

Barr Lake/Milton Reservoir Watershed Association  
BMW Board Retreat  
March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020 9:00 am – 12:00 p.m.  
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**Minutes**

**Board Attendance:**

Steve Lundt – Metro  
Dan DeLaughter– SPWRP  
Sarah Reeves -SPCURE  
Michelle Seubert – CPW  
Erin Jenkins – SPWRP  
Chris Douglass – ECCV  
Curt Bauers – FRICO

Kelly DiNatale - Untied  
Katie Koplitz – Metro Wastewater  
Jennie Fleurant – BMW Intern  
Michelle Seubert - CPW

**Public Attendance:**

Amy Conklin – BMW Coordinator

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Steve worked his magic and got the virtual meeting started.

**Introductions** - People introduced themselves and thanked Steve for running the meeting.

**Implementation Plan Update** – This will be a standing agenda item for 2020. The IP Committee has met several times and will report on their progress. The meeting that had been scheduled to work on the IP was delayed until next month. It is likely to be a virtual meeting. The group is working through what should be included in the updates. Anyone who wants to be added to the group or has any questions should contact Dan or Erin.

**Water Quality Monitoring Efforts** – Jon Novick and Al Polonsky, with Denver, have been approached by Cisco, a technology company about installing water quality monitoring stations with partners taking over the maintenance in the future. Steve sent Jon and Al some GIS files to give them the area BMW would be interested in covering. He also sent them files on where Metro samples. Jon and Al are compiling all the locations. He didn't know if FRICO wanted to participate. It would be good if BMW could develop some questions about what we'd want answered. The project is currently on hold until the coronavirus epidemic is resolved.

Steve also reported that the USGS is recruiting partners to help with revival of their continuous water quality survey. Steve will keep the group informed. There is a trend to developing sources of real time data for organizations to use in decision-making.

Amy reported that the Non-Standard MS4 permit has been released for comment again. Comments are due by June 13<sup>th</sup>. **Erin and Dan** will draft some comments for the Board review.

**Prairie Corner Lift Station** – A letter was submitted by BMW on the proposed lift station and the applicant responded. BMW's intent was to bring the issues to CDPHE's attention. The applicant contended that we don't have standing to comment. Michelle reported that CPW has not submitted comments on the proposed lift station. They are still waiting to see where the

eagles build their nest. However, the trail near the lift station has been closed as it may be near one of the nesting sites.

Dan had reached out to the Adams County Water Quality Association who was grateful for the heads up. They are not a 208 Planning Agency. The group concluded that BMW doesn't want to pursue becoming a 208 Planning Agency. We can rely on Tri-County Health to bring issues like this to our attention.

However, several important issues remain unresolved and the group concluded that **Dan** should draft a letter to CDPHE pointing out the issues. What seems to be missing from the process is a regional perspective. Without a 208 Planning Agency, that perspective should be assumed by CDPHE. We want to be sure that multiple lift stations are not built in the area, creating multiple points for accidents to happen.

The other issue is that Brighton has not been engaging with it's neighbors regarding their developments. **Michelle** would send Amy information about signing up for alerts from Brighton for development issues.

**I&E Committee Update (Steve)** – Steve updated the group on building the new sign to alert people to algae conditions in Barr Lake. He's trying to get a quote from Sign A rama and will get a post and some concrete. He's also working on a postcard to hand out to people visiting the park. The idea is to get people be algae aware. Michelle reported that CPW has some directives about algae that just came out due to high algal levels last summer. The algae awareness campaign BMW is working on is unique to Barr Lake.

**Jennie**, the new BMW Intern, has been working on the spring newsletter which will include information about the algae sign. She is waiting for some information from **Michelle** to finish up the newsletter. **Steve** will send her a graph on water quality. **Amy** will draft some language about how the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted BMW and run it by the Board.

While the stormdrain marking event, scheduled for Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>, has been cancelled, Steve and Donny Roush will continue to mark drains as convenient. Anyone wanting to mark stormdrains on their own should contact Donny Roush.

Bike Tour and Watershed Tour – Amy reported that the Bike Tour is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> and, at this point, she is hopeful it will happen. Stay tuned. Ditto for the Watershed Tour, scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Lake Appreciation Day is scheduled for Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. Steve sent in a support letter for the grants Michelle receives for the event. BMW will also be supporting National Public Lands Day in September. It should be a good day to do shoreline cleanup along the lake

Steve encouraged Board members to reach out to Jennie if they have any projects for her that might be suitable for her internship. Part of the internship is the opportunity to shadow Board

members. When the Covie-19 pandemic passes, **Amy** will prepare a sign up sheet for shadowing opportunities.

**Updates/Action Items**

- Chair’s Report – Dan reported that we can probably take the SPROWG project off the agenda. If it becomes active again, we can add it back in. He reported that SPCURE is looking into stream management grants from CWCB for Temperature and habitat. He’ll keep the Board updated.

| February charges that cleared        |             |  |
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|                                      |             | donuts for IP meeting, refreshments for meeting category |
| 2/20/20 - Sugar Rush donuts          | \$ 18.29    |  |
| 2110 - Bookkeeper, invoice 617       | \$ 60.00    | bookkeeping  |
| 2111 - Bookkeeper, invoice 626       | \$ 60.00    | bookkeeping  |
| 2112 - GEI, Stormwater monitoring    | \$ 1,297.00 | stormwater monitoring                                    |
| 2118 - Amy Conklin, Jan. 2020 Coord. | \$ 4,197.97 | coordinator  |

- Treasurer’s Report

- As of the February 29<sup>th</sup>, the balance is \$195,848.33
- All expenses since the last meeting are within budget and will be recorded as part of the minutes.

| March Checks for Signature      |             |                                   |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2120 - Amy Conklin, Feb. Coord. | \$ 3,796.00 | Coordinator                       |
| 2121 - CMF Annual Dues          | \$ 5,402.84 | Memberships *requires 2 signature |

- Amy and Chris are working on membership dues invoices and plan to send them out electronically around May.

- Electronic bill pay. The Board discussed this option as something to consider in the future.

- Coordinator Updates (Amy C.)

- Approval of the January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Thumbs up!
- BMW hard drive – external hard drive – Amy will work with Curt to get it mailed back.
- Water Conference concept – Amy will continue to work to get the BMW OCCT presentation into water conferences when they resume.
- BMW Sponsoring Greenway Foundation Reception on the River, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 – **Amy** will ask if we have the option of having a booth at the event. There was a Thumbs Up approval to become a sponsor at \$750. There was also a Thumbs Up approval to have a presentation on gutters.

Sarah Reeves reported on the PFAs legislation, reporting that comments are due March 31. The stakeholders are requesting an extension for response to comments and for work on the issue. She’s still waiting for a response on their request for an extension. She’ll keep the Board updated on this issue.

Steve reported that one of his questions was addressed on NPR. He asked about the bike lane along Pena Blvd. and if anyone used it. CPR reporters answered his question. Look for Steve riding along Pena Blvd. when he goes on his next trip.

Curt Bauers reported that he had been approached by Christina Welch, the Outreach Coordinator for CSUs Ag Water Quality Extension Program. Some of her students are working on BMPs for the reduction of nutrient runoff from Ag Lands. **Amy** will work with Curt to try to set up presentations with her for BMW and CMF. The Board is interested to learn if they are part of the CLEAN effort.

**Next Meetings**

- Board Meeting – **April 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 am Metro**
- I/E Committee Meeting – **May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 10 am to 11:30, Barr Lake Nature Center**

- Bike Tour – **June 18<sup>th</sup>, Barnum Park**
- Stakeholder Meeting/Watershed Tour – **June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 9:30 am, Montclair basin**
- Technical Committee meeting – **TBD, 9 am Metro**

### **BMW Board 2020 ‘Schedule’**

- ~~January 28, 2020 – Meeting at South Adams Water and Sanitation District – Thank you **JM!**~~
  - ~~Amy will present an outline for a presentation paper on the BMW OCCT experience. Too many acronyms (TMA). Amy will reach out to DW to get their feedback on the outline.~~
  - ~~Erin will present what she’s done with a Data Visualization Tool~~
- ~~February 25, 2020 – Stakeholder meeting – Barr Lake Nature Center – Thank you **Michelle**~~
  - ~~Steve – Water Quality update~~
  - ~~Chris – ECCV update~~
  - ~~Julie – Centennial update~~
- March 24, 2020 – Metro, Thank you **Steve**
  - **IP Committee** – progress report and brainstorming opportunities and funding
  - **Dan/Erin** – Industrial Permit update
- April 28, 2020 – Metro, Thank you **Steve**
  - **GEI or Steve** – Stormwater quality update
  - **IP Committee** - Update
- May 26, 2020 – Metro, Thank you **Steve**
  - Presentation from Lobbyist – **Amy** will work with **Michelle** to get CPW lobbyist to talk to the Board about the legislative process and what would be required for passing P-free fertilizer legislation
- June 23, 2020 – North Denver Cornerstone Collaborative tour – **Amy** will work with **Brad** to set it up
  - Include information on improvements at City Park
- July 28, 2020 – Meet at Metro, Thank you **Steve**
  - **Steve** – will try to set up a tour of Metro’s P recovery facility
  - **IP Committee** – Update, maybe draft
- August 25, 2020 – Meet at Metro, Thank you **Steve**
  - **Amy** will invite other watershed groups to attend this meeting and give them lunch. We can ask for an update on activities in Chatfield (including Chatfield Reallocation), Bear Creek (including progress on their TMDL) and Cherry Creek
    - **Curt (?)** – Present on how FRICO plans to operate in regards to the conservation pool at Chatfield
    - **IP Committee** – present final draft?
    - Preparation for Annual meeting and BBQ
- September 22, 2020 – meet at Barr Lake, try to engage more stakeholders, thank you **Michelle**
  - **Michelle** – will help arrange golf cart tour to area where in-canal treatment would be built
  - **Steve** – will present in-canal treatment concept, maybe Harvey Harper can call in
  - **Amy** – will reach out to WQCD (Meg Parish, Joni Nuttle, Nicole Rowan, Patrick P.)
- October 27, 2020 – Meet at Metro, thank you **Steve**
  - General catch up from whatever we didn’t get to or need to get to.

- Other topics – PFAs, invite Paul Winkle to talk about Arsenic and fishing
- November 24, 2020 – Board Retreat

## BMW I/E Events for 2020

| Date    | Event  | Activity                        | Name and contact  |
|---------|--|---------------------------------|---|
| 3/26/20 | Stormdrain Marking App presentation            | 2000 W Third Ave, Denver        | Donny Roush, Juliana Archuleta                                |
| 3/27/20 | Stormdrain Marking                             | McAulliffe Middle School        | Steve Lundt, Amy Conklin, Donny Roush, Phillip Curtis, Jennie |
| 4/13/20 | Raptor Run                                     | Barr Lake                       | Michelle Seubert  |
| 5/2/20  | Furry Scurry                                   | Wash. Park                      | Donny, Jennie   |
| 5/?/20  | CU Capstone Project                            | Presentations on Auraria Campus | Steve, Amy  |
| 5/16/20 | Northglenn-Thornton-Westminster Water Festival | Front Range Community College   | Michelle, James   |
| 5/18/20 | Boat Safety Day                                | Barr Lake State Park            | Michelle  |
| 6/18/20 | Urban Water Cycle Bike Tour                    | Bike Tour along Platte River    | Steve, Amy, Donnie, Jennie                                    |
| 6/22/20 | Greenway Foundation River Fest                 | South Platte River              | Jennie and volunteers, Donny                                  |
| 6/23/20 | BMW Watershed Tour                             | Barr Lake State Park            | Amy   |
| 7/11/20 | Lake Appreciation Day                          | Barr Lake State Park            | Michelle, Steve, Amy  |
| 7/25-28 | Arapahoe County Fair                           | The Homestead                   | Amy, SPLASH   |
|         |  |                                 |   |