



**Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control, and Greenway District Board of
Directors Meeting Agenda April 21, 9am
In Person at Fountain City Hall, 116 S. Main Street, Fountain, CO 80817, or
Via Zoom: Meeting link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89493089235>
Meetings are open to the public.**

1) Call to order and establish a quorum

Chair Estes called the Board of Directors, Water Activity Enterprise Meeting to order. In attendance were the following duly designated members of the District Board of Directors:

Name:

Tamara Estes
Terry Hart
Mark Shea
Jessica Mills
Dr. Bob Barr
Alli Schuch
Stephane Atencio
Jay Kita
James Romanello
Nancy Henjum
Zach Swearingen
Larry Atencio

Representing:

City of Fountain
CAG Chair
TAC Chair
Lower Arkansas Valley
Barr Farm Land Owner
Executive Director
District General Council
Green Mountain Falls
El Paso County
City of Colorado Springs
Pueblo County Commissioner
Pueblo City Council

2) Introduction of Guests

Jeremy Taylor, Colorado Springs Utilities, Forest Program Manager
Lucy Harrington, GEI Consultants
Tom Smrdel, GEI Consultants
Emma Strong, Pueblo County MMF
Gary Rapp, Watershed Citizen
Jessica Ray, Naranjo Civil Constructors

A quorum was present.

3) Approval of the March Board Agenda

Director Hart made a motion to amend the agenda by changing March to April,

removing Item D New Business and removing Item A, 1.- CAG appointments under new business. Director Mills seconded and the April Board Agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

4) Consent Agenda

Director Hart made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Director Romanello seconded and the Consent Agenda with unanimously approved.

5) Public Comment

A. No public comment

6) Executive Director Comments

A. Part time Administration Assistant Position is Open

B. Strategic Planning- Wrapping up individual meetings, moving into public meetings in May.

C. Website Update went live 4/20

D. \$10,000 Grant to Xcell Foundation

E. Great American Cleanup 4/15- Snowy but successful

F. Monthly Matrix project update Meeting- Inflation and market saturation for projects. Potential for 8 projects but not enough contractors.

G. 4.3 million dollars budgeted for Eagle Ridge project. Could increase up to 6.6 million dollars if inflation continues. MMF decided to move forward with permitting and make adjustments to proposed projects as funding becomes available.

H. Data Collection for Southmoor drive project is complete. Permits for both Southmoor and Eagle Ridge will be submitted end of April

I. Responsibility to maintain 2 acres of wetlands on east side of project for 5 years. May need to obtain conservation easements with 2 private land owners for the permit. Working with Army Corps on these specifics.

7) Presentations

A. Regional Wildlife Mitigation- Jeremy Taylor, Colorado Springs Utilities Forest Program Manager

i) Focusing on headwaters of the watershed- Pikes Peak

ii) Priority Landscapes for Potential Operational Delineations (PODs)

iii) Forest Management Projects- North Slope Good Neighbor Authority (GNA)

iv) TABOR Funding- Colorado Springs Fire Dept.

B. Special District Association- Ann Terry, Executive Director (10:30)

i) Nonpartisan, representing a variety of types of special districts; conservancy, river, conservation, park and rec, metro, fire, library, pest control, etc. (2,600 member districts)

ii) FCWD sub division of state having to follow government guidelines

iii) Provides education:

(1) The conference on June 20th at the Sanitation District in Fountain will go over

legislative changes, review of current laws, roles as special government

(2) In September there will be a 3-day conference in Keystone about water, conservation, finance, advocacy, fire etc.

(3) Resources- legislative updates, newsletters, and provides needs and answers

8) Old Business

A. Public Comment Policy in Process

i) District Counsel Atencio reports that the SDA will provide the district with documents to rework and present to the board.

9) New Business

A. Confirmation of District Board Members

(1) Dr. Barr for Pueblo County Landowner representative

Director Hart motioned to confirm Dr. Barr as Board Member, Seconded by Director Mills, Dr. Barr was unanimously welcomed to the board.

B. Resolution No 2023-4 District Retirement Plan

District Counsel Atencio confirms agreement 447 B plan- The district will match up to 4% of employee contributions.

Director Romanello motions to approve resolution 2023-4 District Retirement plan, Director Henjum seconded, the resolution was unanimously carried.

C. GEI In Lieu Fee Study Phase II

Statement of work for Phase II of GEI Study by Lucy Harrington. It is favorable to approve Phase II which will include a determination of required mitigation over the last few years to Army Corps of Engineers a draft fee schedule, and sight visits of potential mitigation locations. GEI Consultants is requesting \$14,000 of funding and Lucy will be reporting to the TAC in May.

Director Hart motions to approve entering into Phase II contract with GEI on contingencies of TAC recommendation after review and agreement goes through standard legal review process, Director Romanello seconded, and the motion to move forward with Phase II contract was unanimously approved.

10) Executive Session

A. No Executive Session

11) Confirm Next Meetings - ALL MEETINGS NOW HYBRID and set for 3 hours. Via Zoom or in person at Fountain City Hall (116 S. Main St. Fountain, CO 80817)

A. Fri May 19, 9am

B. Fri June 16, 9am

- C. Fri July 21, 9am
- D. Fri Aug 18, 9am
- E. Fri Sept 15, 9am
- F. Oct TBD – District Tour
- G. Fri Nov 17, 9am – Budget Meeting
- H. Fri Dec 15, 9am – Tentative

12) Adjourn Board Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Director Hart, Seconded by Director Mills, Chair Estes adjourned the Board of Directors Meeting.