

Park County Land and Water Trust Fund (LWTF) board  
Meeting Minutes  
February 3, 2016  
Shawnee Community Center, CO

1. Lynda James called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM and noted attendance of board members as follows:
  - District 1      John Woodward
  - District 2      Tom Eisenman (excused absence)
  - District 3      Jim Fagerstrom (excused absence)
  - At large        Lynda James
  - At Large        Dan Drucker
  - At Large        Ramon Castro (not present)
  - At Large        Dave Wissel

Guests present: Frank Just & Tina Darrah - Town of Fairplay, Peter Barkmann & Lesley Sebol - CO Geological Survey, Carol Ekarius - Coalition Upper South Platte (CUSP), Mark Beardsley EcoMetrics, Pam Jacobus & Myron Morrow – public
2. Everyone introduced themselves -
3. Administrative matters.
  - a. Agenda - John made a motion to approve the agenda. Dave seconded and the agenda passed.
  - b. Election of Officers – Dave made a motion to accept same officers (Lynda James – Chairman, John Woodward – Vice Chairman) John seconded. The motion passed.
  - c. Minutes - John made a motion to approve November regular minutes and December work session minutes. Dave seconded and the motion passed approving both sets of minutes.
  - c. Financial – So far the sales tax being collected this year is ahead of the amount collected last year. . Currently only two new projects are scheduled for 2016 and four outstanding projects from 2015. After reviewing the financial paperwork, Dave made a motion to accept the financials as presented. John seconded and the motion passed.
  - d. Website Update - Working on updating current and past projects. Tried loading files and photos onto the website. The website kept sending errors, so emailed the webmaster and found out new security software was uploaded, which did not allow any to files to be uploaded . Any PDF files need to be in separate files because cannot edit a pdf file to remove unwanted information.
4. Updates and/or Decisions on Projects
  - a. Fairplay Beach Land Purchase- The town of Fairplay is purchasing a 15 acre parcel of land that lies between Fairplay Beach and town-owned land just downstream. This is the last piece of land that will allow public ownership of all the land around the Middle Fork of the South Platte River running through the town of Fairplay. They will maintain open space and create trails, fishing and picnicking areas. Stream and riparian habitat restoration will be implemented. They will reclaim some of the dredge piles. A few dredge piles will remain for historical purposes. Last year’s flooding caused a lot of damage to the beach. The road needs fixing along with re-dredging. John made a motion to approve \$175,000 for the town of Fairplay to purchase 15 acres. Dan seconded and the motion passed.
  - b. Fairplay Beach augmentation water purchase - Lynda and Dave recused themselves, because they are members of the Upper South Platte Water Conservancy District (USPWCD). The district is one of two entities that has an option on the water that will be purchased and is one of the applicants for the project. John ran the meeting for this item since Lynda recused herself. The state gave the town of Fairplay a deadline to find augmentation water for the Beach. Once the LWTF purchases the water, the Headwater Authority of the South Platte (HASP) will own the water and manage it for the Town of Fairplay, who will become a customer of HASP. Because their funds are tied up they don’t have money to purchase the water at this time. The water is available for purchase now and will help make the deadline the state has set on augmentation water for the Fairplay Beach. Dave made a motion to approve \$130,000 to purchase water for Fairplay Beach augmentation. Dan seconded and the motion passed with only Dan and John voting.

c. Fish Habitat Study- Lynda resumed the chairmanship of the meeting. Everyone is excited about the data which they have collected showing fish movement. They discovered two strains of Brown Trout. One strain migrates further than the other strain.

d. CUSP updates – **Groundwater Quality Compilation** – They have combined all the data they collected from different areas into one data set based on the formation the aquifer is located in. There is lots of data in the database. They have decades of data from the USGS. They are looking at data from health departments but not all of the data is pertinent. They have created water characterization and quality maps. So far the data is in PDF files. The data will be on the Colorado Geological Society website. They are working on inputting the data into the Colorado Data Sharing Network. So far they have not been able to overcome major problems with combining and uploading the data to the network. The data shows that in some aquifers the concentration of total dissolved solids is high. The Stiff diagrams, showing the character of the water are very interesting.

The final report will be presented in the May meeting. They may request more funds to collect more data filling in under- represented aquifers.

5. Public Comment –

6. Directors Comments.

The next meeting is May 4, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Respectively Submitted by Michelle Barry -Secretary