

**UPPER SOUTH PLATTE WATER CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 10, 2021
MONTHLY MEETING
548 FRONT STREET
FAIRPLAY, CO 80440**

The February 10, 2021 meeting of the USPWCD was called to order by Dave Wissel, President at 12:30 P.M. Members present: Lynda James (phone), Bob Slagle, Jon Rice, Brian Woodyard, and Lillian Wissel, District Secretary.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Agenda – Bob moved to approve the February 10, 2021 agenda as presented. Brian seconded the motion. Ayes carried.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS

No public comment.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

- a. **Minutes of previous meetings – January 14, 2021.**

Brian moved to approve January 14, 2021 minutes as presented. Jon Seconded. Ayes carried.

- b. **Financial report- Bob gave an overview of the January 14 2021 financials.**

General Fund - \$	47,063.47	January 2021
Chase Trust Fund - \$	138,687.41	

Project Reserve Fund -\$ 106,367.40
Colo Trust Public Ed Fund \$ 33,872.59
\$278,927.40

Brian motion to adopt the treasurer's report as presented. Lynda seconded the motion. Ayes Carried

- c. **Invoices for legal services expenses, bills needing review for payment & directors'– Bob overview of normal regular bills for January 2021:**

Brian moved to approve the invoices/bill payments for the month of January 2021 and February 2021 director's expenses. Dave seconded. Ayes carried.

There was discussion regarding the USPWCD exemption from audit. Bob asked if the USPWCD should engage Lynda O'Rourke to do the exemption from audit. There was discussion.

Dave made the motion to authorize Bob Slagle, Treasurer to engage Linda O'Rourke, CPA to prepare the Exemption from Audit application for the USPWCD. Brian seconded the motion. All ayes carried.

Bob stated that he received the billing statement from the Colorado Water Congress in the amount of \$500. Bob felt that the Congress should not be raising their dues at this time with the covid virus and economic decline that has had such a downward effect. There was discussion.

Dave made the motion to authorize Bob Slagle, Treasurer, pay the annual dues to Colorado Water Congress and to allow the Treasurer to comment on the USPWCD behalf regarding the increase of the dues at this time of economic decline. Brian seconded. All ayes carried.

- d. **Legal Report – Dave W. – The Rogowski’s have decided to sell the whole 10.74-acre feet of water in its entirety to the Districts. HASP will initially purchase these rights but will subsequently held in both districts’ names. There was discussion. Water purchase will be paid by both districts half each of sale amount, and the due diligence requirements.**

Indian Mountain has been presented an amended IGA. It contains additional water for future clients and will be for another tranche of water (1 acre foot). There was discussion. It also contains a requirement for them to do reporting to State of Colorado every 6 months on the users.

HASP will move forward with the Magness application. There was discussion.

Dave Wissel sent Lisa an email regarding the January 2021 hostile meeting. There was discussion.

DISTRICT PROJECTS

- a. **Jones/Colin Bills water – Jon Rice stated check and lease are on their way to the Jones.**

- b. **Foxtail Estates – nothing**
- c. **Harris Park Reservoir Storage & water rights–WW Wheeler update – sent email to board from Matt Loose. There was discussion**
- d. **Update on Rogowski Family water & storage rights – Dave W. Discussed earlier.**

HASP UPDATE

- a. **January HASP meeting - Jon R - Dave Shohet finally moved forward with discussion on Elk Horn Ranch Subdivision water rights. They are interested in all three water purchase ideas including taking over their augmentation plan including 30-acre feet storage on Tarryall Ranch Reservoir. There was discussion.**
- b. **Current Creek 2 Project update – Jon R – we are not entertaining providing augmentation water for ponds because they are not available. There was discussion**
- c. **Jon gave an overview of the HASP books as follows:**

Balance of accounts as of December 31, 2020:

Bank of West \$63,038.43
Money Market -0-
Colo Trust + \$704,767.59

There was discussion.

DIRECTORS ISSUES

- a. **Lynda – there is 5 year update to the Colorado water Plan draft. Then it will go out to the public and will be adopted sometime in 2022.**
- b. **Jon – Silver Tip Lodge pond and storage has been investigated before by Attorney Jim Culichia. Dan Drucker, Dave Shohet and John Matteson were involved in this discussion. USPWCD board wants to know why Jon Rice was excluded from this discussion. Both districts should have representation and Silvertip Lodge is in Jon’s District. This will be brought up at the Joint meeting. There was discussion.**
- c. **Bob – Twisted Pines has requested a variance for 25 RV campsites along Park CO 59. They seem to be on a fast track for approval with the Planning Commission and BOCC. In an earlier similar request for a variance several Tiny Homes were previously proposed in an operation located on the Red Ranch. Their proposal was modified and the final determination was not known. They are located out of sight. Bob does not think they have enough water for this commercial use. Bob is interested in talking to them about water if they would like to talk with him. There was discussion.**
- d. **Brian –none**
- e. **Dave –none**

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting of the USPWCD is scheduled for March 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Next joint meeting is – May 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

With no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Moved, seconded and passed this ___ day of _____ 2021.

President, David Wissel

Attest:

District Secretary, Lillian Wissel