

Estes Valley Watershed Coalition
Meeting Minutes – February 25, 2015

Board					
Black C:	X	Jay Blackwood	A	Jim Sloan	
Big T:	X	Gary Miller	A	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	Naren Tayal
		Chris Sturm		Kim Slininger	Curt Gleaves
		Branden Krueger	x	Tina Kurtz	Christy Crosser
	x	Mary Banken			
Non-Voting Members	x	Phil DuCateau (Fall River)		Joe Hernan	Barb May (Fish Creek)

I. CALL TO ORDER & Board Member

A. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 by President Frank Theis. The meeting was held at the Estes Valley Public Library in Estes Park, Colorado.

B. Frank proposed filling the empty Board position with Carly Lober, to represent the Big Thompson Watershed. After discussion, Sue Durnford made a motion to accept Carly Lober as an Estes Valley Watershed Coalition Board member. Chuck seconded the motion. The motion passed. Carly will be the new EVWC Board member representing The Big Thompson Watershed.

II. COALITION STATUS

A. Minutes of the February 11, 2015

Dixie Hendrix presented the minutes from the 2-11-15 EVWC Board meeting. Sue made a motion made a motion to accept the minutes. Chuck seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

B. Committee Reports

1. EVWC Coordinator Hiring Committee

Phil and Sue noted that the draft or the hiring process was sent to all board members last week. The position has been posted in various sites and there are 4 applicants so far. The interview process was discussed. Gary, Phil and Sue will head up the interview process. Frank will assist. Other venues to place the advertisement for the position were discussed, with the emphasis on professional sites. Possible deadline for application is March 30th. Interviews will be held in mid-April. No news yet about funding for this position, but all signs are positive that this position will

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be funded. A list of interview questions with a scoring spreadsheet will be used set up by Sue, who will circulate the questions to the rest of the board ASAP. Sue will make the initial contact with the applicants.

2. Grants/Projects Committee

a. Implementation Grant:

Frank reviewed a memo written 2-20-15 regarding a meeting with the town of Estes Park officials regarding the feasibility of completing the Stonebridge Project in the time allotted (18 months) if it was selected for an implementation grant. There are multijurisdictional timeline issues that may make it impossible to complete the Stonebridge project in the time allotted. The grant committee recommends a switch for the implementation grant to the Morton Reach property. Ron made a motion to change the implementation grant from Stonebridge project to the Morton project. Jay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mary noted that the Morton project would have no infrastructure issues. Tina spoke of the possibility of complimenting the Morton project with two possible Town of Estes Park projects upstream at the Fish Hatchery and Hydro-plant. Completion of this stretch of 3 projects could be an excellent showcase for Estes Park. Mary explained that there are two possible problems with the Morton project: the H & H study needs to be done; and water rights may have to be purchased. Tina related that the Town of Estes Park would most likely work to expedite the H & H on Fall River. It is possible that water rights would not need to be considered, if the emphasis is on restoring the project to its former status. Grant application schedule. The project is due on 3/15/15. The grant committee will start work on this grant ASAP.

b. Senate Funds Proposal to Town

Frank introduced the possibility of EVWC introducing a proposal to the Town of Estes Park regarding the use of a \$200,000 grant. This grant was given to the Town of Estes Park by the Colorado legislation money following the 2013 flood, specifically for a project on Fish Creek. It requires a matching fund from other sources. Initially obtained for the project on Fish Creek at Brook and Country Club, the matching funds are no longer available for that area. The Town of Estes Park has requested that the EVWC create a proposal for the use of this fund on projects on Fish Creek. Possible projects could be the Stonebridge Reach, a modified project on Brook and Country Club, and part of the Scott Pond project. It is possible that the use of these funds could have a major impact on these areas relatively quickly once the sewer pipe is removed from Fish Creek late this spring. EVWC may have a further role in being the liaison to complete this work, coordinating with the town. A draft from Frank will be forthcoming.

3. Public Outreach Committee

Committee Chairman Marcus reported on the status of the brochure for the EVWC. He encourages feedback from the rest of the committee on content, and help with the logo for EVWC. A mock up version will be presented at the next meeting. Marcus has been pricing website hosts and looking at different options. No money is available yet to print these brochures. Mary encouraged all board members to donate for startup funds for the EVWC.

III. ADVISORY BOARD

Mary asked each board member to sign up for two advisory board members. Each board member will be responsible for contact their advisory board members with information about the

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EVWC and meeting dates. She will provide a list of talking points for an email contact with assigned advisory board members and board members are encouraged to also make contact by phone. Tina has been giving updates to the Town of Estes Park Board about EVWC issues. A possible future celebratory meeting with food and welcome for the advisory board for the EVWC will be identified.

IV. TOWN UPDATE

Tina noted that multiple projects are ongoing and planned, with special emphasis on the downtown area.

V. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Frank noted that another potential issue to help out the Stonebridge project soon will be the removal of the damaged pedestrian bridge on fish Creek.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 4, 2015 at the Estes Valley Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Dixie Hendrix, EVWC Secretary