



FOUNTAIN CREEK WATERSHED DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting

This meeting will be held in person at Fountain City Hall, 116 S. Main Street, Fountain, CO 80817, and online via Zoom.

Meetings are open to the public.

January 17, 2025

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

[Board of Directors Meeting Zoom Link](#)

Draft Minutes

1. Call meeting to order 9:00-9:10

a. Roll call, and establish a quorum

Chair Estes 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:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Tamara Estes	Chair, City of Fountain
Terry Hart	CAG Chair
Jessica Mills	Lower Ark Valley WCD
Miles Lucero	Pueblo County
Dr. Bob Barr	Pueblo Landowner
David Leinweber	City of Colorado Springs
Alli Schuch	Executive Director
Stephane Atencio	Legal Counsel

A quorum was present.

b. Introduction of Guests: Kurt Thurmann, HOLCIM; Walt Wright, HOLCIM

c. Approval of Annual District Board Meeting Agenda

Director Hart made a motion to approve the Annual District Board Meeting Agenda. Director Barr seconded and the Annual District Board Meeting Agenda was unanimously approved.



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2. Annual Meeting Statutory Requirements 9:00-9:30
 - a. Sunshine Act Compliance
 - i. Meeting notices will be posted at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of a District Board meeting on the District's website (www.fountain-crk.org).
 - ii. The day and time of District Board meetings shall be the 3rd Friday of each month at 9:00 AM; however, the Board may meet at a different time and place if properly noticed. The primary meeting place will be at Fountain City Hall, 116 S. Main Street Fountain, CO 80817 and via Zoom: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86488823366>.
 - iii. The Secretary of the District Board shall be the official custodian of District minutes and records. All District meeting minutes and records shall be stored and maintained by the Executive Director.
 - iv. The audio/video recording is hereby designated as the official record of meetings, and executive sessions shall also be audio/video recorded except for attorney/client communications.
 - v. The Official Newspapers for publication of required notices shall be the same newspapers that are used by the Boards of Commissioners of El Paso and Pueblo Counties.

Director Hart made a motion to accept and approve the statutory requirements listed in the Sunshine Act. Director Barr seconded and the statutory requirements of the Sunshine Act were unanimously approved.

- b. Appointment of the 2025 Board Members and Alternates:
 - i. El Paso County (Wysong, Applegate)
 - ii. Pueblo County (Lucero, McPheeters)
 - iii. City of Pueblo (Gomez, Maestri)
 - iv. City of Fountain (Estes, Duncan)
 - v. Lower Arkansas River Valley (Mills, Nunez)
 - vi. Pueblo Citizen at Large (Barr)
 - vii. City of Colorado Springs (Leinweber, Henjum)
 - viii. Small Municipalities (Romanello, Kita)
 - ix. CAG Chair (Hart, Barber)
 - c. Appointment of 2025 Board Officers
 - i. Chair - Nomination of Director Hart by Director Mills for Chair position; seconded by Director Lucero and unanimously approved.
 - ii. Vice Chair - Nomination of Director Mills by Director Estes



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- for Vice Chair position; seconded by Director Estes and unanimously approved.
- iii. Secretary - Nomination of Director Estes by Director Mills for Secretary position; seconded by Director Hart and unanimously approved.
 - iv. Treasurer - Nomination of Director Leinweber by Director Hart; seconded by Director Estes and unanimously approved.
- d. Appointment of 2025 Board Committees
- i. Contracts and HR - Mills, Estes, _____
 - ii. Finance - Hart, Romanello, Barr
 - iii. Governance - Estes, Hart, _____
 - iv. Signers
 - 1. Piper Stanley Investment Account - Estes, Hart, Schuch
 - 2. Eastern Bank - Estes, Hart, Leinweber, Shcuch
- e. Appointment of the 2025 Citizens Advisory Group Members
- 1. Chair - David Woolley
 - 2. Vice Chair - Mary Barber
 - 3. Secretary - Brianna Fett

Director Hart made a motion to appoint the 2025 CAG Recommended Officers. Director Lucero seconded and the 2025 CAG Recommended Officers were unanimously approved.

- f. Appointment of the 2025 Technical Advisory Committee Members
- 1. Chair - Jonathan Moore
 - 2. Vice Chair - Ben Sheets
 - 3. Secretary - Annie Berlemann
 - 4. CAG Representative - David Woolley

Director Barr made a motion to appoint the 2025 TAC Recommended Officers. Director Mills seconded and the 2025 TAC Recommended Officers were unanimously approved.

- g. Appointment of the 2025 Monetary Mitigation Fund Advisory Committee Members
- 1. Chair - Alli Schuch
 - 2. Vice Chair - Mark Shea
 - 3. Secretary - Aaron Brice
 - 4. CAG Representative - Terry Hart
 - 5. TAC Representative - Jonathan Moore



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Director Hart made a motion to appoint the 2025 MMF Recommended Officers. Director Lucero seconded and the 2025 MMF Recommended Officers were unanimously approved.

3. Adjourn the Annual Meeting

4. Recess to Water Activity Enterprise Meeting 9:30-9:45

Chair Estes recessed into the Water Activity Enterprise Meeting.

a. Consent Calendar

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

b. Old Business

i. MMF Recommendations for updated numbers:

1. Southmoor Dr

a. Original Budget: \$4.4 Mil

b. Update: \$6,267,724

i. \$700K CWCB

ii. \$600K Fountain

iii. \$4,967,724 MMF

2. Eagleridge

a. Original Budget: \$7.3 Mil

b. Update: \$4,474,515

3. Totals

a. Original = \$11.7 Mil

b. Update = \$10,742,239

ii. Project Updates

1. Southmoor Dr

a. Landowner Issue: Landowner allowing tenant to dump concrete over side of property into Fountain Creek. City of Fountain, USACE, and FCWD sending Notice of Violation letters. Next steps: request easement (with no-build provision) as landowner is selling property. Intent to collect and incorporate any of the remaining concrete chunks into project.

b. Scheduling another Public Meeting at the American Legion

2. Eagleridge

a. Project started on the south side near Highway 47 connection due to unhoused encampment on the northern part of the property. Requesting support from City of



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Pueblo Police Department to ensure no individuals are still within the encampment and therefore at risk of harm due to construction.

3. Frost Ranch
 - a. Grant work for 60% design
4. District Maintenance
 - a. Program in development, met with MHFD to see their approach and map books.
 - b. Reaching out to university and college programs to see if they'd like to support development of an FCWD Map Book.
- c. New Business
- d. Confirm Next Meetings

Via Zoom or in person at Fountain City Hall, 116 S. Main St. Fountain, CO 80817.

- i. Feb 21
- ii. March 21
- iii. April 18
- iv. May 16
- v. June/July - no meetings
- vi. Aug 15
- vii. Sept 19
- viii. Oct 17
- ix. Nov 21
- x. Dec - no meeting (tentative)

5. Adjourn WAE Meeting

Chair Estes adjourned the Water Activity Enterprise Meeting.

6. Reconvene District Board Meeting 9:45-10:00

a. Board Member Comments

- i. Brief introduction from Director Hart expressing his gratitude to Director Estes for her service as Chair over the past 2+ years and of ED Schuch for promoting so much development and growth for the District's organization and engagement. Director Estes expressed gratitude to ED Schuch for the same. Director Lucero briefly introduced himself and shared he is enthusiastic to continue learning about the District and from the Board.
- ii. Watershed Moments
 1. Director Barr - Excited to see progress of the Eagleridge project as it's so close to his property. Met



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Board of Waterworks a few days ago regarding a water line which will be bored under Fountain Creek, the rail line and Overton Rd. Need to ensure the City of Pueblo Board of Waterworks is sending notice to FCWD for review and recommendations. New fire station development is also going well.

2. Director Mills - draft program for Arkansas River Basin Water Forum completed. Event occurs March 5 & 6, 2025; please attend. Local Leaders Dinner including all Board Members on Tuesday, March 4.

- b. Consent Calendar 10:00-10:10

Director Hart made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Director Lucero seconded and the Consent Calendar was unanimously approved.

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

- a. Participating in Sentinel Landscape program with other partners regarding military base resiliency.
- b. In Lieu Fee Prospectus has been submitted and is out for public comment and sent to an Inter Agency Review Team. An ILF Subcommittee has been established on the TAC.
- c. 2025 Member Government Contributions were all approved.
- d. State of the Watershed event - met with El Pomar, possibility tie into their Heritage Serie in Fall 2025.
- e. Strategic Planning/Communications and Grant Support RFPs out now.
- f. Unhoused issues continue and significantly impact FCWD projects. Requested to learn more from Mayor Yemi's plan and learn more of how other jurisdictions are managing these issues.
- g. 2025 Priorities: Successful completion of Eagleridge & Southmoor Dr projects; Willow staking workshop for FC landowners in spring; Pueblo County woody debris removal project in fall; In Lieu Fee program definition; Increase visibility/partnerships across the watershed; Consider sustainable funding options (Board Retreat in Feb/Mar?); Launch District maintenance program; Landowner Agreement work with Steve Atencio for future maintenance; Greenway Trail (do we want to continue to pursue this development)?
- h. Outreach
 - i. Arkansas River Basin Water Forum - Pueblo, March 5-6, District hosting a tour of Confluence Park



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- ii. Rain Barrel Sale, online only, February 21-April 6
 - iii. Great American Cleanup, watershed-wide, May 3
 - iv. Creek Week Cleanup, watershed-wide, September 27-October 3
 - v. Monthly Liquid Lectures
 - i. Staffing
 - i. Additions of CC Fellows - 3 shadowships this spring, 1 year round intern beginning in June
 - ii. ILF project manager to potentially come on board in Q3
 - j. 2025 Board Speakers/Presentation Ideas
8. Committee Updates 10:30-10:35
- a. HR/Contracts - None
 - b. Finance - None
 - c. Governance - None
9. Presentations
10. Old Business 10:35-10:40
- a. Project Update - Jackson Creek
 - i. IMEG - Pre work is almost done. Gifting in-kind the completion of their responsibility which is slightly beyond original budget.
11. New Business
12. Executive Session
13. Public Comment 10:40-10:50
14. Confirm Next Meetings 10:50-10:55
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15. Adjourn Board Meeting 11:00

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