

Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control, and Greenway District

Board of Directors

MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2018

This 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 Atencio 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:

Longinos Gonzalez
Terry Hart
Irene Kornelly
Greg Lauer
Larry Atencio
Jane Rhodes
Richard Skorman
Leroy Mauch

El Paso County
Pueblo County
CAG Representative
City of Fountain
City of Pueblo
Fountain Creek Land Owner
City of Colorado Springs
Lower Ark

Excused:

None

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

3. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Chair Lauer asked the guests in the audience to introduce themselves.

3. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS - None

4. PRESENTATION - None

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

- 6. A Minutes of January 26, 2017 Board Meeting
- 6. B Technical Advisory Committee Report
- 6. C Citizens Advisory Committee Report
- 6. D Financial Report

- 6. E Legal Report - None
- 6. F. Executive Director's Report
- 6. G Approval of Invoices

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the Consent Calendar was approved as presented.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Campbell, Innovative Conservation Solutions, LLC, presented the preliminary results and analysis of the Watershed Health and Management Survey he conducted across El Paso and Pueblo Counties on behalf of The Nature Conservancy who is conducting a strategic planning effort to identify opportunities to support substantive changes in watershed health and management in and around southern Colorado's growing Front Range metropolitan regions. Mr. Campbell discussed the survey development process, responses and limitations and key findings. He solicited input from 200 people and received responses from 54 (27%). The item that ranked most important was "Directing and funding watershed management activities through a basin-wide governance approach. (for example, funding the Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District)".

Mr. Campbell presented the schedule for the project that indicated the project would be completed in May 2018.

8. ITEMS CALLED OFF CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items called off the Consent Calendar for separate consideration.

9. OLD BUSINESS - None

10. NEW BUSINESS

10. A NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF FLOOD CONTROL ALTERNATIVES FOR THE FOUNTAIN CREEK CORRIDOR

Larry Small Introduced Chip Paulson, Project Engineer, Stantec Consulting Services, who led the engineering team in development of the study. Mr. Paulson presented the study report. Development of the study included a Stakeholder process that developed the evaluation criteria, screened the seven alternatives against the criteria and selected three alternatives for more detailed analysis: 1) Mainstem Dam for flood control only that protected the railroad tracks and I-25; 2) a large off-channel side detention facility; and 3) a Floodplain Management Alternative. The results of the study concluded that the Floodplain Management Alternative was the preferred alternative and that the areas in Pueblo (120 acres) that were in the FEMA 100-year floodplain could be protected by levees.

Larry Small asked the Board to give permission to submit the report to CWCB and close the Grant contract.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried permission to submit the report to CWCB and close the Grant contract was given.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

11. A REPORT ON MEETING WITH USACOE FOR PINON BRIDGE PROJECT

Larry Small reported that he met with representatives of the USACOE at the Pinon Bridge on February 9, 2018 to review the project proposed in the District's application for Section 14 funding. The project was reviewed and the process for Section 14 funding was discussed. The funding process and project completion would be fully controlled by the USACOE and could take up to five years if the project went through the selection and implementation process. The District or another government agency (Pueblo County) would have to own the land on which the project was located, and the District would have to pay half the feasibility Study cost over \$100,000 and 35% of the implementation cost. The USACOE would perform the Feasibility Study and project development if found feasible. The USACOE representatives stated they would review the application and decide soon.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED) - None

13. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

The next Board meeting will be held March 23, 2018 at 2:00 pm at the City of Fountain City Hall, 116 S. Main Street, 2nd Floor, Fountain, CO 80817.

14. ADJOURN

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