

**UPPER SOUTH PLATTE WATER CONSERVANCY
DISTRICT
APRIL 8, 2021
MONTHLY MEETING
548 FRONT STREET
FAIRPLAY, CO 80440**

The April 8, 2021 meeting of the USPWCD was called to order by Dave Wissel, President at 1:15 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 April 8, 2021 agenda as presented. Brian seconded the motion. Ayes carried.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS

Jimmy Graham, President Board of Directors, Harris Park and Elaine Campbell, Guffey.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

- a. **Minutes of previous meetings – March 11, 2021.**

Bob moved to table approval of March 11, 2021 minutes. John Seconded. Ayes carried.

- b. **Financial report- Dave move to table March 2021 financials to next meeting. Bob seconded. Ayes carried.**

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

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

Jon moved to approve the invoices/bill payments for the month of March 2021 and April 2021 director's expenses. Dave seconded. Ayes carried.

- d. **Legal Report – Dave W. – Not much going on. Jon will handle under HASP report. Dave and Jon had a zoom meeting with USPWCD Attorney Madoline as a pre HASP meeting. Madoline liked having the ability to review agenda items and would like to continue this pre meeting prior to HASP meetings. These zoom meetings is an added attorney expense for the USPWCD. It will allow the USPWCD to clear up any issues prior to the regular HASP meeting.**

DISTRICT PROJECTS

- a. **Jones/Colin Bills water – Jon Rice we want to makes sure Jones was sent his check and lease agreement. Bob stated that they have not received the lease agreement as today, Jon stated there are 2 leaks in the pipeline that need to be repaired.**

- b. **Harris Park Reservoir Storage & water rights– Dave and Jon. Jimmy Graham is with us today. Dave has provided copies of maps of Harris Park subdivision to the board members. Dave gave an overview of the Harris Park lakes. Jimmy helped identify lakes. Dave stated that we are always looking for storage space. We would like to explore a possibility of helping Harris Park and possibly getting storage in their lakes. We have many potential customers on the Elk Creek stream system that may need water in the future. There was discussion.**

Jimmy will work with his Board and will invite our board members to the June meeting. Due to Covid 19 they are limited to 35 people. So we have to determine how we can meet with all the people. Dave told Jimmy to just let the USP know when they are ready. There was discussion.

Jimmy stated they had looked at dredging the pond but it was too expensive for their budget. He stated that Tim Buckley told Jimmy that he wanted him to put a flume on Pond #2 and Tate pond. Jimmy stated they needed to fix lake number 1 and make Tim Buckley satisfied. They will try to get things done as soon as they get more money in their coffers. There was discussion.

Dave stated that there is nothing to be offered now but hope that we can find some common ground that benefits both.

Jimmy stated that they received a grant from the Land and Water Trust Fund to help with Lake #1. There was discussion.

Jimmy is looking forward to the USP members coming to one of their meetings and has enjoyed coming to this meeting and seeing how the USP works regarding water issues within their districts.

c. Update on Jefferson County parcel status – Dave

- 1. Pending HASP application – Jefferson County Assessor's Office maps indicates the "missing parcels" in our District – decision to serve? How to notify all other omitted tracts? Meeting with Jeffco? Options?**

Dave sent emails out to all members to keep all board members up to date. Dave discussed the maps that show the parcels that are missing from the Jeffco records. Dave stated that we could go back and ask to have the back payments made to the USPWCD. There was discussion.

Dave stated we need to formalize the action and let John Matteson take control. Dave talked about discussing with Douglas and Teller counties the need to make sure there are no properties omitted. Dave will continue discussion with Jefferson.

HASP UPDATE

Legal Issues:

David Shoheit sent out an email in January and had asked for opposition to Deer Creek Valley Ranch Inc. (wedding venue) in augmenting their reservoir. CCW responded but both-USP members missed voting for a formal opposition. Dave and Jon are on board to becoming an opposer in this case, if possible.

Current Creek Well location – Parcel map to research well placement. Dave stated that we have a map of parcels in southern Park County that will be a good site to place a well. This would serve the Current Creek Water augmentation blanket plan to cut the transportation costs. There was discussion. Dave requested Brian review the map and make suggestions.

- a. **Ruglowski Water rights – Aurora came back to board and wanted some concessions. Aurora does not want money they want considerations regarding the Wild horse Reservoir. Do we want to tell them we want to be their partner and do our due diligence? This will be discussed at tomorrow's HASP meeting.**
- b. **Four mile Creek – Potential customer on 4 mile creek who are in our drainage. We can only service Current Creek. Mr. Shoheit has a client in the City of Cripple Creek. They have water in Four Mile Creek. Possible customers in Four Mile Creek. There was discussion**

- c. **Current Creek 2 update- tomorrow we have action items for tomorrows HASP meeting.**
- d. **Jon gave an overview of the HASP books as follows:**

Balance of accounts as of March 2021:

Bank of West \$53,990.35
Money Market -0-
Colo Trust + \$722,914.41

DIRECTORS ISSUES

- a. **Lynda – when the March meeting minutes were done by her they were abbreviated. Lynda asked that the figures be checked to make sure they were correct because she stated they didn't add up.**

W W Wheeler / Gary Thompson had been designated for many years to represent the USPWCD on the Metro-Round Table. She thought we should designate someone from the USPWCD board. There was discussion.

Bob made the motion to appoint Dave Wissel, USPWCD President as the representative for the USPWCD to the Metro Round Table. Lynda seconded. Ayes carried.

- b. **Jon – none**

- c. **Bob – just South of Fresh water in Guffey there is a new house and it has planted natural grass. He is not sure if permits were required or pulled. There was discussion.**
- d. **Brian –none**
- e. **Dave – will send out the new District USP letter head. Dave received an email from Doug Kemper and he would like to come visit this district on July 19, 2021. There was discussion.**

Bob made the motion to move our USPWCD July meeting date to July 19th. Lynda seconded. All ayes carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting of the USPWCD is scheduled for May 12, 2021 at 12:00 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 2:57 p.m.

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

President, David Wissel

Attest:

District Secretary, Lillian Wissel