

UPPER SOUTH PLATTER WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

March 14, 2018

WEDNESDAY

MONTHLY MEETING

548 FRONT STREET

FAIRPLAY, CO 80440

At 1:13 p.m. the March 14, 2018, meeting of the USPWCD was called to order by Dave Wissel, President. Members present: Dave Wissel, Lynda James, Tom Wells, Bob Slagle, Jon Rice, Water Counsel Madoline Wallace-Gross, and District Secretary Lillian Wissel.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Agenda – Bob moved to approve the March 14, 2018 agenda. Jon seconded the motion. Ayes carried.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS

Floyd Jones, Vince Tolpo and Elaine Campbell were present at today's meeting.

Dave gave an overview of the meeting with Brian Banks and Lisa Heagley with South Platte Ranger District (USFS) and Tim Buckley, Water Commissioner. Need to do due diligence and find out what they proposed. They didn't know much and this project would have to go to the higher ups. Shawnees' application is not being addressed at this time because there is no one that is in that position (vacant) to do the review work.

Vince gave a copy of a letter dated March 14, 2018 from the United States Department of Agriculture to Vincent Tolpo, regarding Shawnees proposed renovation plan for their Water Supply reservoir.

Dave talked about the meeting and stated that Tim Buckley was not receptive to any proposal offered. Jon stated their (Tim Buckley and Lisa Hagley) statement to us was we would have to show a benefit to the US Forest Service.

Dave stated that we have a long ways to go if any to get a return flow. Vince had an idea of how to get water to the reservoir. Jon stated that Shawnee does not have sufficient water from the Rosalie ditch to fill that reservoir.

Vince stated we need help with securing the water for the reservoir. Tim Buckley said he has the ability for 2 fills a year, Jon asked Vince if there is extra water that can be used for the fill. Vince stated they have alternate points of diversion. Vince is going to move their point of diversion to the top were they measure their water. They have 1890 water right from the Price Ditch. It is not in their augmentation plan but they do own it. There was discussion. Jon asked if they have extra water to lease. Madoline stated you have to be concerned about abandonment. Madoline stated there is maintenance you can do by your right through an act of congress. Vince stated there are things they want to do to help enlarge the reservoir. Madoline stated enlarging the reservoir would cause problems. There was discussion.

Vince thinking of doing Phase I which would be the reconditioning of the reservoir as it exists now. Madoline thinks it would require another change of water right. It would probably cause a lot of problems for Shawnee. There was discussion.

Dave stated he doesn't think the project is dead but until we get more feedback from the Forest Service the USPWCD isn't ready to commit to this project.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. **Minutes of previous meeting – February 8, 2018 meeting minutes.**

Jon moved to approve the February 8, 2018 regular meeting minutes as corrected. Tom seconded. All ayes.

- b. **Financial report – Bob gave an over view of the financial report.**

General Fund - \$ 3,539.97
Chasse Trust Fund - \$132,058.48
Project Reserve Fund- \$ 65,374.74
\$204,360.54

Tom stated he transferred the USPWCD bookkeeping records to Lynda O'Rourke.

There was discussion.

Jon moved to approve the treasurers' report as presented. Lynda seconded the motion. Ayes carried.

- c. **Invoices for legal services, bills needing review for payment & directors expenses – Bob gave an over view of the bills for 2018. There was discussion.**

Lynda moved to approve the payment of the 2018 USPWCD bills and February 2018 and Director's expenses for March 2018. Tom seconded. Ayes carried.

- d. **Legal Report – Dave differed until HASP meeting**

DISTRICT PROJECTS

- a. **Indian Mountain Metro District – Gave an overview of his meeting last Saturday with the IMMD people. Was a congenial meeting. Dave stated he was on video by cell phone through this meeting and was attended by Barr Starr Water LLC.**
- b. **Guffey Area Plan (Southern Supply System) – Dave looking for a tank. LAWTF was upheld for \$67,000 .by the BOCC to provide augmentation water to the fire district.**
- c. **Tarryall water rights purchase – Dave asked Madoline if Polson et al would like to donate their water to us we would gladly take it. There was discussion.**

Madoline will send a letter to Polson asking about the donation of water rights and storage to the USPWCD.

- d. **Shawnee Water Consumer Association – won't be doing anything with Shawnee at this time.**
- e. **Mooredale –Jon there is nothing much at this time. He**

has a question about engineering. Can virtual imaging be used to determine the size of the pond? Madoline said yes they have sonar. Jon has to find an engineer that can do this. Jon stated future with this pond could provide for storage. There was discussion.

DIRECTORS ISSUES

- a. **Lynda James – Lynda discussed her meeting at the South Platte Basin Round table. She said that Colorado Springs Utility wants to enlarge the size of Montgomery reservoir and are looking for partners.**

Lynda we could partner with CSU to get our Twin Lakes water shares stored in the Montgomery Reservoir since they are building a pipeline to store their Twin Lakes water in Montgomery. There was discussion.

Lynda stated that there is going to be a committee formed to do a South Platte storage study looking up stream from Greely. Lynda is a member of the new committee. There was discussion.

Lynda suggested that Colorado Springs Utility be invited to the next HASP meeting.

- b. **Jon Rice – Dave and Jon had a meeting with Bill Blatchley of Mountain Mutual Reservoir Company. He is upset about us being an objector on his 30 acre feet water court case for Mountain Water & Sanitation District (Jefferson County). Wanted us to drop it. Dave stated that our attorneys were just asking normal**

questions. Our goal isn't to put them out of business but protecting the USPWCD interest. There was discussion.

Bill Blatchley is trying to retire fully. His brother Ron and he would like to divest of the Maddox reservoir (20 acre feet of free board). He would like to sell water. When he gets back from his trip he will send us a letter. Norm Lewis is the operation manager. There was discussion.

- c. **Bob Slagle – none**
- d. **Tom Wells – none**
- e. **Dave Wissel – gave a resolution to give to the members of the Republican Central Committee to be addressed and put to a vote at the Republican County Assembly.**

NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting of the USPWCD is scheduled for April 12, 2018, 1:00 p.m.

Next joint meeting is – May 9, 2018, 3 p.m., USPWCD meeting at 1:00 p.m. (USPWCD will host).

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Moved, seconded and passed this ___ day of _____ 2018.

President, David Wissel

Attest:

District Secretary, Lillian Wissel