

# BCWA Board Meeting Summary

March 9, 2016

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**Members and Participants Present** Pat O’Connell, Jefferson County; Mike Towner and Alan Searcy, Lakewood; Bert Weaver, Clear Creek County; Dave Lighthart, Evergreen; Chris Schauder, West Jefferson Metro District; Tony Langowski, Kittredge Water and Sanitation District; Simon Farrell (The Fort, Aspen Park); Fritz Foutz, Morrison; Chris Brownell, Genesee; District; Russell Clayshulte, Manager

**Call To Order** – Chris Schauder called meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., a quorum was present. The meeting held at the Evergreen Metro District Offices.

## **Board Action Items**

1. **February 2016 Meeting Summary** –A motion was made by Pat O’Connell and seconded by Chris Schauder to accept the meeting summary as presented. The motion passed.
2. **Billings** - A motion was made by Chris Brownell and seconded by Tony Langowski to pay the bills as presented. The motion passed.
3. **TRS Recommendations**
  - 2015 WLA were affirmed as correct and can be used in annual report.
  - ME08 Erosion Pin Method – After some discussion on the method and its application a motion was made by Mike Towner and seconded by Simon Farrell to accept the sample method as presented and discussed. The motion passed.
  - 2015 WQCC Summary for inclusion into 2015 annual report - After some discussion on the WQCC summary and with the recognition that additional changes can be made when the annual report is finalized in May, a motion Dave Lighthart and seconded by Chris Brownell to accept the summary as presented. The motion passed.
4. **Other Action Items** – The manager presented and reviewed the following documents for BCWA review and action.
  - ME09 2015 Habitat and Physical Site Summaries – After some discussion on the summaries and with the request to add a key summarizing the number ranges, a motion was made by Dave Lighthart and seconded by Chris Schauder to accept the summaries as discussed. The motion passed.
  - BCWA TM2015.11 – The manager reviewed the 2015 fishery data as provided by the Colorado Parks and Wildlife. A motion was made by Chris Schauder and seconded by Bert Weaver to accept the TM2015.11 as presented. The motion passed.

## **Board Discussion Items**

1. The manager reviewed the Colorado Environmental Leadership Program with the CDPHE. The Association is willing to apply at the gold leadership level provided this program remains a benefit to the membership and doesn’t require a lot of additional time. The manager will continue discussion with state staff on the application and report back to the membership.

2. Watershed Investigation Series Discussion. There have been a number of water quality problems previously found by both the Association and public that have been evaluated and in some cases acted on by the Association as a management agency. Some of these incidents, e.g., Summit plume and Kerr Gulch, have been thoroughly studied, while others have been largely ignored, e.g., reports in Margaret's online database. The manager noted the need to better document reported or observed water quality problems identified in the watershed. An example was done for an incident reported by the public in Morrison, which had limited distribution. There was considerable discussion on how this reporting should occur, the notification process, linkage to existing or needed policy documents, what role the BCWA has in incident investigations, how the membership needs to react to public concerns and reported pollution. There was a concern about jurisdiction and how far the Association takes incident reporting. Membership was concerned about the concept of investigation as compared with incident reporting. The manager noted that the control regulation and designation as a water quality management agency imparts a responsibility on the Association to address water quality concerns that could affect standards and designated uses. Some members believed it was important to have some type of incident reporting and make sure there was some type of response. Other members felt this exceeded the responsibility of the management agency. The issue was referred to the TRS for more discussion and policy review.
3. Control Regulation #74 TRIH – The Association will support the WQCD staff recommendation not to request a near future rule making hearing.
4. Membership annual report items was referred to the next meeting for input into a may annual Report.

#### **Membership Updates and Issues Forum**

**Evergreen** – Updates were made on the WARSSS and CREAT projects that are underway and involve the EMD and Association.

**Jefferson County** – No update.

**Jefferson County Health Department** –No update.

**Clear Creek County** - No update.

**Lakewood** - Provided an update on BCR conditions.

**Denver Water** - No update.

**Wastewater Dischargers** - Simon noted construction status of the Outdoor Lab new plant and the Fort Resturant, and involvement to help close out the SRR facility.

**Corps of Engineers** – No update.

**Jeffco Schools** – New Mt. Evan School treatment works, completion expected in April 2016.

**The Fort** – Expected to opt out in 2016 with new system in place by summer 2016.

**Administrative Items** – No discussions.

**Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m. (Motion by Chris Brownell and seconded by Simon Farrell).