

Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
March 26, 2010

The meeting was held at:
Pueblo County Courthouse, Commissioner's Chambers
215 West 10th Street
Pueblo, CO 81003

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM:

El Paso County Commissioner Jeff Chostner called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

In attendance were the following duly designated members of the Board of Directors of the District:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Appointing Authority</u>
Dennis Hisey	El Paso County
Jeff Chostner	Pueblo County
Larry Small	City of Colorado Springs
Larry Atencio	City of Pueblo
Jane Rhodes	Fountain Creek Land Owner
Leroy Mauch	Lower Arkansas Water Conservancy District
Richard Skorman	Citizens Advisory Group
<u>Excused</u>	
Gabriel Ortega	City of Fountain
Max Stafford	EPC Small Municipalities

A quorum was noted. Also present were Dan Kogovsek and Cole Emmons, Legal Counsel, and Gary Barber, Interim Executive Director.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the agenda for the March 26, 2010 meeting was approved.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR BOARD MEETING

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the minutes of the Board meeting of February 26, 2010 were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT - none

5. REGULAR REPORTS:

5A. Technical Advisory Committee – Dennis Maroney, TAC Chairman

Mr. Maroney requested the appointment of two new TAC members: Fred Williams, AFA and Roland Clubb, Ft. Carson. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, Mr. Williams and Mr. Clubb were appointed to the TAC.

5B. Citizens Advisory Group – Gary Barber

The CAG requested the appointment of a new CAG member; Christopher Yuan-Farrell, Colorado Open Lands. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, Mr. Yuan-Farrell was appointed to the CAG. Leroy Mauch is still looking for a representative from the Lower Ark to the CAG.

5C. Financial Reports and Approval of Invoices – Gary Barber

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, payment of the following invoices was approved:

Master Plan Fund	
THK	\$ 13,407.97
General Fund	
Garald Barber	\$ 5,000.00
Elise Bergsten	\$ 262.50

Mr. Barber presented financial statements through February, 2010. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the financial report was approved.

5D. Legal Report – Cole Emmons

Mr. Emmons had nothing to add to what was discussed during the course of the meeting.

5E. Executive Director’s Report – Gary Barber (see reported attached to agenda)

Gary attended both CAG and TAC meetings in the last month. He also attended a sub-committee meeting of the TAC. Gary met individually with Max Stafford and Richard Skorman. Glenn Ballantyne was introduced to the board, and asked to describe the documentary film being made about Fountain Creek. The Fountain Creek Foundation, in partnership with Rocky Mountain PBS, is creating a documentary on the Fountain Creek Watershed. There will be a series of shows, and 30 years will be covered per show. The history, biology and hydrology of the creek will all be explored, with the intent of creating awareness and appreciation of Fountain Creek as a valuable resource. The documentary begins in 1710, and is told from the perspective of a 10-year old child living along the creek. A rare quality of this watershed that will be highlighted is the change in elevation, which ranges from 14,000 to 4,000 feet. It is estimated that the show will have 740,000 viewers. The first show will air beginning in April, and the series will run for two years.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6A. LAND USE APPLICATION PROCEDURES

The Fountain Creek District is an advisory agency, except within the “Corridor.” Mr. Barber met with the TAC and the CAG to discuss the Land Use Review process.

Three steps cover land use review referrals:

1. Agencies provide “public notice” of all land use submissions to Fountain Creek District (FCD) as a courtesy copy.
2. Through education (workshops and presentations), if an item meets basic criteria for review by FCD, the District is included as a referral agency.
3. Two-way communication, via email or telephone, to discuss items which may be appropriate for review by FCD.

Knowing that a permanent revenue source requires going to the voters, the Fountain Creek District needs to be perceived as a helpful resource not as a hindrance.

6B. BYLAWS FOR THE DISTRICT

Rough draft headed for TAC and CAG input next month.

6C. DISTRICT MEETING SCHEDULE

Mr. Barber went over the proposed schedule with the board. The schedule will remain a working document, with changes as needed throughout the year.

6D. CONTRACTS WITH VENDORS

Criteria Manual Grant/Matrix Design Group, Inc. Continued to next month’s meeting.

6E. TOURS OF THE FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED

Colorado Foundation for Water Education is interested in hosting a Fountain Creek mini-tour. This tour could be a Continuing Ed course for secondary teachers. Tentative tour date is June 22, 2010.

Also in the works – a fall tour built around the Colorado State Fair.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7A. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF GRANTS AND PROJECT ACTIVITY ON FOUNTAIN CREEK

This document needs to be approved by the Fountain Creek Watershed District Board. Lower Arkansas Valley Water Conservancy District has already approved. The MOU will go to Pueblo City Council and Pueblo County after approval by the District. After discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the MOU was approved.

7B. AUDIT EXEMPTION – TAKE ACTION TO APPROVE

Mr. Barber presented a Resolution for Exemption from Audit and an Application for Exemption from Audit for review and approval. Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, both the Resolution and the Application were approved. This report will be filed by March 31st.

7C. WORKING BUDGET FOR 2010

The 2010 budget was adopted in September 2009. A draft revision for 2010 was presented for review by Directors. Mr. Emmons recommended, rather than using a working budget, that a revised budget be considered for formal approval.

7D. BOARD RETREAT

There was a general consensus of the board that a retreat would be most useful later in the year.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Larry Small reported that the City of Colorado Springs passed the no-camping ordinance, and that it has been very successful – virtually all campers have moved off the creek. Some have been re-united with their families; some have found jobs. Keep Colorado Springs Beautiful has gone in and cleaned up the creek. The City of Colorado Springs’ Green Team (City employees) cleaned up a section along the Monument Creek just before the confluence with Fountain Creek.

Jeff Chostner reported that he had scheduled a meeting with The Palmer Family Land Trust. This organization has become interested in the Fountain Creek Watershed District. They potentially have money to facilitate land purchases.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if required) none.

10. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

Upon motion made, duly seconded and unanimously carried, it was resolved that the next meeting of the District Board of Directors will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 23, 2010, at the Manitou Springs City Hall, 606 Manitou Avenue, Manitou Springs, CO 80927.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Larry Small, Secretary