

# Estes Valley Watershed Coalition Minutes – May 13, 2015

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

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm by President Frank Theis. The meeting was held at the Estes Valley Public Library in Estes Park, Colorado.

## II. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was given at the meeting.

## III. COALITION STATUS

### A. *Minutes of the May 13, 2015 Meeting*

MOVED (Gary Miller/Jay Blackwood second) and passed to accept the minutes from the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting as corrected.

### B. *Report on Thompson Watershed Alliance*

Pending confirmation, Carly Lober has been named as the Estes Valley representative on the Board of the Thompson Watershed Alliance.

### C. *Discussion Of Advisory Committee*

Mary Banken reminded all Board members to establish contact with their assigned advisory group members in order to get the word out about the Coalition. Frank Theis noted that the individual who had been identified as a contact for the YMCA has left that position. Frank said he would pursue a replacement contact.

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## **D. Committee Reports**

### **1. Hiring Committee**

- **Capacity Grant Status**

We are still awaiting the paperwork for the contract. Banken received word from KC McPherson that it should be coming through soon.

- **Coordinator Candidates Update**

Theis and Banken met with Molly Mills, a top candidate for the position. This will be further discussed in the Executive Session.

### **2. Grants/Projects Committee**

- **Implementation Grant Status**

KC McPherson reported to Banken that the award letters are drafted and awaiting review and signature. They should be out soon.

- **Planning Grant Status**

Still awaiting the contract for this grant.

- **Senate Funds Project status**

We are still awaiting approval by Chris Sturm for the transfer of the grant award to the EVWC. Also awaiting a description of a proposed scope of work for this Fish Creek funding by Julie Ash. Issues on this project will include disposition of excavated materials, and cost matching.

- **CWCB Grant Status**

Have not yet heard a response from Chris Sturm on this grant request.

### **3. Public Outreach Committee**

Marcus Snyder is going to create the domain name for EVWC (evwatershed.org) through GoDaddy.com (and personally paying for it) and begin development of a website for EVWC. He is also moving forward to get two Public Outreach committees established: a Tech/Website committee and an Outreach committee charged with developing brochures, newspaper articles, etc. Theis mentioned that a draft newspaper article regarding two grant awards was put on hold until a more dynamic presentation can include a hiring announcement, etc.

## **II. CWCB UPDATE**

Naren Tayal (FEMA) reported that shape files for all GIS data layers have been provided to NRCS, and they are awaiting results from the DSR's (Disaster Site Reviews?). Naren will ask Brandon to send a copy of those shape files to Mary Banken for the Coordinator's GIS work.

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## III. TOWN UPDATE

Tina Kurtz reported that she has been working on the grant application proposal for replacement of the Moraine Ave B~~l~~ridge, which is due on May 29. That bridge currently has a capacity of 600-800 cfs, significantly less than the currently estimated 100-year flood event flows on Fall River of 1,669 cfs~~downtown area flood plain management will require.~~

Tina will be presenting an overview of the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System (CRS) at the next Town Board will be developing a study session. Town participation in the CRS program regarding the Community Rating System (CRS) under the FEMA Flood Insurance program. The intent is to qualify for some of the CRS standards and thereby would lower flood insurance costs premiums and would promote floodplain management activities throughout the community.

Marcus noted that the final version of the Fall River Master Plan has not been loaded to the website, and some of the changes promised to people in his neighborhood association are not yet reflected. This has been very unnerving for them. It is difficult to explain to users not involved in the Coalition that the Master Plan is a dynamic document that can be modified as more planning projects are developed. Tina said she will get the website corrected soon.

## IV. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

N/A

## V. EXECUTIVE SESSION – TO DISCUSS EMPLOYEE NEGOTIATIONS

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss updates on the Coordinator hiring process.

## VI. ACTION ITEMS – NEXT MEETING

- A. *Coordinator Contract*
- B. *Start-up budget issues*
- C. *Technology issues*

## VII. ADJOURN MEETING

Following the Executive Session, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Prepared by: Mary Banken

Approved/submitted by: Jim Daugherty, Secretary

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