



Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District
Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee (MMFAC)

Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 15, 2023 – 10:00 AM

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Establishment of a Quorum: The meeting was held electronically via a Zoom tele/video-conference call. A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 10:04 a.m.

Committee Members in Attendance

Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utilities
Annie Berlemann	Colorado Springs Utilities (Alternate)
Kevin Binkley	Colorado Springs Utilities
Jason Messamer	Colorado Springs Utilities
Dominga Jimenez-Garcia	Pueblo County
Emma Strong	Pueblo County (Alternate)
Terry Hart	FCWFCGD Citizens Advisory Committee

Others in Attendance:

Ian Paton	Wright Water Engineers (Consultants for Pueblo County)
Jonathan Griffen	Pueblo County
Chuck Finley	Citizen
Aaron Sutherlin	Matrix
Dan Bare	Matrix
Angela George	Montano Concrete
Anthony Carlson	6035 Strategies

2. Approve Agenda: A motion was made by Mark Shea to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Terry Hart and approved by unanimous vote.
3. Approve Minutes of the February Committee Meeting: A motion was made by Terry Hart to approve the February committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Mark Shea and both meeting minutes approved by unanimous vote.
4. Committee Member Comments: None
5. Public Comments: None
6. Presentation:
 - 6.a. 6035 Strategies, Anthony Carlson: We hit the ground running on the strategic planning about two weeks ago. Alli and our team started charting the process what this is going to look like over the next four months. There are a couple buckets that I will walk through. The 1st one is the actual community engagement of this strategic planning process. This will take place in three buckets. Starting out with community leaders, subject matter experts, and being able to take a menu of options to the public to understand the public's priorities on what the Fountain Creek Watershed could look like. The \$50

million that the Fountain Creek watershed was given a little over a decade ago is ending its lifespan. Hoping to find opportunities for sustainable funding. The 2nd piece of this is working with Alli to identify potential grant opportunities. We want to make sure that if there is the opportunity for us to go to the public, we are demonstrating a good faith effort to make sure we are finding as many funding sources as possible outside of tax dollars. And the last thing will be assisting with is finding opportunities for media. Being able to start demonstrating the important impactful work being done along the watershed.

- 6.b. Matrix 2023 project updates, Aaron Sutherlin and Dan Bare: The 2023 projects we are working on currently are Eagleridge, Southmoor Drive, Wood Valley Ditch Focus Area, and Frost Focus Area. Eagleridge is in the design process with a scheduled construction beginning in the next fall. Currently we are about 68% through the approved budget without the change order that we are requesting. We requested a change order because of the scope changes we have discussed over the last several months. We initially had contract declined by what was in the CIP which was an estimated construction cost of \$940,000 which was somewhat limited. We discussed how that has been changed in scope and now looking at \$4.3 million in construction cost. Our change order request is to adjust to these changing scope issues. We initially assumed the 404 would be nationwide. We are assuming at this point it is going to be an individual permit and that required some cultural resources investigation that was not included before, revegetation plan in the scope was an initial estimate and the final scope has changed the fee, the floodplain permit was assumed to be no-rise but assuming a CLOMR at this point, bank protection was initially going to be riprap and now toe wood is the proposed plan right now and that requires increase level of design, construction duration was increased from 12 to 16 weeks. The construction costs are now \$4.3 million. Change Order No. 1 would be \$426,812. The committee discussed permitting issues, delays, and costs. An updated construction cost estimate was not available. One will be presented at the next meeting. Terry asked if our timeframe goes into 2024 is that going to impact construction costs because of price escalation. If you are asking for a recommendation from this committee back to the board with an approval or denial of the change order, I feel like I do not have enough information to make a recommendation. Alli asked if she needs to hold off making this recommendation to the Board for this change order? Terry does not feel comfortable voting on it. If we delay it, does it impact cost issues. Kevin stated we need to approve the change order to get the CLOMR started now, or we will get it pushed to next fall. Kevin made a motion to approve the change order request for the engineering services with the caveat that they provide a more detailed cost estimate for construction next month. Motion was seconded by Dominga Jimenez-Garcia. Motion was approved and Terry Hart abstained because he wants to understand it more. Aaron continued with the update on project. Southmoor Drive Channel Stabilization. It is contributing a considerable amount of material. Channel continues to laterally migrate east. Phased this project into 5 phases and one being project management and the others are more active phases. We are in the 2nd phase. We surveyed it, topo, lidar, and collected some sediment for sediment transport analysis and hydraulic analysis. Took a cross section. We have done an existing conditions assessment, wetland delineations that was based on the conversation with the Corps. The SQT has not been started because waiting on things to germinate. The Geotech has gone out and done the borings. Total estimated sediment supply is 55,099 tons/year (south bank). Have done the Data Collection, Task 3 permitting assessment have met with the Corp, Task 4 is the Hydraulic Analysis and then moving into preliminary design very soon. Wood Valley Ditch and Frost Focus Area are very similar and running in parallel. The idea is to take those elements identified in the Opportunity Study and say how realistic are they, what are the constraints, what are the permitting constraints. The elements were channel realignment, site detention and wetlands

enhancement. Have completed the data collection phase and offered a stakeholders list to Alli. Have established what their goals and criteria are going to be. What are we trying to accomplish and how are we going to evaluate that? Started a process looking at that. June will be the feasibility assessment, August the draft summary report and September will be the final summary report. Wood Valley is at about 14% budget and Frost is at 17% budget.

7. Current Business/Discussion:

7.a. Project Effectiveness: Alli presented projects that might be the best that we want Matrix to focus on. Masciantonio Trust and Young Hollow is project 1, the others are Highway 47, Pinon Bridge, Overton Road, 13th St. Channel and Barr Farms. Project effectiveness should focus in on the main criteria from Condition No. 6.

7.b. 2024 Projects: Tabled to next month.

7.c. Project Maintenance: Tabled to next month.

Misc. Discussion: We should allot time next month to come up with list of questions for Laura from the MHFD. What are the topics and issues that need to be addressed regarding agreement language? Alli would like examples of contract language regarding access and maintenance. The grant team is in place now and have a grant spreadsheet. If anyone has any grant information, feel free to send it to Alli. Southmoor Drive grant application will be in front of CWCB tomorrow and it is recommended for approval.

8. Confirm Next Meeting Time and Location: The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 19, 2023, at 10:00 am via Zoom.

9. Adjourn: Motion made by Mark Shea to adjourn and seconded by Kevin Binkley. The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 am.