

Estes Valley Watershed Coalition  
Minutes – August 19, 2015

<i>Board</i>						
Black C:	X	Jay Blackwood	X	Jim Sloan		
Big T:	X	Gary Miller	X	Carly Lober		
Fall R:	X	Phil DuChateau	X	Marcus Snyder		
Fish C:	X	Sue Durnford		Chuck Bonza		
At Large:	X	Jim Daugherty		Ron Wilcocks	X	Frank Theis
Coordinator:	X	Molly Mills				
<i>Advisory Group:</i>	X	Mary Banken		Jeff Crane		Chris Sturm
	X	Tina Kurtz		Christy Crosser		
		Curt Gleaves				
<i>Non-Voting Members:</i>		Barb May				
<i>Guests</i>	X	Lyle Zimmerman	X	Pam Hoffman		

**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 August 5, 2015 Meeting**

MOVED (Gary Miller/Marcus Snyder second) and passed to accept the minutes from the August 5, 2015 meeting.

**B. Coordinator Report**

Molly reported that her first week was very busy. She attended a watershed training event put on by the Riparian Council covering hydrology and mapping. She attended a meeting of the Town's Floodplain Management Group.

- **NRCS - TIER 1 PROJECTS**

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NRCS has been in town the last two days. The field inspection team consisted of 6 to 7 professionals. Molly met with them and assisted with the field inspections. Chris Strum (CWCB) was also part of the inspection team. The NRCS team has inspected the four high priority areas identified by the EVWC.

- (1) Fall River Elkhorn Lodge Reach (from Old Ranger Road to Spruce Drive)
- (2) Upper Fall River Reach (from River's Edge Condos to Evergreen pedestrian bridge)
- (3) Fish Creek from Scott Drive to Country Club Drive
- (4) Fish Creek from Cheley Camp thru Lower Rockwood Estates

The preliminary indication is that most of these areas seem to fall with NRCS's programs. The results of the inspection will be written up in a Damage Survey Report. The report could be available by the end of September. NRCS will then prioritize all of the front-range projects and compare estimated project costs to the funds available. Then they will start design work on selected projects. There is a 12.5% local match requirement, but it can be met with in-kind work, including projects funded with other kinds of federal funds.

There needs to be a local sponsor. The Town is considering being the local sponsor. The local sponsor needs to be responsible for long term maintenance of the project.

- **NRCS TIER 2 PROJECTS**

Molly explained that we need to select our Tier 2 projects by the end of August. She summarized 5 possible projects. Upon discussion by the Board, two of the reaches were combined into one project and another was added.

MOVED (Sue Durnford/Marcus Snyder second) and passed to select the following five reaches, in order of priority, as the Tier 2 Projects.

- (1) Big Thompson River - Livingstone property (across from Twisted Pines store).
- (2) Fish Creek - Rockwood Lane to Scott Avenue
- (3) Fall River - Riverstone to Old Ranger Rd.
- (4) Black Canyon Creek - in its entirety.
- (5) Fish Creek - Stonebridge to Lake Estes

## C. **Committee Reports**

### 1. **Grants/Projects Committee**

- **Implementation Grant Status**

Work by the consultant continues on the environmental assessment. A positive development is that the consultant will be doing the 404 permit. The Corp of

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Engineers has agreed to streamline this process. EVWC can start working on the RFP for the project before the EA is completed.

- **Planning Grant Status**

The contract with DOLA has not been finalized.

- **Senate Funds Project Status**

Since there may be some overlay between the proposed project and the NRCS work. Chris Sturm recommends that this project be put on the slow track for now.

## 2. **Public Outreach Committee**

**Outreach** - Molly recommended that we concentrate on the website and related issues and work on the email list of contacts and outreach opportunities next month.

**Website** - Marcus reported that he expects to have our website up by the end of August. All relevant material has been moved over from the old webpage. Molly is reviewing the Fish Creek and Fall River pamphlets to determine what would be good to add to the website.

## 3. **BOARD DEVELOPMENT**

There are three openings on the board: Black Canyon Creek watershed, Fish Creek watershed and an at-large position. The committee has met and is working on candidates for the open board positions. Two potential candidates are attending this meeting as guests. A final report is expected next month.

## IV. **ANNUAL MEETING**

### A. **Election of Directors**

MOVED (Jim Sloan/Jay Blackwood second) and passed to elect Phil DuChateau (Fall River) and Gary Miller (Big Thompson) to two year terms, expiring in August, 2017.

### B. **Election of Officers**

MOVED (Jay Blackwood/Gary Miller second) and passed to elect the following slate of officers:

President - Frank Theis

Vice President - Marcus Snyder

Treasurer - Sue Durnford

Secretary - Jim Daugherty

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## **C. Regular Meeting**

MOVED (Jim Daugherty/Sue Durnford second) and passed to hold the regular meeting on the second Wednesday of the month.

## **V. UPDATES FROM ADVISORS**

None

## **VI. TOWN UPDATE**

Tina Kurtz reported that the Town is creating a Flood Plain Management Group and has asked Molly to be a member of the group.

She is still working on the Hydrology Study RFP

The Scott Ponds design is at 90%.

The Town is considering a new position: Environmental Planning Tech.

## **VII. ADJOURN MEETING**

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by: Jim Daugherty, Secretary

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