

**UPPER SOUTH PLATTE WATER CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT**

October 11, 2018

THURSDAY

MONTHLY MEETING

548 FRONT STREET

FAIRPLAY, CO 80440

At 1:45 p.m. the October 11, 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 and District Secretary Lillian Wissel.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Agenda – Bob moved to approve the October 11, 2018 agenda Lynda seconded the motion. Ayes carried.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS

Elaine Campbell, Steven King and Brian Woodyard, were present as USPWCD guests.

Steve King, gave an overview of his proposal of doing a documentary on the water of South Park. The documentary would be approximately 1 hour long beginning with the early history of South Park to current day. There was discussion. Dave stated this is conceptual at this time but there could be a good project to bring forward of the history of Park County water. There was discussion.

Steve is thinking about starting a video block on the internet for discussion of water with those that would be interested. This would be pre-documentary and would help with the film. There was discussion.

Steve spoke about the budget to his proposal. He thought it was a little high. He doesn't have a good budget but would probably need to have more input before he could set a budget. He has to meet with people and have some decisions to make regarding filming, directors, editors etc. There was discussion.

Steve was interested in having the USPWCD make a financial commitment to the project. There was discussion.

Bob was concerned about using tax payer money for this project. Dave sees this more as an educational campaign. There was discussion. Jon stated if we pledge money toward the idea, would you begin project? Or would you wait until project was fully funded. Steve stated \$20,000 would not get him very far. There was discussion.

Dave we will continue with regular meeting at this time. We will set up a work session on November 14 at 10:00 a.m. at the Upper South Platte Water Conservancy office in Fairplay.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Minutes of previous meeting – September 13, 2018

Lynda had an issue with the minutes and what exactly Jon said about his approval of Dave staying on in some

capacity with the District. Lillian stated that nothing in the minutes had anyone of the board members agreeing that Dave would stay on in any capacity but rather the board members, specifically Jon, stated that he remain in some capacity with the USPWCD. Lillian will correct the minutes so not to offend any member of the USPWCD with the wording of the minutes.

Jon moved to approve the September 2018 minutes as corrected. Lynda seconded. Ayes carried.

- b. **Financial report- Bob gave an overview of the financial report.**

General Fund -\$ 54,619.89

Chasse Trust Fund - \$133,683.70

Project Reserve Fund - \$ 66,179.27

\$199,862.97

Lynda moved to approve the treasurers' report. Jon seconded. 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.**

Dave thought that HASP manages (Mountain Mutual share assessments / Blatchley) for us. Dave will ask Madoline.

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

- d. **Legal Report – update on current legal actions/issues**

We have issues with SPCFD, issues with Deer Creek Measuring device and Indian Mountain Storage Vessel.

Met at site October 1st at Highway 285 and Roland Valley Drive at 9:30 with Dave Shoheit, Jon Matteson, Dan Drucker, Dave Wissel and Mary R, water engineer for the Reserve at Deer Creek. We went on a tour of their project. The main idea behind this project is a facility for teaching leadership and skills training for educators. They will have one village to occupy 30 beds. May go up to 60. They came to HASP to buy water for ponds that go up Roland Gulch. There are 2100 acres including Dukes personal 160 acres, which is in a life estate and will go to them when Duke is gone. As of now, at full build out, there will be three villages. Each village will contain a support building, a lodge and meeting area. Maximum amount of guest would be 500 at any given time. They have 12 acre foot of Dozier water and would have their own augmentation plan to use with that. There was discussion. They would like us to sell them water for the pond augmentation losses. Further discussion. We had another meeting after the initial on site meeting to discuss the sale of water. It was decided it could be sold. There was discussion.

Dave discussed needing to have 1041's for the storage vessels. The county has changed how they handle the storage vessels. Tom Eisenman is the Administrator of the 1041 process. Lane Wyatt is no longer 1041 Administrator and Barbara Green is no longer 1041

Counsel. It will all be done in house at the county level with the new County Attorney.

- e. **Future of the District – options and ideas how to transition into probable changes in Secretary / Board members / replacement recruits.**

Brian Woodyard is applying for the position of Director Division #5. He has lived in Park County since 1972 and would be filling the vacancy of Tom wells position on the Board. Brian has been Mayor of Fairplay and a realtor/broker here in Park County. He will submit his letter to the District Judges for their consideration. Dave spoke about two people that he has consider for the position on the board. One is Abby Carrington and the second is Jara Johnson’s husband, Tim. Both would be great for this board. There was discussion. Bob will take care of the notices for directors in the paper.

Jon asked that Dave Wissel submit a contract with a job description of the Executive Directors work duties and responsibilities.

DISTRICT PROJECTS

- a. **Indian Mountain Metro district – Dave**
- b. **Guffey Area Plan (Southern Supply System) Update Dave**

DIRECTORS ISSUES

- a. **Lynda – CUSP had planned to finish the restoration of Horse Creek this year. It is one of the creeks severely**

impacted from the Hayman Fire in 2002. There is one bridge left to replace next spring.

An old diversion and damn below Eleven Mile Reservoir is no longer used. CUSP will be doing soil testing to determine if contaminants exist that must be dealt with before it is breached.

Slash sites in Bailey, Divide and Fairplay did well this year. Warm Springs rented CUSP's chipper for 10 years, but purchased their own chipper this year.

CUSP is working for with the Forest Service on the Weston Pass fire rehabilitation and a prescribed burn in Harris Park. Tom said the Ranch of the Ranch of the Rockies pond west of Highway 285 was impacted by the fire and wanted to know who to contact that was working on the Weston Pass fire restoration.

The Land and Water Trust Fund helped fund a CUSP project to test water quality of the Middle Fork of the South Platte above and below current operating mines along the river. Six sites were tested from above Alma to the Highway 9 Bridge over the Middle Fork south of Fairplay. Spring and summer samples were all below maximum containment levels for all containments that were tested. One more sampling will be taken this fall.

Soil tested below current mining adjacent to Fairplay due to the possibility of disturbing

mercury, if any existed. The test came back negative for mercury or mercury compounds.

Colorado Geological Survey is a partner with CUSP on the project They are compiling sampling data from several sources to determine where gaps exist and where testing is needed in the Middle Fork watershed.

The “Winter in the Park” ad was submitted to the Flume. Gary Nichols sent several photos and the USPWCD board chose one for the ad. There was discussion.

- b. Jon – for the board’s information, Tim Buckley said there is no free river this year on the North Fork of the South Platte River.**

Jon hasn’t had time to call Curtis Jones (Colin Bills water) but he will call and set up a meeting. There was discussion.

Jon asked if Dave had contacted Bill Blatchley. Dave said no he didn’t but he did ask Madoline to get in touch with him. He will report at next meeting.

- c. Bob – none**

- d. Tom Wells – Dave asked about the website. Tom doesn’t think it is necessary to have. If we keep it we should go local. Dave will look into this and try to find someone local.**

e. **Dave Wissel – none**

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting of the USPWCD is scheduled for November 14, 2018, 1:00 p.m.

Next joint meeting is – November 14, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. (USPWCD will host).

With no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

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

President, David Wissel

Attest:

District Secretary, Lillian Wissel