

Barr Lake/Milton Reservoir Watershed Association
 BMW Board Meeting
 May 24th, 2016 9:00am – 11:30pm
 Metro Wastewater Reclamation District
Technical Services Building, Laboratory Room, First Floor

Minutes

Board Attendance:

Steve Lundt - Metro
 Julie Tinetti - Centennial
 Tim Grotheer - Centennial
 Blair Corning – S. Adams
 Michelle Seubert – CPW (phone)
 Amy Woodis – Metro
 James Boswell- Thornton
 Shelley Stanley – BDCWA
 Chris Douglass – ECCV

Sarah Reeves – SPCURE
 Laurie Rink– FRICO
 Dennis Stowe – L/E WWTP

Public Attendance:

Amy Conklin – BMW Coordinator
 Karen Lamansky – Applewood
 Bookkeeping

Laurie welcomed the group.

Updates/Action Items

Chair's Report - Coordinator Contract review/discussion – Amy presented the highlights of her proposed contract. It will run from August 1, 2016 to July 31, 2017. The contract does not include costs for maintaining the website. The Board had expressed a desire to consider contracting directly for the website maintenance so they could obtain insurance protection for hacks of the website. Amy left briefly so the Board could discuss the contract. The Board voted Thumbs up approval of contract. **Amy and Laurie** will finalize the contract.

Treasurer's Report

Introduction of bookkeeper, Karen Lamansky – Sarah reported on her background with Karen. Shelley has been working with Karen to set up categories and reporting forms of BMW revenues and expenses. The new categories will lend clarity to the quarterly Profit and Loss reports.

As of April 30th we have a balance of **\$143,786.83** The Board requested that only invoices that are not currently identified in the budget or that are over budget be brought to the Board for approval. Otherwise the Executive Committee, comprised of Board Officers, approve and sign checks.

Budget spreadsheet - Shelley described the categories in the budget. The intent is to connect the budget to the Implementation Plan for the TMDL The categories are the same for the Annual and 5-year budgets as well as the Implementation Plan. The timeline in the Implementation Plan will need to be revised soon if it is going to be useful in budget planning. The Board will review the budget status quarterly. The goal of the budgeting effort is to keep the categories as consistent as possible. Categories can be amended and will be reviewed as needed. There was a Thumbs Up vote to approve the categories and the proposed QuickBook forms with a desire

expressed to discuss a process for developing a strategic plan for implementation. The issue can be discussed at the July meeting, when there will be a final vote on the budget.

In-kind services are being tracked as part of the budget but the effort needs to be more robust. The I&E committee has hours that are not being reflected specifically, Michelle and Steve who conduct a lot of in-kind support to BMW. **The Budget Committee** will wrestle with how to track the in-kind donations. The group discovered that 319 grant program reporting only allows an hourly rate of \$23.56. We will continue tracking in-kind efforts as hourly contributions and assign hourly rates appropriate for the audience. Michelle thought she could easily provide monthly reporting of her in-kind hours. The Carp Reaping that Steve has been organizing will include donations from other professionals.

Coordinator Updates (Amy C.)

Approval of the April 26th Meeting Minutes – Thumbs Up approval.

Update on South Platte River Urban Waters Partnership Natural Capital Grant Project. Amy updated the group on a meeting she attended to kick off a project of the Urban Waters Partnership. The project's purpose is to create an interactive map of green infrastructure in the South Platte watershed boundary, which includes all of the BMW watershed. The Board suggested that Amy keep them informed as the project moves forward. It may provide information for us to track stormwater and nonpoint sources controls being implemented that should be included in documentation of the TMDL.

High Line Canal Conservancy – Amy reported on a meeting she attended of a group working to preserve and protect the High Line Canal as Denver Water stops using it for water delivery due to the 80% leakage rate. **Amy** will follow up with the group to see if they would like an informational presentation about BMW. They may be interested in developing an Adopt a Watershed – like program.

The Board gave a Thumbs Up approval to donation \$50 to the Colorado Water Quality Monitoring Council donation request.

Update on Bike Tour and Watershed Tour plans - Amy reported that the bike tours are sold out with a waiting list. Because BMW is a sponsor, there are places available for any Board member who wants to attend, but they should sign up as soon as possible. Plans for the Watershed tour have solidified with participants meeting at Barr Lake, touring East Cherry Creek Valley Water and Sanitation district facilities, and enjoying a catered lunch at Lake Christina (next to Milton Reservoir). **Amy** will follow up with **Michelle** to be sure the catering is in place and to see if transportation can be secured.

Amy reported that she and Julie Tinetti had met with Christina Burri the new watershed coordinator for Denver Water. Sarah Reeves reported that Chris Piper had

contacted her wanting an update on BMW. Amy will continue to keep the Board informed of communications with Denver Water.

Continuing Implementation –

Board member reports on TMDL implementation updates

- POTW Task Group – **Sarah Reeves** – update on progress
- MS4 Task Group – **Laurie Rink** - follow up from City/County Denver presentation
- NPS Task Force – **Shelley Stanley** - report on activities of the Colorado Monitoring Framework (CMF)
- Watershed Plan Updates – **Steve Lundt** - report on the consolidated update to the watershed plan

Amy Woodis reported that Metro met with CDPHE about their integrated plan. Some of the CDPHE staff had questions about how the Integrated Plan fit into the BMW TMDL. Amy thought it might be worthwhile to draft letter to CDPHE and EPA to check in and inform them about water quality improvements. **Amy Woodis and Sarah** will draft a letter for review keeping the language at a high level describing our efforts to continue investigating different options for watershed controls and emphasizing the adaptive nature of the work. The purpose is to document the work being done.

Laurie asked about progress made to engage Denver following the informative presentation on the North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative. Amy reported on conversations with Celia VanDerLoop and Al Polonsky. **Steve** will follow up with Al to determine the best way to proceed.

Steve reported that he is almost done with the Watershed Plan Update. **Laurie and Steve** will draft an I & E section. **Shelley** will draft the Executive Summary. The Board discussed the need for an effort to strategize how to move forward with implementation. A lot of good work has been accomplished to implement the TMDL. We need to review what has been done and plan for how to continue moving forward. The issue is intertwined with the Budget and implementation of Regulation 85. The Board will discuss the issue at the July meeting.

Technical Committee Report. – Steve reported that the Technical Committee will meet on Thursday to develop a detailed list of modeling scenarios for Integral to perform. He also reported that he is organizing another Carp Harvest for May 31st, June 1st and June 3rd, when the carp are spawning. Volunteers from GEI will be conducting electroshocking. He'll also be using fish traps baited with delicious fermented corn. Any harvested fish will be composted. He also reported that the Limnocorral Study report is almost done.



Proposal from Lennard Rice for interactive web-map.

Steve received a proposal to update our water quality features on our website. The Board discussed the different efforts being done to develop interactive water quality maps and concluded the best option is probably using

the Watershed Resources Assessment Program (WRAP) developed by the CLEAN Center at CSU. **Steve** will prepare a presentation on their tool for the August Board meeting.

I & E Committee Report – Steve reported on the meeting with Jennifer Garner regarding the displays at DIA. The next step is to develop an inventory of the materials needed and decide which files DIA would be responsible for and which ones BMW would handle. We should be sure to track DIA’s contribution as in-kind. The displays should be installed after the 4th of July.

Steve reported on the Adopt a Watershed program. Amy Woodis had reviewed our draft Liability Waiver and provided some alternative templates. Laurie expressed a more general concern about BMW’s liability with a program like this. **Amy Conklin** volunteered to draft a mission statement for the program for the Board’s review.

Amy reported on the potential for Groundwork Denver to form a watershed group for the lower portion of Bear Creek which is totally contained in our watershed. **Amy** will follow up with Rachel Hansgen to track the progress of that group and have her make a presentation to the Board at a logical point about their plans.

James reported on his participation in the Tri Cities festival. They presented to 6 classes of 5th graders. He would be willing to volunteer next year as well. Steve presented to 7th graders at Denver’s Slavin school. He was surprised how few of them understood the concept of a watershed. Steve and Michelle work with 5th graders at the Bromley School who have adopted Barr Lake.

The next I&E event is Barr Lake Appreciation Day on Saturday, July 9th. If **Michelle** can make a specific request of FRICO, **Laurie** will help advocate for it.

Next Meetings

- Technical Committee meeting – **May 26th, 2016, 9 am, Metro**
- Bike Tours – **June 7th in the am and June 8th in pm**
- Stakeholder Meeting – **June 28th, 2016, 9:30 meet at Barr Lake Nature Center**
- I/E Committee Meeting – **July 6th, 9am, Barr Lake Nature Center**
- Board Meeting – **July 26th, 2016, 9 am Metro**

BMW I/E Events for 2016

Date	Event	Activity	Name and contact
June 4, 2016	Brighton Culture Fest	T-shirts, Booth	
Saturday 7/16/2016	Lake Appreciation Day	T-shirts, Booth	Steve L., Michelle S., Shursteen S., Amy C.
Friday 7/29/2016	Adams County Fair	T-shirts, Booth	Shelley S., Shursteen S., Steve L.

Saturday 9/10/2016	Barr Lake Birding Festival	T-shirts, Booth	Laurie R.
Tuesday 9/20/2016	Nat. W.Q. Awareness Week	T-shirts	Steve L., Amy C., Dennis S.
Saturday 10/8/2016	Barr Lake Harvest Festival	T-shirts, Booth	Blair C.
Saturday 10/29/2016	Barr Lake Halloween Trail	Booth	
Weekday August	Commerce City Neighborhood Event	T-shirts, Booth	Steve L., Michelle S.
Weeknight	Pelican Lake Ranch Meeting	Speak	Blair C., Steve L.
10/11 – 13/2016	Watershed Assembly	Speak, Booth	Laurie R.
11/5/16 ?	Cherry Creek Partnership	Speak, Booth	Amy C.