

# Estes Valley Watershed Coalition Minutes – July 8, 2015

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

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 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 June 24, 2015 Meeting*

MOVED (Sue Durnford/Chuck Bonza second) and passed to accept the minutes from the June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### B. *Committee Reports*

#### 1. **Hiring Committee**

- Capacity Grant Status:** A set of paperwork was received for the grant, but the Grantee was identified as the Land Trust instead of the Coalition. This does not match the way the fiscal sponsorship agreement was designed and so the issue is being discussed with the DOLA staff. There is concern over whether the Grantee on the capacity grant needs to be the employer for the Coordinator position. For the planning and implementation grants we clearly want the Coalition to be the grantee because they will be responsible for the completion of the program tasks, but perhaps we could live with the Land Trust as the grantee on this capacity grant since the only action is to hire the

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coordinator. If the EVWC/EVLT plan cannot be accommodated by the state, we might have to modify it. Moved (Frank Theis /Sue Durnford seconded) and unanimously passed that the EVWC Board would accept either EVWC or EVLT as the grantee on the capacity grant pending the decision of the EVLT Board.

### 2. Grants/Projects Committee

- **Implementation Grant Status:** Ageiss has asked if we have applied for a 404 permit from the Army Corps of Engineers to begin this work. Since the design of the work is not completed, this permit application cannot be completed yet.
- **Planning Grant Status:** Tim Katers from DOLA has approved the Coalition as grantee for the Planning Grant, and has approved advance payments for the EVWC work. Banken will check on getting rfp templates to begin preparation for this work.
- **Senate Funds Project status:** Area reps (Durnford & Bonza) along with Theis and Banken will meet on Saturday July 11, 11:00 at the EVLT office to discuss a draft project scope and a strategy for this project.

### 3. Public Outreach Committee

The group concurred that PR attempts with the email lists will wait until the Coalition has some successes to demonstrate. Katie Jagt suggested that a volunteer day might be a good way to start building member support behind the coalition.

EVLT is having a breakfast program on August 15 that is supposed to be an update on Flood Recovery featuring the Watershed Coalition. Katie Jagt and Lori Hodges volunteered to participate in a panel at that event.

## II. CWCB+ UPDATE

Katie Jagt reported that she is working with Jeff Crane and others (through CWCB) to provide support to coalitions. She encouraged the Coalition to speak out on some of the active Estes Park issues such as the Fall River Trail design (public meeting on July 22/23) and the Scott Ponds decision (Town Board decision on July 14), advocating for whatever will be best for the river channel.

Lori Hodges is the Larimer County Director of Emergency Management. She is working with Coalition to help facilitate communications when there are multiple jurisdictions and stakeholders in project areas to assure that when several projects are planned for an area, project goals and actions are compatible. They are currently working to update the County Hazard Mitigation Plan, and expect to have a draft plan ready in November. They are also working on an "Unmet Needs" study, looking at ways to match funding opportunities to unmet needs. She will set up a meeting to get Estes & EVWC input before the end of August. Also, they are working on a "Community Fragility" study to help

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identify ways in which communities are more vulnerable to disasters and how those areas can be improved.

## III. TOWN UPDATE

Tina Kurtz was not available for the meeting. Banken summarized the revegetation program that is being started by John Giordanengo and Synergy, and the Town has signed on to participate. They will be harvesting plant materials from Town properties (e.g. willow cuttings) in order to grow stock for revegetation projects in the area.

## IV. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

### A. *Current flooding*

There are currently some failings at sights where exigent work was completed last year. This underscores the need for future permanent solutions.

Carly Lober briefed the Board on a landowner on the Upper Big Thompson that is concerned about current erosion. Since the EVWC has no current funding opportunities to address such issues, the landowner will need to take actions on their own to secure their banks.

### B. *Scott Ponds*

Several EVWC reps were at the Scott Ponds meeting on July 7. Gary Miller read a statement on behalf of the Coalition.

### C. *NRCS projects*

This is proceeding.

### D. *TWA representative*

Chuck Bonza indicated that he is not available to fill this position. Gary Miller has indicated a willingness, and Theis will invite him to be the EVWC rep. Lori Hodges noted that the TWA organization has been back-burnered as coalitions get started with other grant priorities and coordinator hiring.

## V. ACTION ITEMS – NEXT MEETING

### A. *Coordinator Contract*

### B. *Start-up budget issues*

### C. *Technology issues*

## VI. ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

Prepared by: Mary Banken

Approved/submitted by: Jim Daugherty, Secretary

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