Board of Directors Special Meeting: Sustainable Funding & Financial Resilience Minutes

This meeting was held in-person at Fountain City Hall,

116 S. Main Street, Fountain, CO 80817, and online via Zoom.

Meetings are open to the public.

Friday, November 6th 2026

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Draft Minutes

1. Call Water Activity Enterprise (WAE) meeting to order 9:00am
    a. Roll call, and establish a quorum

Chair Wysong called the Fountain Creek Watershed District Board of Directors Meeting to order. In attendance were the following duly designated members of the District Board of Directors:

Name	Representing
Bill Wysong	Chair, El Paso County
Jeff Chostner	Vice Chair, Pueblo County
Tamara Estes	Secretary, City of Fountain
Nancy Henjum	City of Colorado Springs
Terry Hart	CAG Chair
Jay Kita	Alternate, Small Municipalities
Jessica Mills	Lower Ark. Valley Water Conservancy District
Steve Atencio	Legal Counsel
Allison Schuch	Executive Director

A quorum was present.

b. Introduction of Guests:

Name	Representing
Mark Shea	Colorado Springs Utilities
Steve Rodriguez	FCWD Staff
Mary Wilson	FCWD Staff

c. Approval of Meeting Agenda

Vice Chair Chostner made a motion to approve the Meeting Agenda. Director Estes seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. FCWD Funding Picture
    a. Current funding structure, budgets
        i. Various Board Members made comments, as well as ED Schuch.
    b. 3 options:
        i. Minimum viable District
        ii. Sustainable and effective District
        iii. Fully resourced regional leader
            1. ED Schuch walked Board Members through these options.

Director Estes made a motion to enter into Executive Session to receive legal counsel regarding the statutory-authorized funding sources for the District. Vice Chair Chostner seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

The Board entered Executive Session at 9:20am. No decisions were made.

3. Reconvene District Board Meeting: District Financial Powers and Legal Funding Options
    a. Service Charges
    b. Mill Levy
    c. Improvement Districts and Special Assessments
    d. Gifts, Grants, and Donations
    e. Certificates of Participation (COPs)
    f. Bonds
    g. Sales Tax
    h. Other Lawful Means
        i. The Board went over various funding mechanism options. They isolated a Mill Levy and a Sales Tax as the two most feasible options.

4. Financial Strategic Direction and Next Steps

a. Various pros and cons were discussed by Board Members, Steve A., and ED Schuch. The focus was on a sales tax, a mill levy, and the establishment of a special funding subcommittee. The Strategic Plan was discussed as well.

5. New Business
    a. Integrity Matters Email Response
        i. A short response was crafted, and it was determined that jurisdiction over a proposed data center along Fountain Creek resides within the municipality.
        ii. There is a need to establish details around FCWD Land Use Authority.

Director Chostner made a motion to send Ed Schuch's email response to Integrity Matters stating FCWD will not be commenting on the proposed data center along Fountain Creek in Colorado Springs. Director Estes seconded, and the motion was passed unanimously.

6. Public Comment - None

7. Confirm Next Meeting

    a. 11.20, 9am - Regular Board Meeting
    b. 12.18, 9am - ILF Program Focus
    c. 1.22, 9am - Annual Board Meeting, Officer appointments

8. Adjourn Meeting 11:00am

The District Board of Directors meeting was adjourned by consensus with no formal motion made.