



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

Held at Urban Drainage and Flood Control District in Denver, CO
January 10, 2013

Meeting Attendees

Officers:

Chair – Dave Bennetts, UDFCD
Vice Chair – Brian Varrella, City of Fort Collins
Secretary – Shea Thomas, UDFCD
Treasurer – Brian Murphy, CDM Smith
Metro Representative – Danny Elsner, SEH
Northwest Representative – Andi Staley, Mesa County (phone)

Committee Chairs:

Floodplain – Kallie Bauer, Michael Baker Jr.
Stormwater Quality – Holly Piza, UDFCD
Outreach – Ken Cecil, J3
Scholarship – Morgan McDermott, ICON
Training – Chris Carlson, City of Loveland
Website – Stuart Gardner, CDOT (phone)
CRS – Marsha Himes Robinson, City of Fort Collins
Conference – Robert Krehbiel, Matrix Design Group

Members:

Kevin Houck, CWCB
Katie McKain, Sustainable Paving Systems
Chuck Weiss, NV5
David Mallory, UDFCD
Jamie Prochno, CWCB
Andy Gruel, Independent
Bill DeGroot, UDFCD
John Pflaum, Independent
Jason Messamer, Olsson Associates
Aaron Asquith, Merrick
Derek Rapp, Peak Stormwater
Susan Hayes, Independent
Dave Skuodas, UDFCD
Joanna Czarnecka, UDFCD
Rick Gay, CDOT (phone)
Cory Hooper, CH2M Hill (phone)
Alan Turner, CH2M Hill (phone)
ICON Engineering (phone)

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 November 8, 2012 General Membership meeting held at Michael Baker, Jr. in Lakewood were distributed and reviewed. A motion was passed unanimously to approve the minutes as amended.

3) **Treasurer's Report**

Brian Murphy provided a summary of expenses and revenues to date, which was distributed to members present. As of January 2, 2013, there was \$24,489.57 held in the general savings account, \$20,004.82 in the CASFM Family savings account and \$16,792.70 in the checking account. The end of year budget expenses were \$127,695.00 and the actual expenses were \$129,705.10, resulting in a loss of \$2,010.10. The end of year budget revenue was \$117,000.00 and the actual revenue was \$128,776.90, resulting in a gain of \$11,776.90. The total actual loss was \$906.96 in 2012.

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

The final 2013 budget was presented to members present. The total Expenses are expected to be \$134,375 and the total Revenue are estimated at \$120,500, resulting in a total loss of \$13,825. The checking account is starting with a balance of \$16,793 so even with the loss there will still be funds available for all expenses budgeted. The only revision from the draft presented in November was the expenses for Workshops was left at \$5,000 rather than reduced to \$2,000 as discussed at the last meeting. A discussion was held about the Workshops line item and the need for a separate line item for pass-through costs. Brian will meet with CASFM's new accountant in February to discuss taxes and budgeting. Following that meeting, Brian will revise the budget per the accountant's recommendations and include a new line item under both Expenses and Revenues for Workshops. It was decided the endowment scholarship funds should be removed from the budget and handled separately. Brian also suggested adjusting the annual budget process to align better with CASFM's financial year. Next year, the treasurer will present the draft budget at the January meeting and it will be adopted at the March meeting.

The 2013 Budget will be amended and presented for adoption at the general membership meeting in March.

4) **Regional Representatives' Reports**

- a) **Denver Metro** – Danny Elsner reported there will be social on February 5th at the Irish Snug in the Highlands. Chris Sturm will be presenting an overview of the CWCB's Watershed Restoration Program, specifically covering the rehabilitation and restoration of the Hayman, Waldo Canyon and High Park Fire regions. Danny is also welcoming suggestions for topics and speakers for a social in May. Chris Carlson suggested Dr. Chris Thornton as a possible speaker. Chris has done work on levee overtopping and will present his work at the next Northeast Region social so he will already have a presentation prepared. Chris will put Danny in touch with Dr. Thornton.
- b) **Northeast Region** – Mark Kempton was not in attendance but submitted a report stating there will be a social in Fort Collins on either February 6th or 7th at Old Chicago's in Old Town. Dr. Chris Thornton from CSU will speak to the university's innovative simulation of

levee wave overtopping scenarios. A short video link showcasing the CSU research is available on the CASFM LinkedIn discussion board.

- c) **Southeast Region** – Michael Augenstein was not in attendance and did not submit a report.
- d) **Northwest Region** – Andi Staley was in attendance via conference call and reported there will be a social and training in Grand Junction in the spring. She said Dave Krickbaum of Olsson Associates offered his staff to lead a presentation. Andi will follow up with Dave. Andi is also requesting topic and speaker suggestions for future socials.
- e) **Southwest Region** – Sam Samuelson was not in attendance but sent an email stating there is nothing to report.

5) Committee Reports

- a) **Floodplain/CFM** – Kallie Bauer reported the group has taken a break after the conference and has nothing to report. They are still discussing the potential for offering the exam outside of the conference one time this year. Andi Staley said there is interest in hosting one on the western slope and will look into the logistics. Other members will help increase attendance by reaching out to floodplain managers in Utah and New Mexico. Kevin Houck and Jamie Prochno offered to help reach out to colleagues in adjacent states, and Brian Varrella offered to mobilize ASFPM resources to extend the offer throughout FEMA Region VIII.
- b) **Stormwater Quality** – Holly Piza reported the annual field trip will be held on June 12. The theme will be Sand Filters and Rain Gardens; she is still looking for a couple other sites to add to her itinerary. The fee to participate will be \$35 which also covers lunch.
- c) **Outreach** – Ken Cecil was in attendance and reported that the CML outreach is not as productive as he'd hopes so the committee will be redirecting their efforts. Ken proposed removing the CML membership fee from the budget and perhaps using those funds to produce a brochure for CASFM that can be used for future outreach events. Dave Bennetts will be attending a CML meeting soon and will convey to the organization that CASFM will remain a resource for them but will no longer hold membership status.
- d) **Scholarship** – Morgan McDermott reported the two scholarships were awarded in December. The winner of the UWRI scholarship was Jack Danneberg, an environmental engineering student at CSU. The winner of the Ben Urbonas scholarship was Henny Debesu, graduate student in Hydrology and Hydraulics at CU-Denver. An unusually large percentage of the applicants attended CSU and there were no applicants from CU, so the committee will focus on finding the right contacts at that school. Dave Bennetts has a contact for CU and will forward the information to Morgan.
- e) **Training** – Chris Carlson reported there will be a Lunch and Learn on January 16th at the Urban Drainage and Flood Control District. Dough Laiho and Ashley Ficke of GEI Consultants will present Engineering for Fish – Fish Passage. For the first time members will be able to participate via conference call and receive CECs. The presentation (audio and visual) will be recorded using GoToMeeting and made available on the CASFM Youtube site. Susan Hayes recommended using Red Vector, an online education website, in the future. The mixed media committee will look into it.

The next Lunch and Learn will be on April 17th at the same location. Ben Urbonas of the Urban Watersheds Research Institute will present CUHP – History and Calibration.

- f) **Membership** – Kevin Gingery was not in attendance but submitted a report stating the 2013 membership count stands at 497. Renewal reminder notifications will be sent out at the end of January.

- g) **Website** – Stuart Gardner was in attendance via conference call and reported that the registration process is going well and the new email process is running smoothly.
- h) **Community Rating System** – Marsha Hilmes-Robinson was not in attendance but emailed stating there is nothing to report.
- i) **Annual Conference** – Robert Krehbiel reported the 2013 conference will be held from September 10-13 in Steamboat Springs. The Call for Papers will be sent out in early February and responses will be due April 30th. The Call for Project Award Nominations will go out at the same time with applications due June 30th.

A discussion was held about potential keynote and featured speakers. Bill DeGroot suggested looking into booking photographer John Fielder, who gives a visually stimulating presentation on past Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) projects. Brian Murphy suggested also having someone from GOCO present in tandem to speak about the organization. Shea Thomas suggested George Haines, the Director of Operations of the Peregrine Leadership Institute, to speak about generational differences in the workplace. Brian Murphy recommended finding someone to speak about the NFIP reform.

Shea suggested that we wait until the keynote speakers have been booked to determine a theme in order to have the theme appropriately reflect the message delivered by the keynote, so themes will be discussed at the next general membership meeting.

Several potential workshop were discussed, including NFIP Reform led by David Mallory and a representative from CWCB, Stream Restoration led by Brian Bledsoe of CSU, BMP Design led by Holly Piza of UDFCD, and a variety of topics led by David Williams of NV5.

Possible field trips include a presentation and walk through of the recently daylighted tributary that runs behind the hotel led by Bill Wenk, and a continuation of the Yampa River field trip held last year to view new stabilization efforts completed since last fall.

The entertainment will likely be similar to last year with all members gathering at The Tugboat Bar and Grill, however there will be no live music this year.

Electronic copies of the powerpoint presentations will not be required 2 weeks in advance this year so no flash drive or conference CD will be provided. Instead all presentations will be posted to the CASFM website after the conference.

There will only be 3 project award presentations this year in order to give the selected presenters more time for question and answers.

6) **ASFPM Report**

Brian Varrella, ASFPM Region 8 Director, reported that Congress is attempting to pass spending for Sandy recovery; \$9.7 billion in aid was approved recently and another \$51 billion was 5 votes away from approval. He also reported there was a lengthy discussion about a new hospital facility in Livingston, Montana, and the controversy surrounding locating the hospital in a potential floodplain and environmental buffer on the Yellowstone River. He recommends Googling “Livingston Montana Hospital floodplain” for more information.

7) **Other Business**

- a) **Chapter Award** – Brian Varrella reported he is still planning on submitting for the ASFPM Chapter Award by the end of February. Olsson Associates will support with the graphics. The award will be presented at the annual conference in June.
- b) **Tax Status** – Dave Bennetts stated there is nothing to report on the progress of the tax status change. Brian Murphy reported that he has sought out a new accountant to file

the organization's taxes and to review the books on a quarterly basis for a reasonable fee.

- c) **Board Meeting** – Dave Bennetts reported there will be a board meeting immediately following this meeting.
- d) **Newsletter** – Brian Varrella reported the next newsletter should be distributed in early February. He is planning on a creating a second newsletter to be sent out in the summer.

8) **Adjourn**

- a) **Next General Membership Meeting;**

Date + Time: Thursday, March 14, 2013, 9:00 AM

Location: CH2M Hill in Englewood

Address: 9193 South Jamaica Street, Englewood, CO 80112

- b) **Move to adjourn** – Motion and second. Meeting adjourned by the Chair.

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