

**Fountain Creek Watershed, Flood Control, and Greenway District**

**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**April 19, 2024 9am**

**In Person at Fountain City Hall, 116 S. Main Street, Fountain, CO 80817, or**

**Via Zoom: Zoom Meeting link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89493089235**

**Meetings are open to the public.**

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

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

**Name Representing**

Tamara Estes Chair, City of Fountain

Jessica Mills Lower Arkansas Valley Water Cons District

Terry Hart CAG Representative

Daneya Esgar Pueblo County

James Romanello Small Municipalities

David Leinweber City of Colorado Springs

Stan VanderWerf El Paso County

Alli Schuch Executive Director

Stephane Atencio Legal Counsel

A quorum was present.

1. **Introduction of Guests**

Paul Rochette, Military Program Manager Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments

Annie Berlemann, Colorado Springs Utilities & TAC

Mark Shea, Colorado Springs Utilities & TAC

Andrew Hayes, Director of Public Works, City of Pueblo

Richard Mulledy, City of Colorado Springs

Marci Day, Assistant County Attorney, Pueblo County

Steven Rodriguez, Fountain Creek Watershed District

Jessica Nuncio, Naranjo Civil Constructors

Lucy Harrington, GEI Consultants

Dan Bare, Matrix Design Group

Detra Duncan, City of Fountain alternate

Dr. Brian Mihlbachler, US Fish & Wildlife

Ann Worner

1. **Approval of April Board Agenda**

Director Mills made a motion to approve the April Board Agenda. Director Romanello seconded, and the April Board Agenda was unanimously approved.

1. **Board Member Comments**

None.

1. **Consent Calendar**

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

1. **Presentations**
   1. City of Colorado Springs Stormwater IGA Update - Richard Mulledy, City of Colorado Springs
      1. Stormwater Control Program Activities & Expenditures To Date: Drainage Operations & Maintenance, Stormwater MS4 Program, Stormwater Capital Projects, Colorado Springs Utilities (SSCC Program) = $169,944,318 spent since 2016.
      2. 71 specific projects Colorado Springs committed to complete within 20 years. Completed 39 IGA projects since 2016; over 55% completion of commitment in 8 years.
      3. Project Samples: North Douglas downstream of Sinton Rd - stabilized 30 foot cut bank with large boulders; ~$6 million. Cottonwood Creek at Austin Bluffs - heavily incised with large amounts of sediment; stabilized with sculpted concrete drop structures; $6.4 million.
      4. The City of Colorado Springs spends $3.5 million/year on stormwater maintenance, including 275 miles of channel.
   2. In Lieu Fee Program Update - Lucy Harrington, GEI
      1. Prospectus & Approval Overview
         1. Review of Progress to Date: Phase 1 & 2 included collecting information, site visits, conceptualization, finance review.
         2. ILF Development Timeline: develop prospectus, share with agencies for review, create public notice for public to review, share draft ILF with agencies - iterative process of submission for feedback multiple times over, create final ILF which is submitted for signature and eventual implementation.
         3. Prospectus Needs: discussing concepts in stages from service areas, project types, and site selection to water rights, long-term management funding, and long-term monitoring and reporting. Intend to submit draft to agencies in July 2024, submit for public notice in August 2024.
   3. Jackson Creek - Dr. Brian Mihlbachler, Ann Worner
      1. Proposed Restoration, A Collaborative Effort:
2. **Executive Director Report**
3. **Old Business**
   1. District Rebranding Update
4. **New Business**
   1. ~~Remote Work Policy~~ Tabled until May meeting
   2. ~~Matrix General Support Contract 2024~~ Tabled until May meeting
   3. ~~Website Accessibility Policy~~ Tabled until May meeting
5. **Committee Updates**

**HR/Contracts:** None.

**Finance:** None.

**Governance:** None.

1. **Executive Session**

None.

1. **Public Comment**

None.

1. **Confirm Next Meetings - ALL MEETINGS NOW HYBRID!**

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

* 1. Fri May 17, 9am
  2. June/July - no meetings
  3. Fri Aug 16, 9am
  4. Fri Sept 20, 9am
  5. Fri Oct 18, 9am - District Tour
  6. Fri Nov 15, 9am - Budget Hearing
  7. December - no meeting

1. **Adjourn Board Meeting**

Chair Estes adjourned the Board Meeting.