



**Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District  
Board of Directors Board Meeting Minutes**

**February 17, 2023 - 8:00 am**

Meetings are open to the public.

This meeting was held by Zoom.

**1. Call to order and establish a quorum**

Chair Estes called the Board of Directors meeting to order. In attendance were the following duly designated members of the District Board of Directors:

**Name:**

Alli Schuch  
Tamara Estes  
Stephane Atencio  
Nancy Henjum  
Terry Hart  
Jim Romenello  
Zach Swearingen  
Jessica Mills

**Representing:**

Executive Director  
City of Fountain  
District Attorney  
City of Colorado Springs  
CAG Chair  
El Paso County  
Pueblo County Commissioner  
Lower Arkansas Valley (Board Alternate)

**2. Introduction of Guests**

Mark Shea, Chair of Technical Advisory Committee, Vice Chair of Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee

Ian Hartley, CAG member

Jacob Olson, Water Lead Commissioner- Division of Water Resources

Theron Verna, Deputy Water Commissioner- Division Of Water Resources

Justin Barr, Barr Farm, and Livestock

Larry Salazar, Kimley-Horn Associates

Steven Myers, Kimley-Horn Associates

Detra Duncan, City of Fountain Alternate

A quorum was present.

**3. Approval of February Board agenda**

Motion to approve agenda with the addition of executive session for strategic planning and to remove item 9C previously discussed during WAE was made by Director Hart, seconded by Director Henjum, unanimous approval.

#### **4. Consent Calendar**

These items will be acted upon as a whole unless a specific item is called for discussion by a Board Member or a citizen wishing to address the Board. Any items called up for separate consideration shall be acted upon following Old Business.

- B. Financial Report
- C. District Reports
- D. Approval of Invoices

Motion to delay item A. Meeting Minute Approval to March meeting and approve consent calendar made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Romanello, unanimous approval.

#### **5. Public Comments**

#### **6. Executive Director Comments**

- Watershed Outreach Coordinator introduction
- Board member Orientation Folder including Board Member roster, MMF selection process PowerPoint, District Statute and Bylaws, and Executive Sessions Primer.
- The GEI contract is coming to a close. They will be presenting their final document for the March Meeting presentation.
- Completion of Pueblo Levee phases 1 and 2

#### **7. PRESENTATIONS**

#### **8. OLD BUSINESS**

- Board Membership
  - Appointment of Small Municipalities Alternate – Jay Kita, Green Mountain Falls
  - Confirmation of El Paso County and City of Pueblo Primary and Alternates - letters received

#### **9. NEW BUSINESS**

A.) Public Comment Policy- allow Alli Shuch to work with Steve Atencio to come up with Public Comment Policy for approval at a future board meeting.

B.) Strategic Planning Updates- Process underway for proposals identifying future funds

C.) Contract/ HR Committee

- Retirement for District Employees- have the committee look into both and make a recommendation
  - FAMLI program vote- Collecting information to present at future Board Meetings
- D)ARBWF Sponsorship request: Aquifer Sponsor \$1000
- 2 registrations to the 2-day Water Forum 4/ 25-26
  - 1 invitation to the Water Forum's invitation-only VIP Dinner.
  - Display of sponsor logo on the ARBWF website, e-newsletters, and
    - other promotional media.
  - Exhibitors' space.

Motion to approve sponsorship for \$1000 for Arkansas River Basin Water Forum made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Romanello, unanimous approval.

- A. Western Landscape Symposium Sponsorship request: Blue Spruce Sponsor \$250
- Full-page color add-in program
  - Display table in Expo Room
  - 2 tickets to attend 4/1
  - Color slide in event PowerPoint

Motion to approve sponsorship of \$250 for Western Landscape Symposium made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Romanello, unanimous approval.

## **10. Executive Session**

Mr. Atencio invites the Board to make a motion to enter into Executive Session 24-6-42(4)(e) to determine position relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategies for negotiations, and instructing negotiators in regard to planning contracts. Mr. Romanello made the motion, Ms. Henjum seconded, unanimous approval to enter into Executive Session.

- The Board of Directors developed a strategy for negotiation and provided instructions to Allison Schuch and Stephane Atencio.

Motion to accept Sarah B. Jack and Associates and 6035 Strategies Proposal subject to final written proposal signed off by the Board, Director and attorney was made by Mr. Hart, seconded by Mr. Romanello, unanimous approval.

## **11. Confirm next meeting**

March 17, 2023, at 9:00-12:00 AM virtually on Zoom

## **12. Adjourn**

Ms. Henjum made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Romanello seconded, unanimous approval, Chair Estes adjourned the meeting.