

Estes Valley Watershed Coalition Board Meeting-February 11, 2015

Board						
Black C:	X	Jay Blackwood	X	Jim Sloan		
Big T:	X	Gary Miller		vacancy		
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	X	Naren Tayal
		Chris Sturm		Kim Slininger		Curt Gleaves
		Branden Krueger		Tina Kurtz		Christy Crosser
	x	Mary Banken				
Non-Voting members	x	Phil DuChateau (Fall River)	x	Joe Holtzman (Fish Creek)	x	Tony Schetzle
		Carly Lober (Big T possible board member)	x	Joel Holzeman		

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Frank Theis at 6:35 pm. The meeting was held at the Estes Valley library at Estes Park, Colorado.

II. COALITION STATUS

A. *Minutes of the January 28, 2015 (Hyatt-Hendrix)*

The minutes of the January 28th, 2015 meeting minutes were presented by Dixie Hendrix. Chuck made a motion to accept the minutes. Sue seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

B. *Subcommittee Reports (Subcommittees)*

1. **Hiring Sub-Committee** (Chairman- Phil; Committee- Jim, Barb, Sue and Mary)

The final version of the EVWC Coordinator job description is now on websites (Fish Creek Coalition and Fall River Coalition) completed by Marcus. Local news sources are posting the job opening. Marcus reported he was having difficulty discerning which professional websites to place the job opening on. The aim is to have the Coordinator position hired by April 1st 2015. Advisory Board members Katherine and Jeff will be contacted by Marcus for further guidance. Possible options for advertisement include the Colorado Watershed Coalition website, COSA (open-space alliances), Colorado School of Mines and other collegiate settings. Naren will provide an introduction to the Colorado Watershed Coalition.

- **Action Item 1: Marcus will continue efforts to place job position in a variety of sites, contacting Katherine for assistance.**
- **Action Item 2: Naren will provide introduction to the Colorado Watershed Coalition.**

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2. Grants/Projects Sub-Committee

(Chairman- Sue; Committee: Frank, Jim, Marcus, Phil, Mary, Dixie)

DOLA is in town tomorrow to discuss the grants that have already been submitted (coordinator position and 7 planning grants). The meeting will be held in the Administrative Conference Room in the Town Hall. Feedback and pointers for future grants will be a part of this discussion. Frank thanked everyone for all of the hard work that is going into the grant writing process.

- **Action Item 3: Grant Committee will meet with DOLA on Thursday February 12th, 2015.**
- a. Implementation Grant is due on March 16th, 2015. Two possible projects were presented for consideration: the Morton reach on Fall River (presented by Mary), and the Stone Bridge Reach on Fish Creek (presented by Dixie). This first construction project needs to be highly visible; a “showcase” for the coalition to demonstrate that work can get done on the damaged watershed. A process was introduced to analyze and score the two projects according to the scoring system actually used in the implementation grant process. After discussion and questions, Mary made a motion to put forward the Stone Bridge Reach project for the implementation grant. Marcus seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-2. Dixie abstained due to conflict of interest. The Stone Bridge Reach will be the subject of the implementation grant due March 16th 2015. If mitigating factors occur that might necessitate a change of project, Board members will be contacted by email for a possible email vote.
- **Action Item 4: Grant Committee will commence on crafting the implementation grant due on March 16th, 2015.**

3. Public Outreach Sub-Committee

(Chairman Marcus; Committee members Frank, Phil, Jay)

Frank noted that a newspaper article was sent to local news sources. Some grammatical errors occurred that was not a part of the draft sent out. Jay has created a draft of the EVWC brochure and is looking for input. An EVWC website needs to be up as soon as possible. The committee will make a recommendation at the next meeting regarding a list of candidates to host the website.

- **Action Item 5: Jay will continue to work on brochure.**
- **Action Item 6: Committee will present a list of candidates to host the EVWC website to the next board meeting..**

III. TOWN UPDATE

The Town of Estes Park is applying for infrastructure grant due in two days.

IV. PUBLIC INPUT

V. ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm by Frank Thies. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25th, 2015 at 6:30 pm, to be held at the Estes Valley Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Dixie Hendrix, EVWC Secretary