



Board Meeting Minutes 8/21/2018

Attendees

Kathy Peterson
Mark Schueneman (with proxy for Rick Kauvar)
Chris Wiorek
Ken Lenarcic
Julie McKay
Jessie Olson
Yana Sorokin
Deb Hummel
Monica Bortolini
Gabe Turek
Paul Hollingshead
Sue Schaffler

Welcome and Introductions

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

Public comments on items not on the agenda

Kathy suggested we put together a thank you letter for Meg. She will put it together for everyone to sign.

Approval of Minutes

Mark moved, Ken seconded to approve the minutes from the July meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Monthly Financial Report (Jessie)

- Three Reaches: Finished all activities for last month and in the process for submitting final reimbursement. Will leave \$5K – \$15K unspent because we couldn't get contractors for weeding in the short amount of time.
- 63rd Street: Finished project last month and in the process of submitting final pay request. Spent everything.



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- Original Capacity Grant: Got last reimbursement request approved. Will be done as of next month. DOLA still owes \$28K in reimbursement rather than advance.
- New Capacity Grant: Staff bills here for program-level tasks.
- Hinman: Still need to close out.
- Legacy: Just kicking this off and it's the first month of billing for staff time.
- CWCB Stewardship: Expenses are all related to volunteer projects and weed projects, so we haven't billed staff time.
- CDBG-DR Stewardship: Need to update and add \$65K to the budget. Expenses were related to printing.
- CWCB Fundraising Grant: 10% of salaries.
- LWOG: Catherine bills to this now. Anything related to running payroll and Capacity grant and other fee for service grant is billed here by Catherine.
- Stewardship M&M: Raised money in advance and are starting to draw this down now.
- Monitoring: We are doing metals monitoring in James Creek for the water district and we get reimbursed for that quarterly.
- Balance Sheet: New report added last time. Reflects the money in the bank and what is allocated for each project.

Kathy moved to accept financials as explained, Monica seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Legacy Project Update

Sue moved to ratify the e-mail vote as explained, Kathy seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Kickoff meeting was last week, landowner kickoff meeting is Sept 6 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM at the Left Hand Canyon Firehouse. Jessie will invite everyone once date is finalized. Information will also be added to the website.

Gabe suggested putting up signs about the project along Left Hand Canyon Rd due to increasing bike traffic.

Kathy suggested doing a tour of the mines and mining issues for Board and new Board members.

Jessie mentioned that we will partner with university professors and set up a more of an experimental approach to the restoration experiments to set up some long term monitoring in the area.

Gabe suggested studying the feedback loop of restoration activities and intermediate restoration states relative to goals. Hypothesis that in the absence of fish that eat mosquitoes you end up with more mosquitoes, so there's a negative feedback loop.



Community Science Plan

Jessie described the project and three different funding sources. Consultants will develop the plan and take the lead in developing the tools. Budget is under \$100K, so it's a small purchase and the Board must approve the purchase for selection based on price and qualifications. Jessie described that cost analysis that was conducted prior to applying for funding and procedure for requesting cost estimate for procurement (see handout). Based on review of qualifications and cost Chinook/CitSci.org was identified as the most responsive and responsible bidder.

Kathy made a motion to approve recommendation of the Chinook/CitSci.org team, Ken seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Gabe mentioned idea tying citizen science and school science fairs.

Paul mentioned the innovation center at SVVSD and tying their coding club work to citizen science.

Fundraising & Outreach Update

Jessie mentioned we are skipping September board meeting.

Jessie will be focusing on developing a partner's packet & business plan.

Jessie is working on an internal document with the coalition staff about collaborating and sharing resources. Examples include fee for service, ways to reduce operations costs among existing operations, and/or obtaining funding for a strategic plan to create a hub or association of watershed groups. There will be a more formalized proposal in the coming months.

Julie suggested providing more project updates to the board as we diversify our work.

Monica mentioned that City of Longmont is working to implement an adaptive management approach in their project sites and they are developing their own framework for an urban environment.

Jessie mentioned that Left Hand Brewery is going to brew a beer for us called Watershed Red and it will be brewed with beets.

LWOG is participating in Day of Caring on September 7 and all are welcome to join.



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Jessie discussed the Boulder County Preparedness Fair and it was decided that Jessie will see if LWOG can table the event and Kathy would help.

Jessie discussed doing something to recognize the flood and discussion ensued about ideas and ultimately it was agreed to focus on recovery and the future.

Julie mentioned that the spreadsheet that Jessie showed with current projects/staff/operations a while back was very helpful for seeing big picture and she would like to see it again. Jessie will add that in the future.

Adjournment

The regular meeting was adjourned at 3:27 PM.