



FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

This meeting was held in-person at Fountain City Hall 116 S Main St,
Fountain, CO 80817 and online via [Zoom](#).

Meetings are open to the public.

Friday, September 25th 2026

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Draft Minutes

1. Call meeting to order 9:00-9:05

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

Bill Wysong

Jeff Chostner

Tamara Estes

Nancy Henjum

Terry Hart

Jay Kita

Miles Lucero

Dianne Danti

Jessica Mills

Corey Applegate

Steve Atencio

Allison Schuch

Representing

Chair, El Paso County

Vice Chair, Pueblo County

Secretary, City of Fountain

City of Colorado Springs

CAG Chair

Alternate, Small

Municipalities

Pueblo County

City of Pueblo

Lower Ark. Valley Water

Conservancy District

Alternate, El Paso County

Legal Counsel

Executive Director

A quorum was present.

b. Introduction of Guests:



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Name

Tommy Farrell
Mark Shea
Steve Rodriguez

Representing

Pueblo County
Colorado Springs Utilities
FCWD Staff

c. Approval of September WAE/District Board Meeting Agenda

Vice Chair Chostner made a motion to approve the September District Board and WAE Agenda. Director Kita seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. Recess to Water Activity Enterprise Meeting 9:05-10:10

Chair Wysong recessed into the Water Activity Enterprise Meeting by consensus.

a. Consent Calendar

Director Chostner made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Mills seconded and the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved.

b. Old Business

i. Project Updates

1. Frost Ranch

a. Frost Focus Construction Agreement

Director Hart made a motion to approve the Frost Focus Construction Agreement. Director Kita seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

b. Landowner Issues

- i. Steve R. and ED Schuch provided updates about various projects, including issues with the southernmost landowner of the proposed Frost Ranch project site, United Crystal. Board Members and Steve A. asked various questions and made various comments.

ii. In-Lieu Fee Program Updates

1. ILF Subcommittee

- a. Mark S. provided updates. Board Members asked various questions, to which Mark S. responded.
- b. ILF workshop open to the public scheduled for 10/29.

c. Adjourn WAE Meeting

Chair Wysong adjourned the Water Activity Enterprise Meeting and returned to the Board of Directors Meeting by consensus.

3. Reconvene District Board Meeting 10:10

- a. Board Member Comments on Non-Agenda Items - None
- b. Consent Calendar



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Director Henjum made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Vice Chair Chostner seconded and the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved.

4. Executive Director Report 10:10-10:30

- a. ED Schuch provided updates on various District items.

5. Committee Updates 10:30-10:45

a. HR/Contracts

- i. 2026 carryover balance and recommendations

- 1. Project maintenance - recommend \$130K

Director Estes made a motion to allocate \$130k for maintenance in the 2027 budget.

Director Mills seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

- 2. Strategic opportunity matching fund - recommend \$80K

Vice Chair Chostner made a motion to allocate \$80k for strategic opportunity matching funds in the 2027 budget. Director Lucero seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

- 3. Staff recognition - under review (decision after 27 budget approved)

- 4. Contingency/reserve - under review (decision after 27 budget approved)

- 5. Executive Coaching - recommend \$5K for one year

Director Hart made a motion to allocate \$5k for Executive Coaching in the 2027 budget. Director Henjum seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

- ii. Administrative Assistant title change - under review

- iii. General Council - under review

b. Finance

- i. 2026 budget modifications - in process

- 1. Details tabled until the return of the FCWD bookkeeper

- ii. 2027 draft budget review

- 1. To be reviewed by Board Members in October to prepare for special meeting on November 6 from 9am-11am

6. Old Business 10:45-11:25

a. Strategic Planning

- i. Board Members and Steve A. provided feedback on the most recent version of the District Strategic Plan.

7. New Business

- a. FCWD Future Funding Discussion at Dec meeting - facilitated by Kearns/West



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8. Executive Session – None

9. Public Comment - None

10. Closing Comments by the Board - None

11. Confirm Next Meeting

a. Hybrid on Friday, October 23 from 9am-12pm

12. Adjourn Board Meeting 11:30

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