

**Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control, and Greenway District**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**September 15, 2023 9am**

**In Person at Fountain City Hall, 116 S. Main Street, Fountain, CO 80817, or**

**Via Zoom: Zoom Meeting link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89493089235**

**Meetings are open to the public.**

1. **Call to order and establish a quorum**

Chair Estes called the Fountain Creek Watershed District Board Meeting to order. In attendance were the following duly designated members of the District Board of Directors:

**Name: Representing:**

Tamara Estes Chair, City of Fountain

Terry Hart CAG Representative

Daneya Esgar Pueblo County

Jessica Mills Lower Arkansas Valley

Dr. Bob Barr Land Owner

James Romanello

Larry Atencio City of Pueblo

Alli Schuch Executive Director

1. **Introduction of Guests**

Duncan Bremmer

Dan Bear

Marci Day

Annie Berlemann

Lucy Harrington, GEI Consultants

Detra Duncan, Fountain alternate

Mark Shae, TAC Chair

Aaron Sutherlin

Gary Rapp

A quorum was present.

1. **Approval of September Board Agenda**
   1. ED Schuch requested an amendment to the agenda to add a 15 minute presentation by Duncan Bremmer.
   2. Director Mills made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Director Romanello seconded, and the amended September Board Agenda was unanimously approved.
2. **Board Member Comments**

None.

1. **Consent Calendar** 
   1. Director Barr made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Atencio seconded, and the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved.
2. **Executive Director Report**
   1. Monthly Report document - please read your Board packets. If the monthly report is not useful, we can remove it.
   2. THK presented to TAC re. grant opportunities.
   3. Project Maintenance Funding Presentation: important that FCWD establish a maintenance plan for prudence and responsibility. (Mile High District’s maintenance budget is 50% of overall budget.) Sources could include jurisdiction contributions, jurisdiction project is in pay a fee/provide some funding to FCWD with matched funds from maintenance budget or grants, MMF interest or MMF index fees interest/investments be used for maintenance.
      1. Discussion and concerns shared by multiple members.
      2. Mark Shae shared that TAC assisted in developing this list of funding sources.
      3. ED Schuch will send out presentation; please review and share with your
   4. 10th Anniversary of Creek Week. Please come out and join or establish a crew!
3. **Committee Updates** 
   1. **HR/Contracts** - None.
   2. **Finance** 
      1. ED Schuch will share preliminary review of draft budget prior to October Board Meeting.
      2. Working on transferring funds from Wells Fargo to new bank.
   3. **Governance** - None.
4. **Presentations** 
   1. **Duncan Bremmer - T-Cross Property**
      1. Representing group desiring to develop T-Cross Recreation Resort.
      2. Under contract to purchase 3000 acres between both counties on 4 miles of Fountain Creek, with existing water rights.
      3. Premier Outdoor Recreation Resort with all types of amenities, outdoor activities, and learning experiences. RV stays.
      4. Request: opportunity to engage with FCWD in coordination and collaboration asking for an integrated plan. Requesting a letter from FCWD.
5. **Old Business**
   1. Strategic Plan Updates: Added agricultural value statement. Modified deadlines; pushed back to allow more time to review. Thank you to Director Mills for her contributions.
6. **New Business**
   1. Recommendation for new CAG member, Mariah Hudson.
      1. Director Hart made a motion to add Mariah Hudson to the CAG; Director Barr seconded; the board unanimously approved Mariah Hudson as a new CAG member.
   2. Recommendation for new TAC member, Aaron Sutherlin.
      1. Director Hart made a motion to add Aaron Sutherlin to the TAC; Director Romanello seconded; the board unanimously approved Aaron Sutherlin as a new TAC member.
   3. Authorization of contract with Amy Brautigan to be employed for up to 120 hours/$2760 to support Creek Week 2023.
      1. Director Atencio made a motion to use authorize the contract; Director Barr seconded; the board unanimously authorized the contract for Amy Brautigan’s temporary employment for Creek Week support.
   4. Resolutions
      1. Public comment for the public meetings during District Board Meetings - Resolution 2023-5
      2. Public comment for the public hearings during District Board Meetings - Resolution 2023-6
      3. Director Hart made a motion to approve change order; Director Mills seconded; Resolutions were unanimously approved.
   5. Mission & Vision Review: table for next meeting.
7. **Executive Session**

None.

1. **Public Comment**

None.

1. **Confirm Next Meetings - ALL MEETINGS NOW HYBRID!**

**Via Zoom or in person at Fountain City Hall (116 S. Main St. Fountain, CO 80817)**

1. Fri Oct 13, 8am-1pm – District Tour
2. Fri Oct 20, 9am
3. Fri Nov 17, 9am – Budget Meeting
4. Fri Dec 15, 9am – tentative
5. **Adjourn Board Meeting**

Chair Estes adjourned the Board Meeting.