

**Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

**May 22, 2015**

This meeting was held at: City of Fountain City Hall, 116 S. Main Street, 2nd Floor,  
Fountain, CO 80817

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM**

Vice Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 1:15 pm. In attendance were the following duly designated members of the Board of Directors of the District:

**Name:**

Terry Hart	Pueblo County
Richard Skorman	CAG Liaison
Jill Gaebler	City of Colorado Springs
Jane Rhodes	Fountain Creek Land Owner
Coreen Toll	EPC Small Municipalities
Greg Lauer	City of Fountain
Melissa Esquibel	Lower Arkansas

**Excused:**

Dennis Hisey	El Paso County
Dennis Flores	City of Pueblo

A quorum was noted. Also present was Larry Small, Executive Director.

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the agenda was approved.**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF APRIL 24, 2015 BOARD MEETING**

**Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved.**

**4. PRESENTATION - None**

**5. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Director Lauer stated that the Fountain City Council had discussed changing the position of Director Ortega to alternate Director and making Director Lauer the regular Director representing Fountain. Mr. Small stated that the Council would need to take formal action on the change of positions and send a written confirmation to the District for its records.

Director Gaebler introduced herself as the new Colorado Springs Board member replacing Val Snider and stated that she was looking forward to serving on the Board. Mr. Small stated that he

had received the written confirmation from Colorado Springs appointing Director Gaebler to the board.

Director Rhodes showed photographs of the damage to property along Fountain Creek below the El Paso/Pueblo County line. She stated that large amounts of farm land had been destroyed; roads and head gates, farm wells, bridges and stables had been destroyed.

Director Toll stated that Colorado Springs filed a disaster declaration for \$8.1 million, El Paso County filed a disaster declaration for \$3.1 million and Manitou Springs filed a disaster declaration for \$3 million. She stated that Manitou Springs received a DOLA Grant for \$643,000 for three additional flood recovery staff for three years. She stated that Manitou Springs would submit an application for a DOLA Planning Grant in July for a Storm Drain Facility Master Plan based on the District's Upper Fountain Creek/Cheyenne Creek Flood Restoration Master Plan.

Director Hart stated that Pueblo County was currently assessing the damage on Fountain Creek from the recent storms in preparation for filing a disaster declaration. He stated that Overton Road was seriously damaged and would most likely need to be relocated to the east. He stated that he had visited the properties along Fountain Creek that Director Rhodes had reported on and was amazed at the damage caused by the high waters in Fountain Creek. He stated that he observed a considerable amount of debris in the creek ranging to full grown trees that had been knocked down and floated in the creek.

Ferris Frost, an Alternate board Member, showed photographs of the damage to the Frost Ranch property. She stated that she did not have photographs of the Frost Ranch Demonstration Project because it was inaccessible but she had been told that it had been seriously damaged.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tracy Toll, who farms Clear Springs Ranch in El Paso County and the Masantonio Trust property in Pueblo County, reported on the storm damage to his head gates and land along Fountain Creek and asked that help be provided to the farmers along the creek to protect their property from storm water in Fountain Creek.

Frank Masantonio, representing the Masantonio Trust in Pueblo County, reported on the storm damage to his property and asked for help in protecting his property from storm water in Fountain Creek.

John Browning, a property owner on Fountain Creek along Old Pueblo Road in El Paso County, reported on damage to properties along Old Pueblo Road and asked for help in protecting properties from storm water in Fountain Creek.

Gene Michael, Waste Water Director for the City of Pueblo, presented an amendment to the April 2015 Board Meeting Minutes concerning his presentation to the Board at that meeting. He stated that Director Flores had asked him to present the amendment. Mr. Small responded that the minutes had been approved as Item 3 on the agenda but that he would put the requested

amendment on the June 2015 Board Meeting agenda. Mr. Small advised that the official record of the meeting was the audio recording of the meeting and that Mr. Michael's entire presentation was a part of the official record.

## **7. REGULAR REPORTS**

### **7. A TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Nancy Keller reported that the TAC met April 1, 2015. She reported that Rich Muzzy gave a presentation on the AFCURE water quality data collection and reporting by the eleven AFCURE members. She reported that Rich Muzzy also gave a presentation on the USGS post-fire water quality sampling funded by the District and stated that Rich would be doing a comparison between post fire and pre fire conditions that he would present at a future meeting. She reported that Abby Ortega gave a presentation on the District's Water Rights Protection Task to advise the TAC of the progress of that task. She reported that the TAC was reviewing the Corridor Restoration Master Plan so they could start work on technical guidelines to facilitate projects in the plan.

The next TAC meeting will be May 6, 2015 at 1:00 pm at Fountain City Hall.

### **7. B CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP REPORT**

Irene Cornelly reported that the CAG meeting scheduled for May 8, 2015 was canceled due to weather. The purpose of the meeting was to tour the Frost Ranch Bank Restoration Project. This was not possible because of the rain storms and high creek flow.

The next CAG meeting will be June 12, 2015 at 9:30 am at the Fountain City Hall.

She reported that the Outreach Subcommittee supported the Fountain Nature Center Family Fun Day on May 2, 2015. She reported that the Pueblo Children's Water Festival scheduled for May 5, 2015 was cancelled because of weather so the Outreach support for this event was also cancelled.

The next Outreach Subcommittee meeting will be June 10, 2015 at 2:00 pm at Fountain City Hall.

### **7. C FINANCIAL REPORT**

Larry Small presented the Fountain Creek District Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2015. The District had total assets of \$108,621.48 and liabilities of \$98.28. Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual report for the period January 1, 2015 through April 30, 2015 indicated total revenues were \$29,322.84 and total expenses were 131,013.17 for a net negative income of \$101,690.33 resulting in a District total equity of \$108,523.20. The General Fund cash on hand as of April 30, 2015 was \$57,251 and the Restricted Fund cash on hand was \$51,370. The total cash on hand was \$108,621.

Larry Small presented a General Fund Cash Flow Analysis for the balance of 2015 and 2016. The analysis showed that after mandatory expenses were paid for 2015 the District would have a deficit of \$6,867 that would be offset by anticipated earnings of \$11,250 for a projected net surplus of \$4,383 at year end. For 2016 the District would have anticipated revenues of \$38,133 and anticipated expenses of \$41,090 for a projected net deficit of \$2,957. He stated that the analysis did not forecast future grants but there was opportunity for a number of grants in 2016.

#### **7. D LEGAL REPORT - None**

#### **7. E EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Larry Small stated that the Senate Bill 15-212, Stormwater Management and Post-Fire Debris were passed by the Legislature with no further amendments.

He reported that he was continuing to work on the Arkansas River Basin Water Forum Planning Committee and Program Committee and that the forum is tentatively planned to be held in Salida in 2016.

He reported that the District PowerPoint presentation to the Colorado Springs Downtown Lions Club on May 5, 2015.

He reported that he had five interviews with TV outlets during the recent storm events to discuss the impact of flooding and mitigation activities that were in process.

He reported that he was still awaiting the contract for the Monument Creek Watershed Restoration Master Plan project. He stated that in order to meet the HUD requirements the District would be required to compete any contract for the project. He stated that he had placed a Sources Sought advertisement in the Fountain Valley News, the Colorado Tribune and the Gazette and was expecting responses by June 5, 2015 so he could proceed with an RFP.

He reported that public meetings were held on May 12, 2015 at the Ute Pass Elementary School in Cascade, attended by 125 people, and on May 13, 2015 at the P.E.O House on Cheyenne Road, attended by 30 people, to solicit public input on the Upper Fountain Creek/Cheyenne Creek Flood Restoration Master Plan. He stated that these were the last public meetings before publication of the Master Plan schedule for on June 29, 2015. The contract would be completed on June 30, 2015.

He reported that he attended the Colorado Springs City Council meeting on May 11, 2015 where CDOT recognized the District for its support in developing the design for the I-25/Cimarron Interchange.

#### **7. F IGA COMMITTEE REPORT**

Director Hart reported that the IGA Committee did not meet.

8. OLD BUSINESS (BOARD ACTION MAY BE REQUIRED) - None

9. NEW BUSINESS (Board Action Required) - None

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10. A APPROVAL OF INVOICES

Presented for Payment 5/22/2015

General Fund					
Vendor	Date	Num	Amount		For
Larry Small					
	05/04/15	141	\$2,000.00		Executive Director
			\$500.00		CDPHE Grant Mgmt
			<b>\$2,500.00</b>		
Allison Plute					
	04/21/15		\$98.28		CAG Outreach supplies
Matrix Design Group					
	05/15/15	16479	\$22,815.14		Upper Fountain Ck/Cheyenne Ck MP
D. Helton Consulting LLC					
	05/03/15		\$16,081.44		Water Rights Protection Task
The Gazette					
	05/21/15	1032390	\$264.34		
<b>TOTAL - General Fund</b>			<b>\$41,759.20</b>		

Master Plan Fund					
Vendor	Date	Num	Amount		For
Berg,Hill,Greenleaf,Ruscitti LLP					
	04/01/15	71197	\$525.00		Greenview Trust Due Dilligence
<b>TOTAL - Master Plan Fund</b>			<b>\$525.00</b>		

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the invoices were approved for payment as presented.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED) - None

12. CONFIRM NEXT MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

The next Board meeting will be held June 26, 2015 at 1:00 pm at the City of Fountain City Hall, 116 S. Main Street, 2nd Floor, Fountain, CO 80817

13. ADJOURN

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.