



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

Held at Sheraton Steamboat Springs Hotel
September 27, 2012

Meeting Attendees

Officers:

Chair – Dave Bennetts, UDFCD
Vice Chair – Brian Varrella, City of Fort Collins
Secretary – Shea Thomas, UDFCD
Treasurer – Deb Ohlinger, Olsson
Metro Representative – Robert Krehbiel, Matrix Design Group
NW Region Representative – Betsy Suerth, Garfield County

Committee Chairs:

Website – Stuart Gardner, CDOT
Water Quality – Holly Piza, UDFCD
Training – Chris Carlson, City of Longmont

Members:

Conference Attendees

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 July 13, 2012 General Membership meeting at the Steamboat Sheraton Hotel in Steamboat Springs were distributed and reviewed. A motion was passed unanimously to approve the minutes without amendment.

3) Treasurer's Report

Deb Ohlinger provided a summary of expenses and revenues to date, which was distributed to members present. As of September 24, 2012, there was \$106,097.06 held in the checking account and \$21,068.83 in the savings account. 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.

4) Regional Representatives' Reports

- a) **Denver Metro** – Robert Krehbiel provided a summary of the last social, which was held on September 5th at Babi Yar Park in southeast Denver. Dave Bennetts and Barb

Chongtoua with the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District and Kent Barringer, Terry Martin and Daniel Lowen with ICON Engineering presented the drainageway improvement project. Approximately 50 people attended both the field trip and social event afterwards. Robert is planning one more social in November before handing the duties off to the new representative, Danny Elsner with SEH.

- b) **Northeast Region** – Mark Kempton reported that he is planning on one more social before end of year and is welcoming suggestions for topics and locations.
- c) **Southeast Region** – Michael Augenstein was not in attendance and did not submit a report.
- d) **Northwest Region** – Betsy Suerth was not in attendance and did not submit a report.
- 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.
- b) **Stormwater Quality** – Holly Piza gave a summary of the annual water quality field trip that was held in June. She solicited suggestions for stops fitting in the theme of Rain Gardens and Sand Filters for the 2013 field trip.
- c) **Outreach** – Ken Cecil was not in attendance and did not submit a report.
- d) **Scholarship** – Morgan McDermott was not in attendance and did not submit a report. She did present the winners of the 2011-2012 scholarships to the general membership at the lunch on Wednesday. She also reported that the application packages for the 2012-2013 scholarships are available on the CASFM website and have been distributed to the various colleges and universities.
- e) **Membership** – Kevin Gingery was not in attendance but submitted a report. The 2012 CASFM membership headcount currently stands at 672 folks.
- f) **Training** – Chris Carlson reported that Lunch and Learn opportunities will continue to occur on a quarterly basis and solicited requests for training topics. There will be 1 CEC unit available to all CFMs attending a Lunch and Learn event. The next event will be on October 17th at the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District office. Mary Powell with ERO Resources will present The Engineer's Key Role in Clean Water Act Section 404 Compliance.
- g) **Website** – Stuart Gardner reported that CASFM changed web host providers. He also stated that Signup4 is working well for registrations. Due to the structure of Signup4, CASFM is able to do registrations for other related events (UDFCD Annual Seminar, etc.) and pass through the costs. The new email process is working well now that the initial problems users experienced have been solved.
- h) **Community Rating System** – Marsha Hilmes-Robinson was not in attendance but submitted a report. The next CRS committee meeting is planned for October 16th from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the Denver Wastewater Management Division. The agenda for the meeting includes a follow up on the CASFM CRS workshop, activity 510 and dam inundation issues, credit for CRS meetings, an update on the CRS Manual adoption and other ISO and FEMA issues.
- i) **Annual Conference** – Robert Krehbiel reported that a post-conference evaluation survey will be sent out to conference attendees next week. The conference next year will be held at the same location but two weeks earlier. Suggestions are welcome for improving the conference.

- 6) **ASFPM Report** – Brian Varrella was introduced as the new region director for ASFPM. He reported briefly on the NFIP Reform Act, which was signed by president this year. ASFPM has posted an analysis of the bill on their website (floods.org). CASFM will be applying for the first ever ASFPM Outstanding Chapter Award, which is intended to showcase the most outstanding of the 34 chapters in nation. Brian will lead the application process but is looking for assistance
- 7) **Other Business**
- a) **Update Logo** – Dave Bennetts officially presented the new CASFM logo.
 - b) **Arid Regions Conference** – Dave Bennetts mentioned the Arid Regions Conference which will be held in October 2014. The conference organizers are requesting participation from each of the state/regional organizations in order to get a good cross section of floodplain management professionals that would have an interest in Arid Regions topics. Dave is soliciting CASFM volunteers to participate in that conference.
 - c) **Tax Status Update** – Dave Bennetts summarized the arduous process of changing CASFM's tax status that has taken over a year and a half to date. Once changed, CASFM will be able to file for reimbursement of taxes paid back to the time the application was accepted by the IRS, though it may not be worth the effort.
 - d) **Charity** – Penn Gildersleeve solicited donations to support expansion of the CoCoRaHS rain gauge network or the Post Wildfire Flooding Early Warning Grants in the Waldo Canyon and High Park wildfire areas at the ICON Engineering vendor booth.
 - e) **Social Media** – A new Social Media Committee has been created and they are exploring the appropriate social media venue for CASFM. To date, the committee has established a LinkedIn group that already contains 103 members.
- 8) **Adjourn**
- a) **Next General Membership Meeting;**
 - Date + Time:** Thursday, November 8, 2012, 9:00 AM
 - Location:** Michael Baker in Lakewood
 - Address:** 165 S. Union Blvd., Suite 200
 - b) **Move to adjourn** – Motion and second. Meeting adjourned by the Chair.