

**Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

MINUTES

July 29, 2011

The meeting was held at:

Pueblo County Building

215 West 10th Street, Commissioners Meeting Room, Pueblo, CO 81003

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Chairman Hisey called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. In attendance were the following duly designated members of the Board of Directors of the District:

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| Dennis Hisey | El Paso County |
| Jeff Chostner | Pueblo County |
| Max Stafford | EPC Small Municipalities |
| Leroy Mauch | Lower Arkansas |
| Gabe Ortega | City of Fountain |
| Richard Skorman | CAG Liaison |
| Jane Rhodes | Fountain Creek Land Owner |
| Larry Atencio | City of Pueblo |

Excused:

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| Tim Leigh | City of Colorado Springs |
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A quorum was noted. Also present were Dan Kogovsek, Legal Counsel, Cole Emmons, Legal Counsel and Larry Small, Executive Director

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the board meeting of June 24, 2011 were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

5.0 REGULAR REPORTS

5.A. TAC UPDATE – Dennis Maroney

Mr. Maroney reported that the TAC met on June 29, 2011 with Summit Economics and dedicated the

whole meeting to providing input to the Stormwater Management Study. He stated there was no meeting in July.

Mr. Maroney stated that the City of Pueblo had received a letter from the Union Pacific Railroad stating that they had agreed to remove five spans of the old railroad crossing Fountain Creek to the east. Union Pacific wants the City to remove the old tressel structure and the piers that supported the track across Fountain Creek. Director Chostner reported that he had been in communications with Representative Tipton's office and Homeland Security might want to use the tressel for an exercise and they might remove it.

Mr. Maroney reported that the next TAC meeting would be Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at 1:00 pm in Fountain City Hall.

5.B. CAG UPDATE – Elaine Kleckner

Ms. Kleckner reported that the CAG met July 8, 2011 with Summit Economics and dedicated the whole meeting to providing input to the Stormwater Management Study.

Carol Baker, Outreach Subcommittee, reported that the first Regional College and University Consortium meeting was held at the Fountain City Hall on July 20, 2011 at 12:00 PM. The discussion centered on how the District and the Colleges and Universities can work together to promote both educational programs and projects that would be beneficial to the Fountain Creek Watershed. She reported that the representatives from the Colleges and Universities were very enthusiastic about forming a partnership and wanted to get more of their departments and executive management involved. They plan to think about how to proceed and will meet again in September with the District to form a definitive plan, including having a reception for College and University Presidents and Administrators. Director Chostner suggested that the Board needs to become active in the Consortium as well as attending the reception.

The next meeting of the CAG will be 9:30 A.M., August 12, 2011 at the Pueblo City Council temporary Chambers in Pueblo, CO.

5.C. FINANCIALS AND APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Larry Small presented the Fountain Creek District Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2011. The District has total assets of \$664,876.73 and total liabilities of \$72,770. Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual report for the period January thru June 2011 indicated total revenues were \$287,042 and total expenses were \$217,224 for a net positive income of \$143,751 resulting in a District total equity of \$592,106.73. The General Fund cash on hand as of June 30, 2011 is \$178,826.11 and the Restricted Fund cash on hand is \$336,429.36. The Flood Control Study 12-month CD value is \$102,527.51. The total cash on hand is \$617,782.98.

Invoices presented for payment were:

Master Plan Fund

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| THK | Invoice #3279 | \$15,810.50 | Master Plan development |
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General Fund

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| Larry Small | Invoice 6 | \$2,500 | Ex Director – 1 month |
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Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, payment of the invoices as

presented was authorized.

5.C. LEGAL REPORT – None

5.D. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Larry Small reported that he was very impressed at how well the College and University Consortium meeting was organized and conducted and recognized Carol Baker, Jeff Besse and Perry Cabot of the CAG Outreach Subcommittee for their efforts in making it a success.

Mr. Small reported that the Student Workshop held in Pueblo on July 20, 2011 was very successful. Approximately 40 students ages six to seventeen took part in the event to learn about Fountain Creek, the Sediment Removal System and participate in a contest to name the system. The name selected by the students was “Dirt Attractor”. Mr. Small recognized Carol Baker, Eva Montoya and Perry Cabot of the CAG Outreach Subcommittee and John McArthur of Streamside Systems for their efforts in making the event a success.

Mr. Small reported that a District Progress Report presentation had been given to the Fort Carson Sustainability Committee on July 13, 2011 and to the Colorado Springs Downtown Lions Club on July 18, 2011. He reported that the Progress Report to member governments was scheduled to be given to Manitou Springs on August 2, 2011; to Pueblo County Commissioners on Aug 4, 2011; to the Town of Monument on Aug 15, 2011; to El Paso County Commissioners on August 18, 2011; to the Town of Palmer Lake on September 1, 2011; to the Town of Green mountain Falls on September 20, 2011; and to the City of Colorado Springs on November 11, 2011. Other presentations would be announced when final schedules were set. Mr. Small encouraged all Board, TAC and CAG members to attend the presentations.

Mr. Small reported that he would have a draft District 2012 Proposed Budget for review at the August Board meeting. The proposed 2012 budget would need to be submitted to the State in October so it would have to be approved for submittal at the September Board meeting.

Carol Baker reported that the IGA Steering Committee would receive the draft of the Fountain Creek Corridor Restoration Master Plan document from THK on August 4, 2011 and would put it on the PPACG website for review.

6.0 OLD BUSINESS - None.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.A PRESENTATION REQUESTING APPROVAL OF MATCHING FUNDS FOR TWO GOCO TRAIL GRANTS

Carol Baker presented a request to the Board to provide \$16,000 matching funds for a \$60,000 GOCO Grant to the City of Colorado Springs for the design of the Front Range Trail extension along Fountain Creek through Clear Springs Ranch and to provide \$10,000 matching funds for an \$80,000 GOCO Grant to the City of Pueblo for the construction of a trail connecting Plaza Verde Park in Pueblo to the Front Range Trail along Fountain Creek. Colorado Springs Utilities would provide \$8,000 in-kind support to the Colorado Springs grant and the City of Pueblo would provide \$30,000 funds and \$7,000 in-kind support to the Pueblo Grant.

Chairman Hisey asked if the District had the funds to match the Grants. Mr. Small responded that the matching funds were available in the Restricted Funds of the District and would be taken from the Master Plan funds since this was implementation of two Master Plan projects.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, payment of the \$26,000 matching funds as requested from the Master Plan fund was authorized.

Mr. Small stated that he and the Attorney would prepare Memorandum of Agreements for the authorized matching funds with both the City of Pueblo and the City of Colorado Springs for approval by the District Board and each of the cities of Colorado Springs and Pueblo so the funds could be transferred. Those agreements would be available for Board review prior to the September District Board meeting where they would be presented for approval.

7.B. REQUEST BOARD PERMISSION TO SUBMIT THE 2010 AUDIT TO THE STATE OF COLORADO

Larry Small presented the draft 2010 District Audit performed by BiggsKofford and requested the District Board grant permission to BiggsKofford to submit the audit to the State of Colorado by July 31, 2011 as required by law. Mr. Small stated that he had verified the audit results from the District books and found the audit to be accurate and complete. Mr. Small stated that BiggsKofford would be at the August 26, 2011 District Board meeting to present the audit results to the District Board and answer any questions the Board might have.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, submission of the 2010 audit to the State of Colorado by July 31, 2011 was authorized.

8. OTHER BUSINESS - None

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION – None

10. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

The next meeting will be held August 26, 2011 at 1:00 pm at the Pueblo County Building, Commissioners Chambers, Pueblo, Colorado.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously passed, the meeting was adjourned.

12. CONVENE AT THE SEDIMENT REMOVAL SITE ON FOUNTAIN CREEK AT 11:00 AM.

This item was placed on the agenda to notice that there might be three or more District Board members attending the switch throwing ceremony for the Sediment Collection System Project on Fountain Creek.

No District business was conducted at this ceremony.