



## Board Minutes – June 16, 2020

### **Attendees**

1. Chris Smith (with proxy for Sean Cronin)
2. Kathy Peterson
3. Jessie Olson
4. Yana Sorokin
5. Sue Schaufler
6. Barbara Luneau
7. Roger Loving
8. Monica Bortolini
9. Audrey Butler
10. Ken Lenarcic (left at 3:00)

### **Welcome and Introductions**

- Chris S called the meeting to order at 2:05 and went through introductions.

### **Public comments on items not on the agenda**

- Chris S asked for comments not on the agenda. None were added.

### **Left Hand Watershed News**

- Roger noted that the permitting process is complete for the new convention center going at Gold Lake and that stormwater will be diverted toward Left hand Canyon. Discussion ensued and Roger will send Jessie additional information so all are aware of changes. Ken added that he could ask Mark to send the Board a more detailed summary and we could discuss at the next meeting if needed. Audrey added that she would forward Jessie an e-mail from Scott Coulson (Stormwater Quality Program Manager at Boulder County) related to this topic.
- Jessie asked a question for Jamestown folks about an extensive sediment source in Jamestown that contributes sediment through the entire watershed. Jessie asked whether they are tracking it and if they know where the source originates. Roger said he would follow up. Jessie emphasized that we need to track this down to identify the source because of the impacts to the entire watershed.

### **Approval of Minutes**

- Roger moved, Monica seconded, to approve the minutes from the June 16 meetings; the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Accounting and Procurement Policies Update**

- Jessie explained changes to the accounting policy (see redline edits). Kathy and Chris S reviewed before the meeting and agreed that they make sense and all were procedural.
- Barbara moved, Sue seconded, to approve the changes to the accounting policy and procedures; the motion carried unanimously.
- Jessie explained changes to the procurement policy (see redline edits) related to small purchase threshold. Chris explained the burden of the additional cost of going through a competitive bidding process for a small project.
- Kathy moved, Audrey seconded, to approve the changes to the procurement policy and procedures; the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Procurement Approval**

- Jessie noted that we received fully executed grant agreements from CWCB for two grants, one of which is the Science, Stewardship, and Education on the St. Vrain Creek. This includes a design-build project to repair two in-stream structures in Apple Valley. One is a failed riffle pool structure and the second is a failed diversion structure. Both were part of St. Vrain Creek Coalition EWP projects and we obtained a grant to repair both structures after they failed. Both projects failed after the contractor warranty period but within the three-year EWP monitoring period. CWCB also met with the landowner and decided that both structures should be repaired, which is why we applied for the grant.
- Jessie showed procurement documentation for the design-build project to repair both projects. We reached out to three companies for cost estimates. Jessie shared screen to review scoring categories (cost and qualifications) and recommendation. Jessie and Chris reviewed small purchase procurement requirements in response to a question from Audrey. Audrey asked about the qualifications of contractors to work with water rights owner and Jessie did not foresee this to be a concern. Audrey asked if the Watershed Center is on the hook for failures of the structures within the warranty period. Jessie responded that would be part of the contractor's contract and we would not be on the hook.
- Jessie screen shared and the read resolution to accept the staff's recommendation regarding contractor selection.
- Ken moved, Monica seconded, to accept the resolution; the motion carried unanimously.

#### **Adaptive Management at Scale**

- Jessie introduced visioning session related to adaptive management at scale.
- Yana provided overview of scope and process. Our Adaptive Management at scale project allows us to work with new and existing partners in the larger St. Vrain Basin (Boulder, Left Hand, St Vrain Creeks) to identify basin-wide indicators of watershed

health, develop a share adaptive management framework, and then implement for one year (in the last year).

- Jessie asked for round robin to discuss: Where will we be as an organization at the end of the 3-year project? E.g. Are we stabilizing, pivoting, growing into our vision?
  - Chris S: Wants to see continued iteration and to keep moving the ball forward so that it is a living plan that can measure success and changes in the watershed over time.
  - Kathy: Wants to see us expanding as necessary to sustain the organization so we are ready to face the next big challenge.
  - Roger: Wants to see continued growth by staying the course we are on.
  - Mark: Wants to see expansion to sustain the organization, which is valuable to the community.
  - Monica: Wants to see evaluation of how the on-the-ground resilience components are holding up over time and under some adversity, and transfer successful examples to others.
  - Sue: Agree with Kathy and Chris' responses. Wants to see consideration of expansion to other partners (e.g. weather/atmospheric scientists) keep making our approach as holistic as possible. Excited about this leadership role for the Watershed Center.
  - Barbara: Wants to see continued iteration; appreciates the watershed scale and ecological focus. Wants to see incorporation of the human component and public relations efforts given regional population growth and inevitable impacts on the watershed.
  - Audrey: Echoed continued iteration and growth. Wants to see more integration with water rights on different creeks.

### **Forest Health MOU**

- Introduced MOU (see attached) developed by commissioner's-level planning committee. It is the result of approximately a year's worth of high-level meetings and now they are distributing it for signatures and asked Jessie to help getting signatures from Jamestown, Allenspark, Ward, and Lyons.
  - Discussion ensued about who to contact from Ward.
  - Roger offered to help shepherd it through Jamestown.
  - Monica offered to look into the City of Longmont signing.
  - Jessie provided some background on the Watershed Center's role in the commissioner's-level planning committee and how they are applying the Fireshed model and how funding is coming from the USFS. She noted that our role is still a bit unclear.
  - Roger noted that the approach for requesting the MOU signatures may raise concerns from Jamestown and they may not be willing to sign the MOU.
  - Jessie suggested that we should consider bringing concerns back to the planning committee. Sue suggested that offering it as a draft document may be a better approach and they need to have the opportunity to provide feedback.

- Audrey wondered if there may be a specific reason for the approach of getting the MOU up front, perhaps related to legal reasons.
- Jessie said she would dig into this further and suggest Sue's approach.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:58 pm.