

**Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
July 20, 2012**

The meeting was held at:
City of Fountain City Hall, 116 S. Main Street, 2nd Floor, Fountain, CO 80817

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

Vice Chair Ortega called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. In attendance were the following duly designated members of the Board of Directors of the District:

Name:

Richard Skorman	CAG Liaison
Gabe Ortega	City of Fountain
Brandy Williams	City of Colorado Springs
Dennis Hisey	El Paso County
Jane Rhodes	Fountain Creek Land Owner

Excused:

Eva Montoya	City of Pueblo
Jeff Chostner	Pueblo County
Melissa Esquibel	Lower Arkansas
Vacant	EPC Small Municipalities

A quorum was noted. Also present were Cole Emmons, Legal Counsel. Larry Small, Executive Director, was absent.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING

The minutes of the June 22, 2012 Board meeting were not available. They will be presented at the August 27, 2012 Board meeting.

4. COMMENTS ON WALDO CANYON FIRE

Nancy Steinberger, Engineer for FEMA stated that there is an increase in runoff, mudslides and sediment and debris transport in the watershed streams from the fire. Initial modeling showed that a 2 year storm would increase runoff by 1.8 to 12 times normal, a 5 year storm would be 1.3 to 6 times normal and a 10 year storm would be 1.2 to 5 times normal. These numbers define water volume and do not translate to impact on stream capacity since stream floodplane conditions change as you go downstream, so they do not predict impact on flooding levels. She stated that FEMA is updating the 1997 flood map using a Fountain Creek hydrographic model so residents can determine if they are now in the revised floodplane. She stated a vulnerability risk

analysis was done and will be available next week. She stated that there is an increased flood risk in areas affected by the fire. She stated that downstream areas will be affected by increased sediment flows and murky water but full impact cannot be assessed at this time.

Jamie Prosno, FEMA Flood Insurance representative, stated that flood insurance is the best mitigation to property damage and any at risk should acquire it. FEMA has waived the 30 day waiting period for homes in the risk area. He stated the flood insurance is available to anyone who wishes to purchase it if their community participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. He stated that flood insurance covers flooding and mudslides but not landslides. He stated that there are over 100 insurance companies who provide FEMA flood insurance.

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Dennis Hisey stated that the El Paso County Fair starts July 21, 2012.

Richard Skorman stated that what happened by the fire has a big impact on the District's mission and that the Board should start thinking about how to deal with storm flows and water quality issues working in conjunction with other jurisdictions.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

7. REGULAR REPORTS

7. A TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Elaine Kleckner reported that the TAC met on July 11, 2012. Ms. Kleckner reported that the TAC continued deliberations on the Drainage Criteria Public Policy workshop and looked at opportunities for District participation in the implementation of the workshop recommendations. She stated a number of things could be done in the areas of public education as well as development of a checklist for land use review. She stated that the Corps of Engineers was willing to give the District copies of all 401 and 404 permit applications for review and comment.

The next TAC meeting is scheduled August 1, 2012 at 1:00 PM at Fountain City Hall.

7. B CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP

Terry Hart reported that the CAG met July 13, 2012 at Avondale. The CAG discussed the Waldo Canyon Fire and its potential impact on Fountain Creek to determine the District's potential role in dealing with the fire impact.

The CAG developed an initial report on Oil & Gas exploration to provide to the Board.

Dan Hendricks provided the CAG a tour of four ditches and their head gates and reviewed the impact of the drought on agriculture. They discussed the dichotomy between the agricultural needs for storm flows and the need for flood control.

Carol Baker stated that the Outreach Subcommittee met and discussed how it could support the District mil levy. The subgroup decided to take a hiatus until the Board direction has been established.

The next CAG meeting will be August 10, 2012 and will be held at the Pueblo County DA office in Pueblo.

7. C FINANCIAL REPORT

Cole Emmons presented the Fountain Creek District Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2012. The District has total assets of \$372,092.22 and total liabilities of \$19,931.25. Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual report for the period January – June 2012 indicated total revenues were \$57,512.81 and total expenses were \$235,782.25 for a net negative income of \$178,269.44 resulting in a District total equity of \$352,160.97. The General Fund cash on hand as of June, 2012 was \$91,659 and the Restricted Fund cash on hand was \$165,548. The Flood Control Study 12-month CD value was \$103,454. The total cash on hand was \$350,661.

7. D LEGAL REPORT

Cole Emmons stated that, he looked into Initiatives 3 and 45 as the Board requested in the June meeting. He stated that these initiatives would create radical changes in Colorado water law. He stated that more research is required before he can report the impact to the District from these initiatives.

7. E EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Larry Small was absent so there was no report from the Executive Director.

8.0 OLD BUSINESS (BOARD ACTION MAY BE REQUIRED REQUIRED)

8.A MIL LEVY DISCUSSION

Richard Skorman reported that he and Larry small met with representatives from Trust for Public Land in Denver on June 27, 2012 to advise them of our intention to pursue the mil levy election and see if there would be a possibility of having their support in the pre-election activities to include polling and public outreach. He stated that TPL was excited about the prospects of helping the District because of the overlap between the organizations missions in land conservation. TPL requested a letter from the District supported by hopefully a unanimous vote of the Board for their support. Director Skorman read an example letter he was furnished. It was the consensus of the Board that Director Skorman and Cole Emmons draft a letter to be presented at the August meeting for Board ratification.

9. NEW BUSINESS (BOARD ACTION REQUIRED) - None

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10. A APPROVAL OF INVOICES

The following invoices were presented for approval to pay:

General Fund				
<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>For</u>
Larry Small				
	7/9/2012	40	\$2,500.00	Executive Director

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the invoices were approved for payment as presented.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED) - None

12. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

The next Board Meeting will be held at the Pueblo County Building, Commissioners Meeting Room, 215 West 10th Street, Pueblo, CO 81003 at 1:00 PM on August 27, 2012

13. ADJOURN

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