



BOULDER WATERSHED COLLECTIVE

Board Meeting Notes

July 12, 2023 from 12:30-2:00PM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88187581378?pwd=eGdxUFRGcW9MUjZUGd3SGJIMFBzUT09>

Attendees: Maya MacHamer, Catherine Schloegel, Joe Middleton, Kelsey Lesniak, Stefan Reinold, Kate Ryan, Kirin Riddell, Eric Kennedy, Kim Lennberg, Cat Price

1. Board Meeting Management
 - a. Approval of June meeting minutes
 - b. Next meeting: August 9, 2023
 - c. All in favor of approving minutes.

2. Financial Review
 - a. Review Financial Reports
 - b. Review Checks for Approval
 - c. See attached documents.
 - d. Motion to approve checks:
 - i. Joe Middleton first – Stefan seconds.
 - ii. Approved.
 - e. Kelly will step down as Treasurer in order to avoid any conflict of interest, so we'll need to fill that position on our board.
 - f. Will most likely spend more money that we have been spending in order to utilize the financial consultants/firm, but will set up us up for sound success.

3. Water Program Updates
 - a. CDPHE Environmental Justice – San Lazaro Mobile Home Community
 - i. Examining current micro-watershed and identifying solutions to improve water quality.
 - ii. 1 year grant beginning July 2023 – ending next June 30.
 - iii. Lots of partners and deep community history.
 - iv. We are more of the logistical arm: planning and project management, but there is a lot of community engagement built into it.
 - v. Currently there is not good communication between residents, owners, water treatment manager, other agencies, CDPHE reports, etc. Could



end up just facilitating a lot of conversations as a solution in that way in itself.

- vi. Small water treatment plant – shallow ground water system they draw from that goes into a small shallow pond. They are compliant with state level water quality, but secondary issues are unknown / unregulated.
 - vii. Legislation just passed in the state that the state is going to collect samples at a large number of mobile home parks in Colorado – SL impacts are very common in most parks across the state.
 - viii. The parameters that affect color, taste, smell, are not regulated, so hopefully this is good timing to get them ready for State’s work starting next year.
 - ix. They want standardized results so we’re hoping to coordinate sampling parameters with their objectives as well.
 - x. Has expanded our professional and organizational standpoints / understanding / networks.
- b. Upper Watershed Water Quality Sampling
- i. Impacts in the headwaters around forest service campgrounds.
 - ii. Inform decision makers. Creekside, dispersed campsites were closed.
 - iii. Ruby Gulch has been interesting and we hope our data will be helpful to integrate in those further discussions.
 - iv. Catherine suggests presenting the leaders of the recreational forest service folks. They don’t realize how good they have it with your nonprofit helpers.
 - v. Is there historical data to at this sampling sites to compare?
 - 1. No not really. Data on larger water, but not these smaller tributaries that this camping is highly concentrated.
 - 2. Mercury could be attributed to atmospheric depositions, LTR is also seeing mercury everywhere.
 - vi. Do we plan on looking for more funding to continue?
 - 1. Unless there’s a higher demand for this data, no...
 - 2. Catherine suggest we might want to present to forest service sooner than later in case they do find value and want to kick in funds.
 - vii. We do have funding for analysis so will start that soon.

4. Walk-On Discussion

- a. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/climate-solutions/2023/07/10/wildfire-prevention-mushroom-composting/>
- b. Events: Patagonia stuff.
- c. Google presentation.
- d. Stefan: County has been working with DRMS looking at the Conger mine. 185ft stretch that goes under the piles – not many contaminants in the water but are looking to daylight that creek and see what restoration can be implemented to help with erosion – 2024 project. Sherwood adjacent to Caribou ranch. In



design phase right now, so not sure if they'll remove the tailings and cap it or address another way. Report in the chat. A lot of the pictures display tires

- e. On mining topic: two sites have designs now, but we don't have funding for the implementation. Maybe CWCB will fund now, but haven't been able to find funding to get those implemented. Implementation funding is needed – federal has a lot but it takes forever and ever and they don't know what they want to do with it. We're shovel ready!
 - i. Sweet Home Gulch
 - ii. Emerson Gulch
- f. About to sign a service agreement with CSFS as technical partner for managing the large frwrn grant we got. More than 300 acres of forestry in Coal Creek Canyon.

Adjourned at 1:13pm