

**UPPER SOUTH PLATTE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019
Thursday
MONTHLY MEETING
548 FRONT STREET
FAIRPLAY, CO 80440**

At 1:40 p.m. the September 12, 2019, meeting of the USPWCD was called to order by Dave Wissel, President. Members present: Lynda James (telephone), Bob Slagle, Jon Rice, Brian Woodyard, and District Secretary, Lillian Wissel.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Agenda – Bob moved to approve the August 14, 2019 agenda as modified under Public comment to add Foxtail Estates, Brian seconded the motion. Ayes carried.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS

Elaine Campbell (Guffey), Dean Sherman (Foxtail Estates) and Leesa (Daisy Design) were a guest at today's meeting.

Dean Sherman from Foxtail Estates was present and Dave Wissel gave an overview of the June, 2019 USPWCD meeting. The USPWCD ordered a Desk Top review of FoxTail Estates water. We got a confidential report and cannot share per our attorney's. Dave stated we would love to become your partner. There are a range of numbers based on your 42 cfs and under normal flow calculation is about 500 acre feet. FE has about 180 to 220 AF of water. This is Sacramento Ditch and an 1886 water right. Dave stated FE could possibly do

water sharing with Denver Water or the Land and Water Trust Fund and USPWCD. Dave told Dean that FE should decide what they want to do today and in the future. There are costs to utilize FE water. There was discussion.

From Deans perspective he knows that logic will move people to act. Their main concern is how much this going to cost FE. Dave stated that we would have to do some more finite studies to determine what it would ultimately need / cost. There was discussion.

Dean wants to go to his membership to try and explain what FE can do. He thinks that most of his membership would want to see the water used by FE and the USPWCD. There was discussion. Dean will keep in touch.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Minutes of previous meeting – August 8, 2019

Bob moved to approve the August 8, 2019 minutes. Jon seconded. Ayes carried.

b. Daisy Design – Update on USP web site – Leesa Bush, owner od Daisy Design, gave an overview of the site and what hosting Domain, subdomain and wordpress she is using and what she is doing with the site. She set up a schedule for quarterly billing at \$38.97 a year. She is working with Matt Mattson on the HASP website. She will give another update next month. USPWCD will put her on for next month. At that time she will take pictures and do

updates for all the board members to put on our web site. There was discussion.

Leesa paid \$60 dollars for Avada Word Press. Which is easier to use.

Jon made the motion to allow the expenditure of \$60 for the Avada Word Press theme. Bob seconded. All ayes carried.

Dave moved to approve the Daisy Design invoice for design services website in the amount of \$447.50. Bob seconded. All ayes carried.

c. Financial report- Bob gave an overview of the financial report for August 2019.

General Fund - \$	57,041.56
Chase Trust Fund - \$	136,483.65
Project Reserve Fund - \$	74,245.74
Colo Trust Public Ed Fund	<u>\$25,455.49</u>
	\$236,190.88

Jon moved to approve the Treasurers report as presented for 2019. Brian Seconded. Ayes carried.

d. Invoices for legal services, bills needing review for payment & directors expenses – Bob gave an over view of the bills for August 2019. There was discussion.

Bob gave an overview of the letter he received from Linda O'Rourke regarding her letter of engagement. She listed what she will and will not do for the USPWCD regarding bookkeeping. She will continue to send a statement and Bob will handle it. She stated that her fee will be \$75/per hr. Any hours extra for filing services will be billed separately.

Dave made the motion to engage Linda O'Rourke as CPA for the USPWCD Bookkeeping at a fee of \$75/per hr. This will be effective from January of 2019. Any services not listed in the engagement letter will be billed separately. Brian seconded. All yes carried.

Linda O'Rourke stated that at the end of 2018 the ending balance was \$38,000. It was not spent but was transferred to the PRF. We have \$60,000 of which \$38,000 will be coming out of the General Fund. Bob suggested that any carry over should be put into the Educational Fund and not into the PRF. There was discussion. Linda O said the transfer was \$38,727.53.

Jon asked about billing the travel portion of our water attorney Madolines bill to HASP. Most of her travel and time is for the Joint Meeting and is only with the USPWCD for about 1 hr. There was discussion.

Bob stated that the Coalition for the Upper South Platte has sent a letter for the annual fee of \$500. There was discussion. Bob will pay the annual fee.

Jon moved to approve the payment of the August 2019 USPWCD bills and Director's expenses for September 2019. Lynda James seconded. Ayes carried.

e. HASP Report - Jon gave an overview of the HASP books as follows: August 31, 2019

Bank of West \$50,825.40

Money Market -0-

Colo Trust + \$740,837.66

Jon gave an overview of the email he received from Dave Shohet regarding a meeting that is scheduled for Monday September 16, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at W. W. Wheeler (Matt Loose) office. Aurora would like to have our attorneys and USPWCD board members there. There was discussion.

Jon stated Elkhorn Ranch owns water rights on Tarryall Creek. They are looking to protect their water from Barr Star. James Tingle Reservoir has water that we could trade for their (ER) water from Michigan Creek and then we wouldn't have the expense of hauling. There was discussion.

f. Winter in the Park – Jon gave an overview of a meeting that happened with the Flume advertising personnel. We missed placing an ad in the Summer in the Park brochure. But she said that the Winter In the Park deadline is coming up and said we need to get started.

Jon said we need to authorize the ad for the Winter in the Park brochure. Dave and Bob will take care of the Winter in the Park ad. Lynda stated we need to do 3 times to get the discount.

Brian made the motion to allow Dave Wissel and Bob Slagle to take over the Winter In the Park Ad and future ads in the Flume. Lynda seconded. Ayes carried.

Dave will find out about ads and report back.

- g. Legal report – update on current legal actions/issues of concern.**

DISTRICT PROJECTS

- a. Jones/ Colin Bills water – Jon stop by the Jones property today. He contacted Adam Shirley of Shirley septic to get him to help repair the gate. Jon physically closed the gate. He placed something over the hole to stop the water. He did not meet with anyone to fix the gate. Rosalie #6 has been drained. He checked Rosalie #4 and it is down 8 to 10 feet down. We need to find out what is going on. We don't have any run off so he thinks there is no water going to the ponds. There was discussion. Bob is going to help Jon get something set up for repairing the gate.**

- b. Foxtail Estates – Moved to Public Comment.**

- c. WECO Opportunities, Public Education Fund. Dave stated we will move this to next meeting. Tabled.**

DIRECTORS ISSUES

- a. Lynda – CUSP nothing to report. There was a meeting in Jefferson County. She didn't attend due to new vertebrae fracture.**
- b. Jon – none**
- c. Bob – none**
- d. Brian Woodard – none**
- e. Dave Wissel – Dave asked Brian to find out who owns the storage rights on the ponds by the Colin Bills/Jones area. Is it Richard Case or Brad Boink or who? Report at next meeting**

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting of the USPWCD is scheduled for October 10, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

Next joint meeting is – November 13, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. (CCWCD will host).

With no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Moved, seconded and passed this ___ day of _____ 2019.

President, David Wissel

Attest:

District Secretary, Lillian Wissel