

**UPPER SOUTH PLATTE WATER CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT
MAY 14, 2020
MONTHLY MEETING
TELECONFERENCE
548 FRONT STREET
FAIRPLAY, CO 80440**

At 1:06 p.m. the May 14, 2020, meeting of the USPWCD was called to order by Dave Wissel, President. Members present: Lynda James, Bob Slagle, Jon Rice, Brian Woodyard, District Secretary, Lillian Wissel.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Agenda – Bob moved to approve the May 14, 2020 agenda. Brian seconded the motion. Ayes carried.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS

Steve and Judith Vince were to be guests today but didn't join in at the start of the meeting. June Vince joined it at 1:50 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. Minutes of previous meetings – April 9, 2020.

Jon moved to approve the April 9, 2020 regular meeting minutes as corrected. Bob seconded. Ayes carried.

b. Financial report- Bob gave an overview of the financial report for April 2020

General Fund - \$	50,395.54
Chase Trust Fund - \$	138,374.52
Project Reserve Fund -\$	96,138.33
Colo Trust Public Ed Fund	<u>\$ 33,796.21</u>
	\$268,319.06

Jon moved to approve the treasurers' report for April 2020 as presented. Brian seconded. All ayes carried.

c. Invoices for legal services, bills needing review for payment & directors expenses – Bob gave an over view of the bills for April 2020. There was discussion. Bob stated all bills are current and will be paid.

Brian moved to approve the invoices/bill payment for the month of April 2020 and May 2020 director's expenses. Jon seconded. Ayes carried.

d. Daisy Design – Leesa Bush –Daisy Design discussed her invoice billing. She talked about the security work place activity and stated that it is doing its job.

Leesa discussed the logo that the board members agreed to use. She has moved the water drop to the left from the right side. She said it looks better.

The backup function is working well. There was discussion.

Lynda stated that there is an error with the snowpack notification it is showing as April of 2012. Leesa will make the change.

e. Legal Report – Attorney Madoline – nothing to report.

DISTRICT PROJECTS

a. Jones/Bills water – Jon Rice – talked with Dave and stated he has had a hard time getting in touch with an excavator. Jon is going to go to property and remove the temporary blockage and do the 24 hour initial ditch flush. Doug Nelson (excavator) is going to meet Jon with in the 24 hours after the first ditch flush. The gate to be repaired might be more visible by then. Measuring what water is coming down from Rosalie #4 this year. We will get in touch with Wheeler regarding the automatic valve / control system and gauges available.

Dave discussed the Jones agreement with our water attorney Madoline. Madoline stated we have no agreement with Jones to operate the system on their land. Madoline is going to draft a letter to the Jones. But in the interim Dave and Jon will get in touch with the property owner offer to work to get an agreement to irrigate the historic acreage. Discuss with Madoline the legal requirements and the legal parameters. There was discussion. Brian did prepare letters to Boink and Case about Rosalie #4 but Dave has been holding them. He suggested that we get in touch with Boink and see if he has any interest in selling or leasing Rosalie #4.

Bob made the motion to authorize USPWCD President Dave Wissel to get in touch with Mr. Boink to see if he has any interest in selling or leasing Rosalie #4. Brian seconded. Ayes carried.

b. Foxtail Estates – Dave we have a field trip scheduled for Saturday May 16, 2020. Attending is Dave, Jon, Brian and Bob. Dave will order up cheese burgers for lunch. We will meet at the district office at 9:30 a.m. and go to county Road 14 and we will take the hike from there. After the hike we will come back to office and discuss options and have lunch. There was discussion.

c. CWC summer conference and the jam session. This is up in the air because they don't know if there will be a summer conference due to the Covid 19 Virus. Dave is going to make contact with music store to see what they have available just in case the conference goes on. There was discussion.

d. HASP UPDATE - HASP Report - Jon gave an overview of the HASP books as follows:

Balance of accounts as of April 2020:

Bank of West \$67,643.71

Money Market -0-

Colo Trust + 703,674.74

DIRECTORS ISSUES

- a. Lynda – CUSP (Carol Ekarius) has applied for a PPP grant from the Federal government. She has received it and employees are back at work with pay.**

We have a lot of slash for air burner but can't do anything cause of fire / burn ban currently in place. Started hauling chips to mix with Woodland Park's sludge. No projects going we are waiting on permits and various other things.

CUSP applied for State grant for work on the Westin Pass fire burn to do green work there. Due to budget restrictions, that work has been postponed for now.

Coors is in litigation with the Landis Ranch they are suing the HOA saying Coors isn't getting all their water rights. There probably won't be any CUSP work done this year.

Lynda stated that Swithin Dick of Centennial Water said the March 30 snow pack is 120% of normal. There was discussion.

The South Platte Basin Round Table are doing zoom meetings because of COVID 19 pandemic. She expects the funding to go down for the next coming year. They have received two applications for funding.

Colorado Geological Survey attend the meeting for the first time and will continue attending. Lynda stated she likes the person who attends and likes his professional ability.

DWR was quick to stop non-essential spending when the pandemic hit so they won't be in as bad of shape as most state departments.

We are anticipating big cuts at the State level and things are looking dire for funding. They are looking to cut 3.2 million at the state level.

b. Jon – he made contact with Dawn Jewell (Aurora Water) and will reschedule for our August meetings.

Jon discussed the use of the USPWCD video conferencing. Google has a new meeting app. Lillian stated that she checked google meeting and they are limited to a 1 hour meeting time and that wouldn't work for USPWCD. There was discussion.

c. Bob – nothing

d. Brian –nothing

e. Dave – is concerned with the impact of the 2020 property tax distributions due to the weird times so far. We will know more on our income status by the July distribution. We will have to be cognizant of this.

Bob stated that the state of Colorado is going to seize all the money that they can to make up for shortfall. Dave mentioned the AARP (Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption) discount is going away in next years state budget discussions. There was further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting of the USPWCD is scheduled for June 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., District Office, Fairplay, Colorado.

Next joint meeting is – August 12, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

With no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

Moved, seconded and passed this ___ day of _____ 2020.

President, David Wissel

Attest:

District Secretary, Lillian Wissel