



**Colorado Association of Stormwater & Floodplain Managers
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

Held at Sandstone Ranch in Longmont, CO
May 10, 2012

Meeting Attendees

Officers:

Chair – Dave Bennetts, UDFCD
Vice Chair – Brian Varrella, City of Fort Collins
Secretary – Shea Thomas, UDFCD

Committee Chairs:

Stormwater Quality – Holly Piza, UDFCD

Members:

Ela Nelson, City of Longmont
Susan Hayes, Independent
Keith Curtis, Pikes Peak RBD
David Hollingsworth, City of Longmont
Joel McGuire, Belt Collins West
John Pflaum, Independent
Kevin Houck, CWCB

The following is a summary of the interactions, comments and items discussed. While this summary is not intended to represent a complete or comprehensive account of the meeting, it is intended to reflect the salient points raised and issues presented for further consideration. Should the attendees believe that anything might be misrepresented or misleading, please bring this to the attention of Shea Thomas, CASFM Secretary.

1) Call to Order

Dave Bennetts called the meeting to order. A quorum of officers and regional representatives was present

2) Secretary's Report

Draft minutes from the March 8, 2012 General Membership meeting at Michael Baker Jr. in Lakewood were distributed and reviewed. Two corrections were noted: the spelling of Terri Fead's name on Page 4 and the language regarding the free webinar access for Lunch n Learns also on Page 4. A motion was passed unanimously to approve the minutes as amended.

3) Treasurer's Report

Deb Ohlinger was not in attendance but provided a summary of expenses and revenues to date, which was distributed to members present. As of May 3, 2012, there was \$21,063.58 held in the savings account and \$26,243.53 in the checking account. The Workshops line item in the Expenses portion of the budget is over by \$10,920.56, but the corresponding item in the Revenues portion is also over by \$11,143.54 so it is not a

concern. The remainder of the expenses and revenues for the year are in line with the budget.

The Treasurer's report was unanimously approved by a motion and a vote.

The accountant that has been used for the past several years (Joyce Zeglin) is behind on her work so an extension will need to be filed for the 2011 tax return. The idea of finding a new accountant for next year's taxes was discussed.

4) Regional Representatives' Reports

- a) **Denver Metro** – Robert Krehbiel was not in attendance but submitted a report. The next social will be May 15th at Champps in Littleton. Troy Thompson of ERC will present on the South Platte River restoration efforts downstream of Chatfield dam.
- b) **Northeast Region** – Mark Kempton was not in attendance and did not submit a report.
- c) **Southeast Region** – Michael Augenstein was not in attendance and did not submit a report.
- d) **Northwest Region** – Betsy Suerth was not in attendance but submitted a report. Betsy is hosting and Erosion Control Workshop on Friday. The class is full with over 45 registrants. Brian Whiteley is the South Piceance Environmental Field Corrdinator with Encana and will be leading the workshop. Brian recently won the International Erosion Control Association's (IECA) Mountain States Chapter (MSC) 2011 Innovative Project Award with his Divide Creek final reclaim project. The Chapter's board was pleased CASFM is hosting this workshop and sent a donation of \$400 to cover part of the tour bus cost. The workshop should be a great opportunity to mix with colleagues from the BLM, the Forest Service and several CFMs and APA members.
- e) **Southwest Region** – Sam Samuelson was not in attendance and did not submit a report.

5) Committee Reports

- a) **Floodplain/CFM** – Kallie Bauer was not in attendance and did not submit a report. Dave Bennetts reported that a CFM course and exam was held at UDFCD last week. The class filled up quickly, with 16 people attending. Dave Bennetts suggested hosting the course and test annually to give people an opportunity to attend outside of the conference. Kevin Houck suggested holding it at a different location next time to accommodate more people since people were turned away this time. Brian Varrella suggested limiting those attending the refresher course to those who will commit to taking the test the following day since this time several people only attended the class for CEC credits and did not sit for the test.
- b) **Stormwater Quality** – Holly Piza reported that the water quality field trip was advertised last week. There is a theme this year: constructed wetland ponds. Scheduled stops will include the Barnum Park Constructed Wetlands, the High Plains Evnironmental Center Wetland Ecology Demonstration Garden, the High Plains Environmental Center Native Plant and Wetland Propagation Facility, the Constructed Wetland at Centerra Marketplace, Mcwhinney Pond and Wernimont Ponds. Attendees have the option of starting in Denver or meeting up with the group in Loveland. The trip has been approved for 4 CECs. Registration is online. The cost for the WQ Field Trip is \$30 though it usually generates revenue and may be lowered to \$25 next year. The trip will take place on June 28th, a 55 passenger bus has been reserved.
- c) **Outreach** – Ken Cecil was not in attendance and did not submit a report.

- d) **Scholarship** – Morgan McDermott was not in attendance. Shea reported that scholarship packages will be distributed in the early fall with recipient selection occurring by Thanksgiving.
- e) **Membership** – Kevin Gingery was not in attendance but submitted a report. The 2012 CASFM membership headcount currently stands at 670 folks.
- f) **Training** – Chris Carlson was not in attendance and did not submit a report. Holly Piza reported that the first Lunch n Learn was a success. David Mallory and Terri Fead from Urban Drainage and Flood Control District presented on the digital LOMC process. It was well attended with standing room only left. The next Lunch n Learn will be in July. No topic has been selected yet and the committee is open to suggestions. If there are no specific requests, the subject will be something UDFCD-related (UD-spreadsheets, BMP design, BMP design, etc.). Brian Varrella suggested resurrecting the LOMA/Elevation Certificate topic that was covered in a workshop format a few years ago. Susan Hayes suggested a topic related to flood insurance.
- g) **Website** – Stuart Gardner was not in attendance and did not submit a report.
- h) **Community Rating System** – Marsha Hilmes-Robinson was not in attendance but submitted a report. The webinars on the new CRS manual have wrapped up. The committee participated in three webinars on various CRS activities. Kerry Redente with ISO is preparing for a four hour workshop at the annual conference regarding the CRS changes. One of the next meeting topics will be on the dam safety credits for CRS. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled.

Susan Hayes initiated a discussion about the dam safety credits. The new CRS revisions state the local governments must share information of potential flooding downstream of dams with the public in order to obtain those credits, and communities will lose existing credits if this notification is not provided. Dams are under the purview of DHS and inundation information is considered privileged information, so there is a conflict of practices and local governments are not sure how to proceed. Monica Bortolini at SEMSWA has offered to lead the charge with the State to get questions answered about the appropriate actions and through this process will draw in USACE and BuRec.

- i) **Annual Conference** – Robert Krehbiel was not in attendance so Shea Thomas reported in his place. The keynote speaker will be Michael Brown on Wednesday morning and the featured speaker on Thursday morning will be Jeff Shoemaker with The Greenway Foundation. The deadline for submitting abstracts for presenting at the conference has passed. There were 39 abstracts received, with 36 technical presentation spots available. Speakers will be notified next week after committee selects and groups the presentations into tracks. There were 5 abstracts submitted for workshops, with 2 or 3 spots available. A discussion on the potential for offering a workshop on Friday morning was held, with the consensus being to include one on the agenda. Two field trips are being planned: a bike ride coordinated by Rich Ommert of RESPEC and a walking tour with fly fishing option along the Yampa River to view recent restoration activities. Dave Center with AECOM has begun coordinating with the local golf course for the CASFM Golf Tournament. The plan for entertainment on Thursday night after the awards dinner is to reserve or rent out the nearby Tugboat Bar and Grill. Brian Varrella suggested the band Prairie Dog Companion for live music.
- 6) **ASFPM Report** – Elections were recently held for both the Regional Director and Chapter Director positions. Our very own Brian Varrella was elected into the position of Regional Director of Region 8. The Chapter Director position was filled by someone in Iowa; no one from Colorado ran for that position. Dave Bennetts has written the Annual Chapter Report and submitted it to ASFPM.

7) Other Business

- a) **Update Logo** – CASFM has had the current logo since the organization was created in 1989. Janae Newman from Olsson Associates has drafted up 7 concepts for a new logo. Dave Bennett distributed the draft logos to the group. The general consensus was to not have a circle feature and to include a mountain and a river in the image. Janae will provide a final logo based on that information.
- b) **Email Notifications** – The new email delivery service has experienced minor technical difficulties. In many cases the emails have been showing up in spam folders and sometimes the recipients are getting no notification of the email at all. Also, images embedded in the email aren't getting through. This transition is a work in progress and Stuart Gardner is working diligently to work out the bugs. The plan is to send out an email with the old system explaining how to modify user settings to accept emails in the new format. Dave Bennetts will also touch on this when he addresses the general membership at the annual conference.
- c) **July Meeting Location** – The July meeting will be held in Steamboat Springs so the conference committee can tour the conference facilities in conjunction with the meeting. Stuart Gardner is coordinating a location for the website and will post it on the website once it's been determined.
- d) **Memorial Fund** – Dave Bennetts suggested CASFM express its condolences for passing of a past Chair Brad Anderson's son. The City of Fort Collins is planning on planting a tree and marker in the city as a memorial. A motion was moved and passed to contribute \$250 of CASFM funds to the memorial.

8) Adjourn

- a) **Next General Membership Meeting;**
Date + Time: Friday, July 13, 2012, 12:00 PM
Location: TBD
- b) **Move to adjourn** – Motion and second. Meeting adjourned by the Chair.

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