

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

September 20, 2013

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 Montoya called the meeting to order at 2:08 pm. In attendance were the following duly designated members of the Board of Directors of the District:

Name:

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

Excused:

Michael Maddox	EPC Small Municipalities
Gabe Ortega	City of Fountain

A quorum was noted. Also present was Larry Small, Executive Director and Cole Emmons and Marci Day, Attorneys.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2013 BOARD MEETING

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

4. PRESENTATION – None

5. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Director Hisey stated that the Fountain Creek Regional Park would have a Ground Breaking ceremony at 4:00 pm today and he invited everyone to attend following the Board meeting.

Director Montoya stated that work continues on the Pueblo Wheel Park and the improvements around the park. She stated that Fountain Creek was at the top of its banks during the storms and those businesses and residents of the East Side were concerned that the area might flood.

Director Skorman asked what rating this storm would have and Chris Woodka, reporter for the Pueblo Chieftain, responded that it would have been short of a ten year storm. Director Skorman asked if there had been any storm damage downstream from Fountain Creek on the Arkansas River. Director Esquibel responded that there was no reported damage downstream. Mr. Woodka responded that there had been some flooding in Avondale and that releases from Pueblo Dam had been curtailed.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

7. REGULAR REPORTS

7. A TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Larry Small reported that the TAC met September 4, 2013 at the Fountain City Hall. He stated the TAC discussed the final comments for the Draft Flood Control Study Report from USGS. He stated that the final comments would be submitted to USGS on September 5, 2013. He stated that the TAC received Dan Bare's resignation. Dan is leaving the City of Colorado Springs for a private sector job. The TAC commended Dan for his service and stated that he will be missed. Dan's replacement has not been identified at this time.

The next TAC meeting is scheduled for October 2, 2013 at 1:00 PM at Fountain City Hall.

7. B CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP REPORT

Irene Kornelly reported that the CAG met September 13, 2013 at Fountain City Hall. She stated that the CAG received an update on the Regional Stormwater Task Force activities. She stated that the CAG received a briefing on the USGS Post-burn Water Quality Evaluation. She stated the CAG supports the evaluation and believes it will give a good baseline concerning the effects of burn runoff into Fountain Creek. She reported that the CAG was considering field trips to see the impacts of the latest storm event and mitigations that had been put in place in the Waldo Canyon burn area but had not made definite plans as yet.

Ms. Kornelly reported that the Outreach Committee met September 16, 2013. Discussions focused on what a new District brochure would look like and area of interest brochures would be developed. She stated the committee discussed making a series of brochures featuring the purposes of the District. She said that the committee would develop display boards for showing at events. She said the committee continued to discuss making a video flyover of the creek to emphasize areas for improvement and that grant opportunities were being identified to help fund the video.

Ferris Frost presented an opportunity for the District to participate in the Colorado Springs Water Warriors activities next year. Those activities are sponsored by a number of organizations in Colorado Springs and are directed toward educating elementary school students about water conservation. She stated that the District could become a sponsoring agency and participate in the activities. The board by consensus agreed that this would be a good activity for the District and asked that the CAG include it in their Outreach planning.

The next CAG meeting will be October 11, 2013 at 9:30 am at the Fountain City Hall. The next Outreach Subcommittee meeting will be October 14, 2013 at 10:00 am at the Fountain City Hall.

7. C FINANCIAL REPORT

Larry Small presented the Fountain Creek District Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2013. The District has total assets of \$177,292.72 and no liabilities. Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual report for the period January through July indicated total revenues were \$2038.91 and total expenses were \$81,960.46 for a net negative income of \$79,921.55 resulting in a District total equity of \$177,292.72. The General Fund cash on hand as of August 31, 2013 was \$38,627.89 and the Restricted Fund cash on hand was \$138,664.83. The total cash on hand was \$177,292.72.

7. D LEGAL REPORT

Cole Emmons introduced Marci Day from the Pueblo County Attorney's office who will assist the District with legal support in the future.

7. E EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Larry Small reported that he attended the Pueblo County Board of County Commissioner's meeting on August 26, 2013 to hear discussions concerning the indexed Revenue proposal and the upcoming SDS presentations concerning project status. He stated that discussions on the Indexed Revenue were very positive but final details are still being worked out between Pueblo County and Colorado Springs Utilities.

Mr. Small reported that the Requests for Represented Government Contributions had been delivered to Pueblo County, El Paso County, City of Colorado Springs, Manitou Springs, Fountain and Monument. While no commitments had been made, the requests were favorably received.

Mr. Small stated that he attended the tour of the Wedgewood Farm site with representatives from the GOCO staff and Board on September 6, 2013. The tour went well and GOCO staff will be making a decision on which grant applications to recommend for funding by November 11, 2013.

Mr. Small reported that he attended the Regional Stormwater Task Force Governance Subcommittee meeting on September and with Keith King presented a concept for including the District in the management of the activity. He stated that the next Task Force meeting was scheduled for September 30, 2013

8. OLD BUSINESS (BOARD ACTION MAY BE REQUIRED) - None

9. NEW BUSINESS (BOARD ACTION REQUIRED)

9. A AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT CWCB COLORADO WATERSHED RESTORATION GRANT APPLICATION FOR WARSSS ANALYSIS OF THE FOUNTAIN CREEK CORRIDOR

Larry Small presented the Grant Application for WARSSS Analysis of the Fountain Creek Corridor. He stated that the analysis will be the Reconnaissance Level Assessment and Rapid Resource Inventory for Sediment/Stability Consequences in the Fountain Creek corridor between the southern Colorado Springs City limit and the confluence of Fountain Creek and the Arkansas River. He stated that this was the first level assessment which is a qualitative review of likely and unlikely sediment sources and problem spots within the corridor. He stated that completion of this first level assessment will lead to two future levels of assessment that will culminate in identifying specific corrective actions that are needed to reduce sediment transport in the corridor. He stated that the grant request was for \$25,000 cash matched by \$25,000 cash from the District and in-kind funding of \$34,180 for a total project cost of \$84,180. He stated the grant, if approved, would be awarded in January 2014 and work would be completed by August 2014. He stated that this was the last of the three grants authorized by the Board to be prepared and submitted this year.

Director Rhodes asked if permission would be obtained from property owners before entry on private property to do the assessments and Mr. Small responded that permission would be sought prior to entry.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, authorization to submit the grant application was approved as presented.

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				
	09/09/13	82	\$2,500.00	Executive Director
TOTAL - General Fund			\$2,500.00	

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

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

12. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

The next Board meeting will be held October 25, 2013 at 1:00 pm at the Fountain City Hall, 116 S. Main Street, 2nd Floor, Fountain CO 80817.

13. ADJOURN

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