

Estes Valley Watershed Coalition
Minutes – October 14, 2015

<i>Board</i>					
Black C:	X	Jay Blackwood	X	Pam Huffman	
Big T:	X	Gary Miller	X	Carly Lober	
Fall R:	X	Phil DuChateau	X	Marcus Snyder	
Fish C:	X	Sue Durnford		Lyle Zimmerman	
At Large:	X	Jim Daugherty	X	Frank Theis	
Coordinator:	X	Molly Mills			
Advisory Group:	X	Mary Banken		Jeff Crane	Chris Sturm
	X	Tina Kurtz		Christy Crosser	Katy Jagt
		Curt Gleaves		Michael Blazewicz	Kim Lennberg
<i>Non-Voting Members:</i>					
Guests	X	Kim & Larry Redd			

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

Kim and Larry Redd, residents of Fort Collins, both spoke about their interest in watershed risk assessment and how risk identification techniques might impact system wide risks.

III. COALITION STATUS

A. Minutes of the September 9, 2015 Meeting

MOVED (Sue Durnford/Jay Blackwood second) and passed to accept the minutes from the September 9, 2015 meeting.

B. Coordinator Report - Molly Mills

1. Molly presented a written copy of her quarterly narrative report (attached).
2. Website is up and running at <http://www.evwatershed.org/>

A significant amount of work has been completed on the website by Molly and Marcus. Much of the content came from the Fish Creek and Fall River Master Plans websites.

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The Town can now discontinue maintaining those websites. It was suggested that the Town create links from those web addresses to the EVWC website.

MOVED (Sue Durnford/ Pam Hoffman seconded) and passed to approve the content of the website.

3. Business Cards have been designed and printed.
4. Training activities since the last Board meeting include: Watershed Coordinator training at the YMCA (including DOLA Guidance) and Sustaining Colorado Watershed Conference. Currently participating in a grant writing course through the Community Resource Center.

C. Project Reports

1. NRCS Tier 1: final priority project plans will come out anytime. We will be taking this to the landowners for feedback before projects can begin. Tier 1 includes three areas: Upper Fall River, Elkhorn Lodge reach and Fish Creek from Scott Avenue to below Stonebridge. The Cheley Camp reach has been dropped by NRCS as they believe the cost-benefit ratio is too high.
2. NRCS Tier 3: priorities were submitted by EVWC. They will not be addressed until significant work on the Tier 2 projects are completed.
3. Two open issues concerning the NRCS work are the 12.5% local match and the need for a local fiscal sponsor. We are working with CWCB to use senate bill money on Fish Creek to cover the NRCS 12.5% matching fund requirement.
4. Working with TOE to do a joint public outreach plan.
5. Planning grant RFPs nearing completion.
6. Implementation project RFPs have not been started.
7. Planning Grant Pre-Applications was submitted on time. It includes: planning and 30% design on Fish Creek and Fall River remaining reaches; Black Canyon Master Plan; and Facilitating Permitting Compliance on behalf of a larger Thompson Alliance group related to streamlining permit requirements for minor work in flood plains. This is a new idea that would require approval in advance. Complete application deadline is November 8. Grant maximum is \$300,000.

D. Financial Report

Sue presented a financial report through September, 2015. She highlighted several items in the report. The EV Land Trust made a donation of \$5,000 to provide working cash. These funds are

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very helpful, but we need to be careful how we use them. MOVED (Gary Miller/Jay Blackwood second) and passed to accept the January - September 2015 financial report.

E. Partner Reports

1. Town of Estes Park by Tina Kurtz

The RFP for the Hydrology Study has been written and sent to the State for review. The RFP for the Hydroplant is out. Proposals are due by October 22. The Flood Plain Management group continues to meet. Molly is a member. Communication is a key focus. The Town is requesting funding from DOLA to add three staff positions to the Town's planning department.

F. Agency Reports - none

G. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee

Sue reported that a Notice of Receipt was received from the IRS for our application for 501(C)3 status. It indicated that action would be taken within 90 days.

Frank reported that he has contacted the EP Non-Profit Resource Center concerning opportunities to get training for board members through that organization. There was a general discussion about the need for our board to take the step from a startup group, where board members were very hands-on and performed many operational functions, to a more typical public board that focuses on setting policy and providing general oversight. The hiring of Molly as our Coordinator marked an important turning point.

2. BOARD DEVELOPMENT

The EV Land Trust Board approved Lyle Zimmerman and Pam Huffman as new board members.

3. COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

Molly proposed that we reorganize the committees. She suggested that we dissolve all of the current committees, create new committees and ask board members to sign up for one or two of the new committees. Frank reminded the board that we have previously established a policy that all board members should serve on at least one committee and that no board member serves on more than two committees.

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By common consensus, all board members agreed to dissolve the current committees and to reaffirm the policy that all board members should serve on at least one committee and that no board member serves on more than two committees.

Jim raised the question: Should these committee be considered committees reporting directly to the board or committees working under Molly? After discussion it was agreed that the Board Development Committee should report to the Board. It was noted that the Executive Committee is created by the bylaws. The other committees would report to Molly. Molly suggested that we use the term "Work Groups" for the committees that report to her. She proposed the following:

WORK GROUPS

- Grants
- Public Outreach
- Morten Implementation Project
- Upper Thompson Master Planning
- Fall River Planning
- Fish Creek Planning

Board members were asked to sign up after the meeting. Community members will also be asked to serve on the Work Groups.

IV. ADJOURN MEETING

MOVED (Sue Durnford/Jim Daugherty second) and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by: Jim Daugherty, Secretary
