

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

**May 23, 2014**

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**

Chair Montoya called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm. In attendance were the following duly designated members of the Board of Directors of the District:

**Name:**

Terry Hart	Pueblo County
Richard Skorman	CAG Liaison
Val Snider	City of Colorado Springs
Jane Rhodes	Fountain Creek Land Owner
Eva Montoya	City of Pueblo
Melissa Esquibel	Lower Arkansas

**Excused:**

Michael Maddox	EPC Small Municipalities
Dennis Hisey	El Paso County
Gabriel Ortega	City of Fountain

A quorum was noted. Also present was Larry Small, Executive Director.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2014 BOARD MEETING**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved.**

**4. PRESENTATION – EL PASO COUNTY FIRE AND FLOOD RECOVERY EFFORTS**

John Chavez presented a briefing of the fire and flood restoration activities El Paso County has undertaken since the Waldo Canyon fire in June 2012. He stated that most of the funding, \$1.6 million, came from NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection funds directed at private property protection. He stated that the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) was the primary partner in execution of the restoration activities. He stated that to date nearly \$40 million has been spent on fire and flood restoration and protection activities, mostly directed at Upper Fountain Creek starting above Cascade and working downstream to Manitou Springs. He stated that Manitou Springs is a co-partner and the major portion of the activity is directed toward Manitou Springs restoration and protection. He stated that the 2013 storms created additional damage from Colorado Springs to south of Fountain and the County is currently dealing with

those problems as well. He showed a number of photos of the projects, before and after restoration.

Board members and the public asked a number of questions about the effects of the debris, sediment and storm water runoff from the burn areas and the September 2013 storms. Chair Montoya stated that there was a lot of concern in Pueblo about the debris and sediment from the affected areas being carried downstream to Pueblo. Mr. Chaves responded that the fire and storms created a significant debris load and sediment load that had seriously affected Upper Fountain Creek and the Fountain Creek Corridor between Colorado Springs and Pueblo and that these loads were abnormally high compared to pre-fire conditions. The September 2013 storms also had a higher than normal effect on Fountain Creek because of the amount of rain in a short period of time over Fort Carson and the Cheyenne Creek Watershed,

## **5. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Director Montoya stated that she attended a meeting Thursday, May 22, 2014, with the City/County Library Board to review the new Library building in Pueblo that will be named the Patrick A. Lucero Library. It is a small library building much like the library in Pueblo's Vietnamese Sister City. She showed picture of the new library building and stated that the dedication is scheduled for either November 15 or 30, 2014. She stated everyone is invited to attend

Director Snider stated that the El Paso County Stormwater Taskforce work continues and a draft Intergovernmental Agreement is going to be discussed at the Colorado Springs City Council meeting June 9, 2014. He stated that the draft IGA is being discussed with other Governments in the Fountain Creek Watershed in El Paso County. Mark Shea stated that the El Paso County Commissioners would also be reviewing the draft IGA in June.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mark Shea, Colorado Springs Utilities, stated that the U.S. Forest Service initiated an Upper Monument Creek Forest Restoration Project covering 67,000 acres from Highway 24 West into Teller County and north into El Paso County and southern portions of Douglas County. He stated that the initiative will help restoration of the National Forest, improve resiliency to wildfires and disease. He stated that the Forest Service has a briefing on the activity and suggest the District invite the Forest Service to a future meeting to give their presentation, since what they are doing also supports the health of streams in the Fountain Creek Watershed.

## **7. REGULAR REPORTS**

### **7. A TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

John Chavez reported that the TAC met May 7, 2014 at Fountain City Hall. He reported that the TAC discussed the Boards decision to permit the TAC to recommend alternate members and that the TAC would take that up at the July meeting since the June meeting was cancelled.

The next TAC meeting is scheduled for July 2, 2014 at 1:00 PM at Fountain City Hall.

## **7. B CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP**

Irene Kornelly reported that the CAG met May 9, 2014 at the Fountain City Hall. She reported that the CAG received a briefing from Berrit Odom on the Historic Eastside Park Project, including the Wheelpark.

Ms. Kornelly reported that the Outreach Subcommittee met May 19, 2014. She stated that Outreach Subcommittee members attended the Arkansas River Water Forum in La Junta. She stated that the Subcommittee gave the aluminum foil watershed project to children at the Fountain Nature Center Family Fun Day on May 3, 2014 (45 children participated) and at the CSU-Pueblo Water Festival on May 6, 2014 (105 children participated). She stated that the Subcommittee supported the Pikeview Reservoir cleanup sponsored by Colorado Springs Utilities on April 19, 2014 where over 500 pounds of trash was removed from the reservoir.

Ms. Kornelly stated that the Outreach Subcommittee was looking at future projects and had considered the State Fair, but felt that the need to man a booth during the full fair was not feasible. She stated that they had considered the Pueblo County Fair but was advised that the fair was mostly a 4-H event and the District would draw little attention. Director Rhodes stated that she believed these fairs would be an important place to show the District's information. Ms. Kornelly stated that it was a matter of having enough volunteers to support the events and at this time there was only five CAG members supporting the Outreach Subcommittee and that would not be enough to support these events. Director Rhodes stated that in 2006 the Taskforce shared a booth with the Board of Water Works of Pueblo. Chair Montoya stated that we should have enough people associated with the District to provide more support to the Outreach Subcommittee. Mr. Small stated that there were 15 CAG members, 15 TAC members, 9 Board members and himself for a total of 40 people associated with the District. Director Hart agreed that based on his experience with the State Fair that it took a considerable amount of time to staff a booth at the Fair and that fewer and fewer non-entertainment/food attractions were showing up.

The next CAG meeting will be June 13, 2014 at 9:30 am at the Fountain City Hall.

The next Outreach Subcommittee meeting will be June 16, 2014 at 10:00 am at Fountain City Hall.

## **7. C FINANCIAL REPORT**

Larry Small presented the Fountain Creek District Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2014. The District had total assets of \$313,428.22 and total liabilities of \$109,809.22. Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual report for the period January 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014 indicated total revenues were \$150,196.09 and total expenses were \$139,020.78 for a net income of \$11,175.31 resulting in a District total equity of \$203,619.00. The General Fund cash on hand as of April 30, 2014 was \$108,271.81 and the Restricted Fund cash on hand was \$122,162.91. The total cash on hand was \$230,434.72. Mr. Small reported that as of May 15, 2014 the Master Plan Fund had an uncommitted cash balance of \$1,229.23.

## **7. D LEGAL REPORT - None**

## **7. E EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Larry Small reported that he attended the Pueblo BoCC meeting on April 28, 2014 where the Commissioners unanimously passed the resolution concerning the District's request for SDS Indexed Revenue. He stated that he attended the Camp Creek Drainage Improvement public meeting to observe the final recommendations for improvement of Camp Creek. The improvements included a detention facility in Garden of the Gods and flow control improvements to the creek through the trapezoidal culvert in the center of 31<sup>st</sup> Street to Fountain Creek. He stated that the FEMA100 year storm flows had been revised from 4400 cfs to 2800 cfs through this stretch. He stated that he met with John Fredell and Mark Phifer of Colorado Springs on May 1, 2014 to discuss co-sponsoring a District Grant application for Water Supply Reserve Account funds to perform Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the follow-on work to the Flood Control Study. He stated that he supported the Outreach Subcommittee events at the Pike view Cleanup, the Fountain Creek Nature Center Family Fun Day and the CSU Pueblo Children's Water Festival. He stated that he met with an engineering company on May 7, 2014 who was interested in doing business with the District. The company did work associated with the design and construction of flood control facilities and storage reservoirs. He stated he toured the SDS Fountain Creek Realignment project on May 9, 2014 with Board members. He stated that he attended the Stormwater Task Force meeting on May 12, 2014 and participated in discussions on the IGA. He stated he attended the CDOT I-25/Cimarron Interchange Aesthetics Committee meeting on May 15, 2014 to review the final recommendations for Fountain Creek, Monument Creek and trails improvements that were to be made as part of that project as well as landscaping , lighting and architectural features of the project. He stated that he attended the Fountain Creek Nature Center Reopening Celebration on May 17, 2014 where the District was recognized for its support of the expansion project. He also supported the Outreach Subcommittee's display booth at the event. He stated he was named by the PPACG State Highway Research Project to represent the District on the project and attended the first meeting on May 18, 2014. The approach to highway planning in the future will include making improvements to link waterways adjacent to highway projects to highways for trails that will support non-motorized use. He stated that he submitted a Notice of Intent for DOLA CDBG-DR funding in the amount of \$3.5 million for restoration of Upper Fountain Creek between 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 31<sup>st</sup> Street along HW 24-West. The DOLA funding is available to counties that experienced flood damage from the 2013 storms and requires no matching funds. The funds, in the amount of \$63 million are to be split 80% available to the three counties, Boulder, Larimer and Wells, and 20% available to the other 14 counties that experience flooding in 2013. DOLA will decide on which NOIs they want a proposal for by mid-June. If selected, proposals would be due in 60 days. If not selected they may be resubmitted in the next round later this year where the funding will be \$199 million available to all 17 flood-affected counties with no preference. Mr. Small stated that he toured Frank Masciantonio's property on Fountain Creek between I-25 exit 116 and 112 with the property owner, Director Rhodes, a representative from USGS and others to see the damage caused by the 2013 storms. The property suffered severe erosion and sediment and debris deposits, the worst he had seen on Fountain Creek. He estimated that the cost to restore the banks, redirect the creek to its normal channel and remove the debris would be in the range of \$3 million.

**8.0 OLD BUSINESS (BOARD ACTION MAY BE REQUIRED) - None**

**9. NEW BUSINESS (Board Action Required)**

**9. A WSRA GRANT APPLICATION FOR EVALUATION OF FLOOD CONTROL ALTERNATIVES FOR THE FOUNTAIN CREEK CORRIDOR**

Mr. Small presented the WSRA Grant Application for Evaluation of Flood Control Alternatives for the Fountain Creek Corridor. The grant will be submitted first to the Arkansas Basin Roundtable Needs Assessment Committee in June and if recommended to move forward will be presented to the full Roundtable in July. If approved by the Roundtable, it will be submitted to CWCB in July and based on CWCB staff recommendation will go to the CWCB Board in September for final action. The application requests \$30 thousand of Basin funds and \$105 thousand of Statewide Funds. The grant will be matched by \$25,000 of District funds from Master Plan funds that will be reprogrammed from the WARSSS Assessment Grant submitted to CWCB in 2013 that was never awarded, \$30 thousand from Colorado Springs Utilities and other partners and \$15 thousand of Colorado Springs Utilities in-kind labor. Director Esquibel asked what would happen if the WARSSS Assessment Grant was awarded, could the District still fund this application. Mr. Small responded that the WARSSS Assessment Grant would not be awarded since all of the funds CWCB had available for Watershed Restoration Fund grants had been committed to Watershed Flood Restoration grants to match State and Federal flood restoration funding.

**Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, approval was given to submit the grant application as presented with \$25,000 of Master Plan Funds reprogrammed from the WARSSS Assessment Grant Application as matching funds.**

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

**10. A APPROVAL OF INVOICES**

**Presented for Payment  
5/23/2014**

<b>General Fund</b>				
<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Num</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>For</b>
Larry Small				
	05/02/14	114	\$1,600.00	Executive Director
			\$900.00	Grant Project management
Larry Small				
	05/12/14	116	\$268.00	CAG Outreach Logo Tee Shirts
Ferris Frost				
	04/30/14	e-mail	\$191.22	Attend ABWF Conference
Aztec General Contractors, LLC				
	04/17/14	AZ14-03A-1	\$59,952.00	Frost Ranch Bank Reconstruction

<b>TOTAL - General Fund</b>			<b>\$62,911.22</b>	
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<b>Master Plan Fund</b>				
<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>For</u>
Aztec General Contractors, LLC				
	4/30/2014	AZ14-03A-2	\$27,822.00	Frost Ranch Bank Reconstruction
Matrix Design Group				
	4/24/2014	14769	\$902.50	Frost Ranch Engineering
	5/8/2014	14809	\$8,313.75	Frost Ranch Engineering
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,216.25</b>	
<b>TOTAL – Master Plan Fund</b>			<b>\$37,038.25</b>	

**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 June 27, 2014 at 1:00 pm at the City of Pueblo City Hall, City Council Chambers (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor), 1 City Hall Place, Pueblo, CO 81003

**13. ADJOURN**

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