



Board Minutes – June 16, 2020

Attendees

1. Chris Smith
2. Kathy Peterson
3. Jessie Olson
4. Yana Sorokin
5. Deb Hummel
6. Sue Schauffler
7. Barbara Luneau
8. Roger Loving
9. Mark Schueneman
10. Monica Bortolini
11. Chuck Oppermann
12. Gabe Tuerk (joined at 2:10)
13. Ken Lenarcic (joined 2:15)
14. Lauren Duncan (joined 2:30)
15. Audrey Butler (joined 2:45)

Welcome and Introductions

- Chris S called the meeting to order at 2:05.

Public comments on items not on the agenda

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

Left Hand Watershed News

- Chris S opened discussion about Left Hand Ditch Company's maintenance work. Jessie explained that Ditch Company is conducting standard maintenance at Left Hand Park Reservoir which required them to drain the reservoir. This is resulting in high flows in the creek. After reservoir is drained, instream flows are expected to be typical of what occurs after the irrigation season. James Creek is not impacted by this and Lake Isabelle has not been drained yet.
 - Mark asked how this will impact irrigation rights. Kathy explained that this is an ordinary operations and maintenance activity and will zero out everyone's storage. Kathy noted it will be helpful to have Terry offer some education information in the winter about how the whole system operates. Others agreed that would be helpful.
 - Roger asked if the reservoir is entirely drained and Kathy said that typically some water is left. Chris S clarified that the reservoir only has natural fill and that the repair had to do with the head gate.

- Jessie added that Sue and staff had a call with EPA and CDPHE so that they were aware of the change of flows. They are planning to do water quality sampling next week during the new base flow conditions. They are also continuing to work on the in-tunnel treatment system and they are simultaneously getting the temporary water treatment plant operable again as backup during the work. Chris S asked if EPA typically lowers the amount of water that they let out of the mine during the non-irrigation months and others responded that they did not. Jessie will forward on future communications. Jessie added that this highlights the importance of notifying the community ahead of expected changes in flow.
- Jessie noted that the forest health MOU was signed by parties in the county and it seemed like it was overall a success.

Approval of Minutes

- Kathy moved, Sue seconded, to approve the minutes from the June 16 meetings with date correction edit; the motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report

- Jessie went over the summary page of the financial report line by line. She noted we are at the halfway point.
- Chris S asked about zero spent in some of the unrestricted fundraising categories and if the minimal unrestricted general fund revenue was related. Jessie noted that we are primarily using grant dollars to pay for fundraising since we have current funding sources that allow for fundraising but we should also focus on gaining more revenue in the unrestricted donations category. Kathy suggested that we reach out to potential donors sooner about Colorado Gives Day. Jessie agreed and suggested that targeting individuals with capacity to make large donations would be great, and she would appreciate being introduced to those individuals. Gabe echoed Kathy's idea to reach out sooner.
- Sue moved, Chris seconded, to approve the second quarter financial statements as presented; the motion carried unanimously.

EPA Procurement

- Jessie and Yana went over the procurement process for the EPA TAG.
- Roger made motion, Sue seconded, to follow the award recommendation of the selection committee with the additional direction that if the two selected teams can't split the tasks the committee could select just one of the two teams; the motion carried unanimously.
- Jessie shared the resolution and Chris S confirmed that he would sign the resolution.

Watershed Days Update

- Jessie described the approach for watershed days, focusing just on the bioblitz component. She asked for feedback on proceeding and noted that it would be helpful to have members provide some information to participants about watershed topics and particular areas of expertise.
 - Chris S noted that he had no objections to staff proceeded with planning and other agreed.
 - Jessie went over various contributors and participants. Some board members offered to help. Jessie confirmed that kids are welcome.

Annual Report Update

- Jessie suggested that instead of a full-blown annual report, this year we could focus on a website update with a virtual annual report/webpage and an additional mailer.
 - Kathy suggested using post cards as the mailer so it's not something that needs to be opened.
 - Jessie clarified that the website is being updated with new name, new branding taglines, and new language around our service areas. This would also include a page with 2020 accomplishments rather than a printed annual report.
 - Others agreed that a mailing/post card is a good idea supported with social media posts about the updated website and annual report.
 - Jessie confirmed that all agreed to this approach.

Other

- Chris asked for any other updates. Gabe noted that there are a lot of people recreating at Buckingham Park and he thinks is a good time to remind people to support their watersheds. Others agreed and discussion ensued. Jessie will look into putting information about the Watershed Center at Buckingham Park.
- Jessie noted that she doesn't anticipate any voting items in September. Kathy suggested sending just an update packet instead of a board meeting. Others agreed that would be helpful and we could have a board meeting if something comes up.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.