

Barr Lake/Milton Reservoir Watershed Association
 BMW Board Meeting
 December 8th, 2015 9:00am – 11:30pm
 Metro Wastewater Reclamation District
Technical Services Building, HR Training Room, First Floor

Minutes

Board Attendance:

Amy Woodis – Metro
 Michelle Seubert – CPW
 Steve Lundt - Metro
 Hope Dalton – Metro
 James Boswell- Thornton
 Dennis Stowe – L/E POTW

Shelley Stanley – BDCWA
 Chris Douglass - ECCV
 Sarah Reeves – SPCURE
 Laurie – FRICO

Public Attendance:

Amy Conklin – BMW Coordinator

Laurie welcomed the group.

Continuing Implementation Discussion – This is a standing agenda item. Laurie suggested that we tie this agenda item with the update to the Watershed Plan.

- **POTW Task Group** – **Sarah Reeves** – Sarah reported that there was nothing new to add to this item from last month and they may plan a meeting for January.
- **MS4 Task Group** – **Laurie Rink** - Laurie reported that there was nothing new this month. Steve suggested that the projects being planned and conducted around the Stock Show Complex and I-70 be reviewed to assess potential MS4 impacts and opportunities. Sarah has been involved and reported that the entire complex is proposed to be scraped and converted into a research facility that will include river research. The new complex will be primarily agricultural research. They plan to take the area by the river currently used as stockyards and convert it into an outdoor amphitheater. The concept is to take back the river. The area is planned to still have the option of being used for stockyard and would require annual clean up. Part of the project is to retain the historic Stock Trading Building and to create space for a Farmer's Market. **Laurie** will follow up and ask for a presentation.
- **NPS Task Force** – **Shelley Stanley** - Shelley reported that the agricultural task force of the Colorado Monitoring Framework (CMF) made a presentation to the CO Assoc. of Conservation Districts. The presentation was about Reg. 85 and what it means to agricultural users. CMF also working on a 319 grant to do outreach and education with agricultural users. They applied last year but were unsuccessful. The grant will include pilot water quality studies on BMP efficiencies.
- **BMW Technical Committee** – **Steve Lundt** – made a report later in the meeting.
- **Pollutant Trading Task Group** – **Tim Grotheer** assisted by **Amy Conklin**. This item will be revisited in 2016.
- **Use Attainability Assessment** – **Amy Woodis** with assistance from **Blair Corning** and **Dennis Stowe**. This item will be revisited in 2016. Amy Woodis reported that Metro's integrated plan is waiting for review from Senior Metro staff. An update at the March WQCC meeting is scheduled. The Board may be interested in a brief of the final version of the plan.

Watershed Plan Updates. *Board members were assigned different sections of the Watershed Plan updates.* Next month, **Steve** will prepare the assembled file for Board review next month. To date, Steve has received all the pieces of the plan except BMW Implementation and BMW Ed and Outreach. **Sarah and Michelle** will continue working to get their sections in. The completed plan will have a lot of linkages to the website. **Shelley** will draft a summary once all the sections are assembled. The final product will be between 35 and 40 pages. We don't need to submit the update to anyone but we will post it on the website and send to our distribution list. We might also develop a presentation to take to groups. This item will be combined with the Continuing Implementation Discussion standing item for future meetings.

Election of Officers – There was a Thumbs Up vote to approve the slate of Officers that include; Laurie Rink, Chair; Steve Lundt, Vice-Chair; James Boswell, Secretary; and Shelley Stanley, Treasurer. Laurie reminded the group that we annually review the Whistleblower, Conflict of Interest and Business Practices policies. We will review them in January. **Amy** will put those on the agenda for January as well as adoption of an annual budget. **Laurie** offered to talk to **Shelley** offline about the background for the budget and participate in the Budget Committee meeting.

Update on SPCURE Modeling – Sarah reported that SPCURE has decided not to have a meeting in December because of Reg. 93 hearings. The next step is for SPCURE to make a decision about if they want to proceed with the modeling effort and if they do, then BMW should meet with SPCURE to begin working on the Scope of Work for the effort. At this point BMW's involvement might include allowing SPCURE to use what has already been developed and could also include BMW using the model for modeling scenarios that are useful to BMW. Early spring is the timeframe for the decision and potential meeting.

I & E Committee Report. – The Information & Education (I&E) Committee met on November 3rd and developed an outreach and education plan for 2016. Steve reported on the proposed I&E activities planned for 2016. The activities include; Steve making presentations, a presence at the Raptor Run, Fall Birding Festival, and Lake Appreciation Day. We plan on not sponsoring the River Clean up led by the Greenway Foundation but do a shoreline clean up at Barr Lake. We can coordinate the Barr Lake Shoreline cleanup with National Public Lands Day. The 2016 plan also includes going to a local school, having a water festival, participating in the Greenway Foundation's River Fest, Brighton's Culture Fest, Commerce City's event, the Pelican Lake Homeowners Assoc. and participating in the Adams County Fair. In 2015, we distributed 1,100 t-shirts. A new activity budgeted for \$1,500 is to develop an Adopt a Watershed Program, led by our intern. The \$1,500 is for signage, support materials, whatever else is needed. BMW intends to participate again in the World Water Monitoring Challenge event at the L/E WWTP. Dennis reported on the great success of the World Water Monitoring Challenge, with over 350 students participating. Two conferences are included in the budget, the Colorado Watershed Assembly conference and Cherry Creek Stewardship Partners conference. Another new item is the DIA display, budgeted for \$2,000. Steve is exploring the option of having flash drives as give-aways this year and needs to buy more t-shirts. The Coordinator hours increased from 77 in 2015 to 92 in 2016. In 2015, we budgeted for \$8,000 but only spent \$6,871. The budget for 2016 is \$9,700. Steve requested volunteers from the Board, or their organizations, to assist with the I&E activities. He is specifically requesting that Board members volunteer twice per year.

The next step is to approve the I&E Budget and incorporate it into the general annual budget. The Board suggesting adding a note to the I&E line item that there needs to be some in-kind volunteer participation or the amount of money for I&E activities may be increased. The voted a unanimous Thumbs Up approval of the I&E budget.

Michelle Seubert reported that there will be a Nature Center Open House when the new Nature Center is completed. Contact award is planned for January 8th, 2016 with approximately 8 months of construction. The improvements will include a fishing pier that is ADA accessible. The Nature Center will have an Oasis

Room, devoted to water issues where our marketing materials will be used. There will be a wall-sized map of the watershed and people will be invited to put a pin on where they live in the watershed. The plan is to move BMW meetings to Barr Lake. **Amy Woodis** will send Michelle potential messaging from NACQWA about toilets not being trash cans. The plan is to be interactive and to change a lot.

BMW Intern – Michelle, Steve and Amy interviewed 5 applicants and are recommending approval of Shursteen Sharpe. They reported that Shursteen is very personable and engaging, and the BMW internship is in line with her career path of managing a conservation preserve. The BMW internship should help launch her on her career path. She graduates in the fall so the BMW schedule matches her schedule. The intern is expected to participate in some of the BMW events. Steve is looking into having an office for the intern to get experience of working at an office. She will be coming to the I&E committee meeting in early January. The Board discussed how to contract with Shursteen and MSU. **Amy** will send the language from Tom Cech to **Amy Woodis**. **Laurie** will also help put together a package of documents to clearly spell out Shursteen's work tasks and limit BMW liability. There was a Thumbs Up approval to hire Shursteen Sharpe as the BMW Intern.

Request for participation in Urban Waters Grant effort by MSU faculty – BMW was approached about volunteering 20 hours towards a project proposed by MSU personnel to be funded through an EPA Urban Waters Grant. The I&E Committee feels this is a worthwhile project but one that would require Board participation. Specifically, we would need about 4 Board members to contribute 5 hours each. **Dennis, Steve, Chris and Michelle** committed to assisting with the work. Steve volunteered **Al Polonsky**. **Amy** will contact the applicant and let them know that we are willing to commit to assist in the effort but maybe not the way they requested.

Meeting Dates in 2016 – The Board discussed the meeting dates and authorized Amy to post them to the website. They also discussed the Stakeholder meeting concluding that the Watershed Tour in June could include a tour of the new North Treatment Plant(NTP) with a BBQ and canoeing at Milton Reservoir. The spring stakeholder meeting will feature Ken Wagner presenting his work on in-lake treatment options for Barr Lake. We will invite our neighboring watershed groups to attend and maybe present on their in-lake treatment strategies. **Steve** will work on setting up a tour of the NTP and reserving a room large enough for the spring Stakeholder meeting. **Amy** will assist as directed. Venue options discussed include the REI meeting room, the Hunter's Education Room, the Colorado History Museum and the Daniels Fund.

Updates/Action Items

- Chair's Report - The 1st Quarter Financial Files are included in the packet. There were no questions.
- Treasurer's Report - As of November 30th, we have a balance of **\$166,622.92**. The 2014-15 Tax Return has been filed.
- Technical Committee - Steve reported that there was a conference call with Ken Wagner who had examined the sediment data. He has begun developing treatment options including mixing, aerating and alum applications. He was surprised that the amount of P in the sediment was less than he expected. The deepest part of the lake has a deeper layer of OM than the shallower areas that tend to get scoured. That reality impacts the amount of area that needs to get treated. At the end of January he will provide a report for the TC to review. He will come out in March to present to the Stakeholders. Oxygen demand not as great as he expected either, which did not surprise Steve.
- Coordinator Updates (Amy C.) -There was a Thumbs Up approval of the October 27th Meeting Minutes. **Amy** will follow up with **Laurie** on the filing of the 1099 form with the state.

Next Meeting

- Board Meeting – **January 26th, 2016, 9 am Metro**
- Technical Committee meeting – **January 28th, 2016, 9 am, Metro**
- Stakeholder Meeting – **February 23rd, 2016, 10am, TBD**
- I/E Committee Meeting – **March 1st, 9am, Barr Lake Nature Center**
- I & E Opportunities –