



**Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control and Greenway District
Citizens Advisory Group
Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 12th, 2024, 9:30-11:30 am
In Person at Fountain City Hall, Council Chambers Room,
116 S. Main Street, Fountain, CO 80817
or via Zoom**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/99749871376>

(Meetings are open to the public)

1. Call to Order, Establish Quorum, and Introductions

Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 10:23 am after the Annual Meeting took place.

In attendance:

Terry Hart, Committee Chair
Alli Schuch, Executive Director
Jessica Mills, Lower Ark Valley
Judith Rice-Jones, Citizen at Large

Mary Barber, Citizen at Large
Ian Hartley, Citizen at Large
Hannah Mooney, FCWD
Annie Berlemann, TAC
David Woolley, City of Fountain

A quorum was present.

Introduction of Guests:

Carrie Supino, Leave No Trace Eastern CO State Advocate
Shelby Rowland, Citizen at Large
Will Peterson, Southeast Region Office for CPW
Jeremy Reeves, Creative Consortium
Allen Beauchamp, TOSC
Heidi Abed, Citizen at Large
Susan Finzel, Pueblo Watershed Coordinator
Gary Rapp, Citizen at Large

2. Approve Meeting Agenda

Coordinator Mooney requested the December WOC Report be added to the Agenda under Item 7, Reports. Member Mills motioned to approve the amended January meeting agenda, which was seconded by Member Hartley, and the motion was unanimously agreed upon. The January meeting agenda was approved.

3. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes

a. December 8, 2023

Member Woolley motioned to approve the prior meeting minutes, which was seconded by Member Barber, and the motion was unanimously agreed upon. The prior meeting minutes were approved.

4. Committee Member Comments

- a. Chair Hart: Happy New Year & Welcome!
 - i. Ballot question up for consideration. Still an open question, but Board feels the District is not prepared yet as much of 2023 was focused on improving organization including bringing on staff.
- b. Member Rice-Jones attended TOPS meeting. Concern about the lack of awareness of the connections between human made waterways (Templeton Gap levee, for instance) and natural waterways (Shooks Run). Important that we understand the linkages and their impacts on one another.
 - i. Member Berlemann shared that the Templeton Gap levee will probably be reconstructed within the next several years after approval by USACE.

5. Public Member Comments

- a. None.

6. Presentations

- a. District Brand Culture Project with Creative Consortium, Jeremy Reeves
 - i. “People don’t buy what you do. They buy why you do it.”
 - ii. Developed brand culture statements with District staff and others
 - 1. Purpose - push motivation - what makes FCWD do what it does?
 - 2. Vision - pull motivation - what would the future look like if FCWD completed all it intends to do?
 - 3. Values - how do we get there in relation to one another, how do we behave daily? (primarily internal)
 - 4. Positioning - how does FCWD differ from similar entities?
 - iii. Discussion and feedback around the statements collected by Jeremy.
 - iv. Brand identity will inform visual identity (name, logo, font, etc.) - 3 visual concepts will be reviewed at a Brand meeting next week.

7. Reports

- a. Governing Board – Alli
 - i. Last meeting on November 17th, 2023.
 - ii. Annual Budget Hearing at November Board meeting.
 - 1. 2024 WAE and General Funds budgets approved as presented.
 - 2. Hiring part-time contract Operations Manager to help facilitate restoration projects; outsourcing HR policy development.
 - 3. Replacing and installing new project signage.
 - 4. Continue contract with 6035 Strategies on strategic plan implementation.
 - 5. Continue contract with GEI on an in lieu fee program.
 - 6. Applying for grants to support projects and maintenance.
 - iii. Next meeting is the Annual Board Meeting on January 19, 2024, 9am - hybrid at Fountain City Hall or via Zoom.
- b. Projects – Alli
 - i. USACE approved permit for Southmoor Drive project.
 - ii. Solicited & received 5 proposals for 3rd Party Review of design work: Highway 47, Eagleridge (90% design completion), and Southmoor Drive (90% design completion) projects.
 - iii. Working on landowner agreements.

- iv. After 3rd party review, the projects may begin this spring; if not, projects start in fall.
- c. MMFAC – Alli
 - i. Last meeting on November 15th, 2023
 - ii. Project Effectiveness review report by Matrix Design Group:
 - 1. Masciantonio proves to be an excellent project.
 - 2. Matrix will present to CAG possibly at the February meeting.
 - 3. Frost Focus Area & Wood Valley Ditch Area - potential project opportunities.
 - iii. Will be discussing 2025 projects at the next MMF meeting.
 - iv. Next meeting, January 17th, 2024 via Zoom.
 - v. Member Barber mentioned Projects to Restore Natural Stream Systems, SB-23-270 and CRS 37-92-602 and potential implementation by the District. This would be a low cost option for smaller scale projects.
- d. TAC – Annie
 - i. Last meeting on January 3rd, 2024.
 - ii. Held its annual meeting and election of officers. The regular meeting focused on agenda setting for the next year. The TAC will focus on supporting potential In-Lieu Fees and Military Stormwater.
 - iii. Next meeting, February 7th, 2024 via Zoom
- e. Website – Mary
 - i. No updates. If you see any errors or links that don't work, please notify Mary or Hannah.
- f. AFCURE – Annie
 - i. Last meeting on January 2nd, 2024
 - ii. Held its annual meeting which includes election of officers. Since it was the day after New Years it was the world's shortest meeting.
- g. WOC – Hannah & Susan
 - i. Hannah - made connection with Colorado Green Business Network for Brewshed Alliance.
 - 1. CSU Lab Tour for Alliance breweries will include a water report for each individual brewery (where their specific brewery's water comes from) and Brewshed Alliance annual meeting at Local Relic on January 24th. 2024.
 - ii. Hannah - has attended registration tool CERVIS training for GAC, CW, and other needs. Attending another training soon.
 - iii. Hannah - bringing on a Bonner Fellow who will serve as a short-term intern for the District through Colorado College.
 - iv. Member Mills recommended the District have a presence tabling at the Water Forum in La Junta, CO.
 - v. Susan - Successful Liquid Lecture at Brues Alehouse in December, planning for Great American Cleanup (April 27, 2024) and Ride the Watershed for elected officials, government staff, and environmental activists (May 31, 2024).
 - vi. Susan made a suggestion for District personnel to present to Pueblo City Council at the end of March as there has been much turnover and new officials beginning in Pueblo offices soon.

8. **New Business**

- a. Survey Results – Hannah
 - i. 9 respondents. Primary takeaways: questions related to bylaws which we will review at February meeting; appreciation for the value of presentations in creating connections and networking; suggestion for possible tasks for CAG members to complete between meetings; suggestions of including a university student as CAG member.
 - ii. 2024 Presentations: any presenters' contact information or presentation topics members would like this year please send to Coordinator Mooney.
- b. Bylaws
 - i. Chair Hart: Are the District bylaws too strict regarding who may be a District official? Must they be elected officials? How can this bylaw be modified in order to ensure officials' municipalities have by-in to the District and we also have experienced and informed individuals on the Board?
 - 1. Brief discussion related to the Bylaws and how to determine who should be allowed on the Board.

9. **Old Business**

- a. None

10. **Public Comments**

- a. None

11. **Next Meeting**

- a. CAG: February 9th, via Zoom 9:30-11:30 am
 - a. Annual Meeting
 - b. Presentation Topics: CAG Bylaws and Creative Consortium

Adjourn

Member Mills motioned to adjourn the meeting, Member Hartley seconded, and the motion was unanimously agreed upon. Chair Hart adjourned the meeting.