

Estes Valley Watershed Coalition
Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2015

Board						
Black C:	X	Jay Blackwood	A	Jim Sloan		
Big T:	A	Gary Miller	X	Carly Lober		
Fall R:	X	Frank Theis	X	Marcus Snyder		
Fish C:	X	Sue Durnford	X	Chuck Bonza		
At Large:	X	Jim Daugherty	X	Ron Wilcocks	X	Dixie Hendrix
Advisory Group:		Jeff Crane		Katherine Luscher	X	Naren Tayal
		Chris Sturm		Kim Slininger		Curt Gleaves
		Branden Krueger	X	Tina Kurtz		Christy Crosser
	X	Mary Banken				
Non-Voting Members	X	Phil DuChateau	X	Barb May	X	Deb Phenicie
	X	Sam Adams				

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by President Frank Theis. The meeting was held at the Estes Valley Public Library in Estes Park, Colorado.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made.

III. COALITION STATUS

A. Minutes of the April 8, 2015 Meeting

The minutes from the April 8th meeting were presented by secretary Dixie Hendrix. Sue made a motion to accept the minutes. Jay seconded the motion. The motion passed.

B. Introduce Deb Phenicie

Frank introduced Deb Phenicie, leading candidate for the EVWC coordinator position. EVWC is not allowed to make a formal offer for a coordinator until that contract is granted. Deb has been in Estes Park meeting with board members and becoming familiar with Estes Park.

C. Introduce Sam Adams – District Conservationist

Sam Adams, the new District Conservationist working for NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Services) from the Ft. Collins office, was introduced by Mary Ban. He presented an overview of NRCS services. One NRCS program included the phase one section of the Emergency Watershed Protection Project (under a Presidential declaration) that provided exigent services after the 2013 flood. The phase 2 part of the program (56.9 million) has been funded for more projects which will require a government agency sponsor. Sam reviewed the new guidelines for phase 2 of the Emergency Watershed Protection

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Project which will be starting soon. His office plans to be working with government agencies and watershed coalitions in the coming months to work on coordinating projects.

D. Committee Reports

1. Hiring /Grant Committee

• Capacity Grant Status

Frank related that last week DOLA noted that capacity grants have been forwarded to the state controller to provide three months of funding. A letter was requested, which Frank signed and sent. A contract is expected soon.

The second round for the capacity grant will be opened in July 2015, which would include an application for a grant for an assistant/intern for the EVWC.

• Implementation Grant

Frank reported that DOLA will be in Estes for a detailed review on the proposed implementation grant on Friday, April 28th, 2015. The last meeting was rescheduled due to weather.

• Planning Grant Status

The planning grant for the Upper Big Thompson master plan and the 4 priority planning projects previously identified was awarded.

2. Public Outreach Committee

Marcus still is working on logos for review with the outreach committee.

IV. SENATE FUNDS TRANSFER TO EVWC

Frank related that a meeting was held with the Brook to Country Club area property owners on Fish Creek and the Town of Estes Park. The property owners had no objection with a transfer of the senate funds from the town of Estes Park to the EVWC. The EVWC has agreed to the transfer. A more formal agreement is forth coming.

V. BOARD & COMMITTEE CHANGES

Frank led a discussion on board and committee changes.

VI. CWCB UPDATE (STURM/CRANE/TAYAL/LUSCHER)

The CWCB update was provided by Naren.

VII. TOWN UPDATE (KURTZ)

Tina noted that a transfer of the Senate Funds for Fish Creek from the Town of Estes Park to the EVWC will be presented next week at the Town of Estes Park board meeting. There is an additional \$150,000 Senate Bill funding for Fall River that could possibly be used for the Hydro Plant project.

The downtown neighborhood planning project was awarded.

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Next Tuesday morning (April 29th, 2015) will begin a series of meetings focused on providing the downtown business owners information about flood insurance and flood issues. FEMA, town officials and local flood insurance agents will begin discussions of upcoming flood related issues. will flood plans in general. Series of meetings are planned.

Allison, representing the Town of Estes Park, will meet on Thursday April 23rd with the Community Development Committee to discuss the relationships between the Town of Estes Park and the EVWC to create better communication and discuss EVWC purpose and the grants being pursued.

VIII. ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm by President Frank Theis. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday May 6th at 6:30 pm at the Estes Valley Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Dixie Hendrix
EVWC Secretary