us well to start having these conversations
- Why the Conservation District?
 - Because it’s all about managing and protecting, and also have a senior decree for environmental and recreation benefits.
- Why Now?
 - Maximize post-flood projects and energy to further benefit the basin.
 - Collaborative meetings resulted in a SMP goal and objectives.
- Funding
 - \$300K total with match from diverse partners.
- Task Breakdown
 - See presentation for details.
- Map of watershed
 - Large area with diverse stakeholders, showed interaction between key groups infographic and focus on the agriculture community.
- Showed word cloud community survey results of top three words for current condition of the watershed and vision for the watershed.
- Showed Farmers Market results of identified priorities for recreational opportunities on the creek. Hiking, walking, biking, and water quality got the most dots.
- Questions:
 - Sue asked about current status and end goals
 - Sean responded that it will be an 18-month process and the stakeholder process may need more time and the field assessment will happen after.
 - Bob asked about the effort to reach out to higher elevation communities
 - Sean responded that he is planning to use the approach to go where the people are and he plans to use that to reach people at higher elevations but it will be budget dependent
 - Sue asked if Sean has contacted any of the Fire Districts
 - Sean said no, but it’s a good recommendation

SVCC Partnership Discussion (All)

- LWOG and SVCC have a new contract and pending contract to oversee contractors completing warranty work, conduct site monitoring, and landowner communication.



There is also a pending pass-through contract pending with CWCB to complete monitoring activities.

- Karla provided update that SVCC has a need for ongoing admin and monitoring and see opportunity for partnering with LWOG and wants to use some their remaining budget as a pass through to use it to look at future partnership.
- Kathy asked what SVCC sees as the outlook for their organization. Karla responded that the outlook is partnering with LWOG.
- Chris S. asked about how to define partnering. Karla explained how SVCC is interested in partnering with LWOG and pursuing funding together, rather than hiring LWOG for individual tasks.
- Jessie talked about the different models of that partnerships focused on hub, merger, or absorbed.
- Discussion ensued about how to move forward and fundraising opportunities.
- Jessie concluded that we will continue this discussion and find opportunities to hone in on how to move forward.

Approval of Minutes (Chris S)

Typo on the first page – Marti’s name misspelled.

Mark moved, Sue seconded to approve the minutes with spelling corrections. Motion carried unanimously.

2019 Draft Budget (Jessie)

Jessie reviewed the summary budget and went through each part of the budget in detail (see Board Packet).

- Chris S. mentioned that Board Members can make a big impact to fundraising by donating time.
- Kathy encouraged all to read the memo for details.
- Budget will be approved at the December Board Meeting

Projects Update (Jessie)

- 63rd Street Extension
 - One landowner decided to forgo participation due to disappointment about weeds. Discussion ensued about challenges of native revegetation.
- DOLA CDBG-DR Legacy Projects
 - Working on extension due to nesting eagles.
- Metals Monitoring
 - Glenn is giving a presentation next month about the spill and water quality.



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Fundraising/Outreach Update (Jessie)

Jessie mentioned that Colorado Gives Day is on December 4 and our goal is increasing participation in how many donations that we get and pilot-testing an approach for involving board members in asking for donations on Colorado Gives Day.

Adjournment

The regular meeting was adjourned at 4:38 PM.