

**UPPER SOUTH PLATTE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
OCTOBER 7, 2021
MONTHLY MEETING
548 FRONT STREET
FAIRPLAY, CO 80440**

The October 7, 2021, meeting of the USPWCD was called to order by Dave Wissel, President at 1:12 P.M. Members present Lynda James (telephone), Bob Slagle, Jon Rice, Brian Woodyard, and Lillian Wissel, District Secretary.

APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF PROPOSED AGENDA

Agenda – Bob moved to approve the October 7, 2021; agenda as presented. Brian seconded the motion. Ayes carried.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS

Elaine Campbell from Guffey was the only guest at today's meeting. No comment from Elaine.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. **Minutes of previous meetings – September 9, 2021, minutes.**

Jon moved to approve the September 9, 2021; minutes as corrected. Bob seconded. Ayes carried.

- b. **Financial report- Bob gave an overview of the monthly budget report for September.**

General Fund -	\$	41,281.52
Chasse Trust Fund -	\$	138,730.81
Project Reserve Fund -	\$	161,320.52
Colo Trust Public Ed Fund	\$	<u>33,883.01</u>
		\$375,265.86

Brian made the motion to adopt the Treasurers report as presented. Dave seconded. Ayes carried.

Invoices for legal services expenses, bills needing review for payment & directors – Bob gave overview of the September bills for payment.

Lynda moved to approve the invoices/bill payments for the month of September 2021 and October 2021 director's expenses. Brian seconded. Ayes carried.

Legal Report – Dave W. – Dave gave an update and stated that Madoline did not go to Italy and will attend the November meeting. Dave stated there are not many legal issues going on right now.

Dave stated we are in the final process of IGA amendments of final tranche of water to Indian Mountain. Dave stated the USP will not be buying Chatfield shares because there is no upside to USPWCD. W W Wheeler's updated study indicated only a 10% return for pond augmentation. Not worth the expense currently.

DISTRICT PROJECT

- a. **City of Aurora – Nothing on Aurora.**
- b. **Colorado Water Congress Staff Visit – Not coming to today’s meeting. Looking to come up November 16, 2021, to meet for lunch.**
- c. **Jones/Colin Bills water – Update – Jon Rice stated he has not had any contact with Jones and there is nothing new going on. Need to have a meeting with Boink and Koltenbacker about fixing Rosalie 4. There was discussion.**
- d. **Foxtail Estates – Update on working group – Dave has not heard from Bob White. FTE must get started sometime. There was discussion.**

Briggs Cunningham has caused a big riff within the CCWCD Board regarding discussion of funds to help with infrastructure for water. Dave thinks both water entities should join forces and pull our thoughts together regarding infrastructure for water. There was discussion.

HASP UPDATE

- a. **Hasp meeting update – Jon R – has forwarded on bank statements to everyone.**

Colorado Trust Plus - \$956,059.19
Bank of West \$ 47.409.63

Magnus has paid \$622,124.73 to HASP. Balance is closer to \$1,500,000 currently. There was discussion

Jon stated he sent to all USP Directors a Memorandum of Understanding with Elk Horn Ranch. He has asked for comments back from members. Brian stated he did not see a compensation understanding. Jon stated there would be one. Jon is looking for a long term (50 year) lease. There was discussion.

Brian was concerned that there was no mention of compensation. There was discussion.

Jon has been frustrated with legal counsel. Jon feels that legal counsel has been dragging his feet. Jon wants to have another meeting before Christmas. There was discussion.

Bob made the motion to have the USPWCD approve the MOU with Elk Horn and have the USP President sign. Lynda seconded. Ayes Carried

- b. Current Creek 2 Project update – Jon R – Dan Drucker has had a negative view of on-going engineering expense. Dan has backed off. John Matteson will not do the RFP. Jon Rice will take a stab at writing up an RFP. This is to help establish costs. John Mattson should have a list of contractors. There was discussion.**

Guffey does not want to spend any money for pond augmentation water rights. They will ride on our coat tails but will not spend cash. There was discussion.

DIRECTORS ISSUES

- a. **Lynda – After a couple of years BLM is starting final process of their Resource Management Plan. The prior Basic proposal was not accepted at higher levels. The current administration supports the prior draft so the final RMP is being prepared. As of the meeting we have a particularly good alternative. Comments from cooperating agencies are due back in two weeks. There will be a decision of record in early summer.**

Lynda stated the South Platte Round Table is concerned about the Demand Management concept on the Colorado River and appointed a working group to develop S.P. Basin's position paper. The Demand Management concept will be done if there happens to be a Federal call on the Colorado River.

Bob stated that the Flaming Gorge will cease to send water downstream beginning in November 2021. There was discussion.

- b. **Jon – Dave and Jon have signed up for tour of Chatfield being done by Army Corps of Engineers. Bob wants to go. There was discussion.**
- c. **Bob – nothing**
- d. **Brian – nothing**

- e. **Dave – he asked if the USPWCD monthly meetings could be moved to the 1st Thursday of every month. There was discussion.**

Bob made the motion to move the USPWCD monthly meeting to the first Thursday of every month. Lynda seconded. All ayes carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regular board meeting of the USPWCD is scheduled for November 4, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

Next joint meeting is – November 10, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.

With no further business to come before the board the meeting was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.

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

President, David Wissel

Attest:

District Secretary, Lillian Wissel