



**Barr Lake/Milton Reservoir Watershed Association  
BMW Board Meeting  
October 25th, 2022 9:00 am – 11:30  
Virtual and In Person, South Platte Renew**

## Board Meeting Minutes

**Board Attendance:**

Steve Lundt – Metro Water Recovery  
Curt Bauers – FRICO  
Brad Cox – Denver  
Erin Donnelly – SPCURE  
Erin Sandos – South Platte Renew  
Chris Newton – ECCV  
Katie Koplitz – Metro Water Recovery

Gary Smith – South Adams County  
Kelly DiNatale – United Water & Sanitation  
Derek Sowell – Heritage Sporting Club  
Erica Klein – MSU/BMW Intern

**Public Attendance:**

Sami Miller – BMW Coordinator

**9:00 - 9:10 Introductions and Burritos** – Erin led introductions and those in the room enjoyed burritos. Erin also introduced our new board member, Gary Smith, from South Adams County.

**9:10 - 9:20 Executive Position Vote** -

- A. A vote was held to maintain current BMW officer roles: Michelle Seubert as Treasurer, Julie Tinetti as Secretary, Steve Lundt as Vice Chair, and Erin Sandos as Chair. There was a thumbs up approval for all.

**9:20 - 9:50 Preparation for Regulation 31 hearing** - BMW wants to participate in the Regulation 31 hearing in the fall. Erin provided an update.

- A. The Commission has delayed the hearing schedule from Nov. 14, 2022 to April 10, 2023. BMW received party status for the hearing and joined the water supplier motion for the postponement. The Division released a supplemental prehearing statement. They revised some of the standard and increased the warm water tiers. They also revised and changed the dataset, providing updates. Some of the model aspects were changed (non-detects, processing code). Total Nitrogen (N) was increased from 600 to 610, and Phosphorus (P) from 30 to 40. The change in standards is not significant.
- B. The responsive prehearing statements are due Dec. 21, 2022. The question was posed as to whether BMW would like to submit comments. It was decided BMW will. The plan is to finalize the letter sometime in November. The Board was asked if we have any additions or changes we want to include in the letter. The point made that there are a lot of parties and viewpoints to this hearing; therefore, BMW will aim to focus on what this means in relation to the TMDL, even with the state making it clear that nutrient standards trump TMDL. Kelly Curt Erin Sarah will work on drafting letter to start.

**Actions:**

- **Erin** will schedule meeting with work group for letter (Kelly, Curt, Erin, Sarah).

**9:50 - 10:10 Lochbuie Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) expansion comments** - Erin discussed possible comments to the Lochbuie plans for WWTP expansion. Mark Thomas sent BMW the following info in the event BMW would like to comment on the proposed upgrades: *The Utility Plan includes a 208 Areawide Water Quality Management Plan Amendment to modify Lochbuie's 208 Wastewater Utility Service Area boundary. The Utility Plan also proposes to increase the WWTF current rating of 2.0 mgd and 3,940 ppd BOD to 4.0 mgd and 10,500 ppd BOD in addition to many collection system upgrades, including five additional lift stations within the proposed 208 Wastewater Utility Service Area. The Lochbuie WWTP effluent is the Beebe Seep Canal that eventually falls into Barr Lake and Milton Reservoir, about 12 miles as the crow flies. Mark thinks this canal dries up, but he's not sure, and not sure the effluent ever makes it to Barr Lake and Milton Reservoir. Public comments or concerns regarding the Utility Plan for consideration may be expressed by contacting the NFRWQPA office at [mthomas@nfrwqpa.org](mailto:mthomas@nfrwqpa.org).*

- A. There was discussion over whether the flow makes it to Milton. The answer is yes, but the flows are very low. There is an allocation to Milton. It was confirmed by Kelly that there is year-round flow, but there is a diversion. Lochbuie will have to meet Reg 85 (for their annual median) and they do participate in the VIP program. P requirements are unknown. Comments will be heard at the hearing December 22, 2022.. Any comments we submit should include our general concern over P. it wasn't specified whether BMW will join the Dec. 22 hearing with comments. Discussion was also held about whether there is a representative from Lochbuie or Brighton that would want to join the board or participate in BMW

**Actions:**

- **Erin** will send out their plan to the Board for review.
- **Erin** will reach out to Lochbuie and Brighton to see about a representative to join BMW and will inquire about data sharing with them.

**10:10 - 10:20 208 Planning Agency Discussion** - Erin updated the Board on how outreach for the 208 Planning Agency duties is going and the new contact at ACWQA, Dawn Fredette, was discussed.

- A. We've had about 5 lift station reviews in the past two years. There was discussion over our role in conjunction with the official 208 planning agency: Adams County Water Quality Association (South Adams, Brighton, possibly Lochbuie). We have reached out to the new contact there (Dawn Fredette, who works at South Adams), and are waiting to hear back. BMW wants to make sure we're not duplicating efforts in performing these lift station reviews. Ideally, BMW would like to be notified of these projects and have the ability to review and/or make comments, but not take on the official 208 planning agency role and responsibilities.
- B. There was discussion over liability associated with BMW signing a review when we are not the official 208 planning agency. The point was made that if there is a 208 agency that you discharge to, the agency has to sign off on the project (this technically would not be BMW at this point). BMW likely doesn't "need" to sign off on these reviews, but we want to remain in the loop and be notified of plans in case we'd like to review. The group asked Gary if he can connect with Dawn on behalf of BMW. She could possibly attend a Board meeting in the future. There was also discussion over bringing in wider entities, such as the groups that formerly comprised Tri County Health.

**Actions:**

- **Gary** will connect with Dawn on behalf of BMW asking for a one-off conversation/phone call with Erin and Curt to discuss their role as 208 planning agency and how BMW can

assist or participate. BMW would like to know how our role can complement theirs, and how we can be involved without taking on official 208 planning agency status.

- **Sami** will ask Amy to track down who reached out from Tri County Health in the past about lift stations and reviews. Who are the contacts there and how can we connect with them now that they're disbanded?

**10:30 - 10:40 Autosampler Relocation Update** -Steve updated the group on the autosampler relocation and installation, which was approved by email vote in October.

- A. For some background: BMW used Metro's easement for the autosampler in the past for the location, where it was installed by GEI and located on a concrete pad. Electricity was free at that site (BMW owns the autosampler and all equipment). With the new National Western Center construction, the whole structure went underground, meaning that BMW now needs to run electricity to the new site of the autosampler and install a meter at the new location. The subcontractor has a proposal to run electricity to the concrete pad, which is just under \$15k. There was an approval via email vote to go forward with this. The monthly electricity bill should be relatively low. The best approach is to get the contract work done, have electrical work billed to Metro, then Metro will bill us. Steve will meet with Engineer to confirm this is best route. There is a not-to-exceed proposal amount so there shouldn't be any surprises.
- B. The new site is at a new bridge, within 50ft at the original location. The question was posed as to whether the autosampler is in a safe spot: is it vulnerable to damage? It's somewhat exposed, it has been tagged, and it is sort of out in the open, but there is always a risk. The National Western Center folks wanted it moved a bit because it wasn't a match to their aesthetic. It's close to the intersection and guardrail, and it's easy to access for sampling. It's trenched and the sample line is underground, which is more protected than in the past. GEI will have to come at some point to recalibrate it (they've done this twice before). The hope is that this is the last time we'll need to move it.
- C. The goal is to have it all moved over and put in place before winter, but definitely before next spring when GEI starts stormwater sampling (end of March/early April). It's been running well, and since the ditch has been flowing every day this year, it's still been going strong with samples. A side note is that GEI has the autosampler more automated, allowing Steve to turn it on and off from his phone (still to be tested).

**Actions:**

- **Steve** will let Sami/Erin and the board know when the check needs to be written and signed to get things moving forward.

**10:40- 10:55 I&E Committee Update** - Steve and Erica reported on the I&E Committee upcoming activities. Next meeting is November 1st.

- A. Erica has been marking storm drains for the City & County of Denver. She's been out three times. The permit requires 90-95% of drains marked, and the focus is where the levels are of E. coli are high. Hurricane Ian has delayed the placards for drain covers – waiting on that supplier to come back online.
- B. This weekend is the Halloween trail at Barr Lake, mostly a kid's event. Steve will be the Algae Monster from 6-9pm. Erica will be at a booth handing out things and talking about water quality.
- C. We've agreed to hire Erica as intern for next semester in the spring! Sami will work with Metro State (Nona Shipman) to make sure the paperwork and details are communicated.
- D. PFree Campaign – Next spring we'll host a 2 hour talk at the CO Arborist and Landscaping Professional spring workshop. We'll have a booth as well. Professionals

that attend can sign up through the Dept of Agriculture to get certified credits under an “environmental” category.

**10:55 - 11:10 Technical Committee Meeting -** Erin reported on the Technical Committee.

- A. The TC met in September, with lower attendance. We met with SPLASH at this meeting. A priority agenda item was to talk through the collective TC priorities identified and come up with a game plan, but with lower attendance, we’re rescheduling for Nov. 10 from 9-11am.
- B. The SPLASH meeting went well. They’re interested in becoming a member. SPLASH mentioned wanting to reach out to SPCURE for monitoring collaboration. SPLASH is a cooperative of MS4 permittees in Arapahoe county that leverage their funding to meet their permit requirements, mostly education and outreach. They’re mostly non-standard permittees, and some phase twos. Mostly their permits require dry weather flows that connect to waters of the state; however, most of these folks don’t have too many of these outfalls. They can meet these requirements for monitoring, or they can be a part of a regional monitoring effort. In our meeting, we expressed that we focus primarily on in-reservoir monitoring verses in-stream/outfall monitoring. So, we suggested they reach out to SPCURE to collaborate in case it’s more helpful.

**Actions:**

- Erin will send follow up meeting for Nov. 10, 9-11am.

**11:10 - 11:25 - Updates/Action Items**

**Chair’s Report -**

- A. We need to officially remove Chris Douglass from the TBK account. The Board voted unanimously to remove Chris Douglass from the TBK account for Barr-Milton Watershed Association.
- B. Steve has been updating the watershed plan. He’s been slowly working on this and adding to it. By January, the goal to have a draft that the board can review and provide comments on. A long-term goal is to update more frequently so it’s not as big of a task to take on in the future.

**Treasurer’s Report -** As of October 10th, 2022 the balance is \$352,162.93.

- C. All expenses since the last meeting are within budget and will be recorded as part of the minutes.
- D. Does the budget for next year still need to be voted on? No one is aware of a budget for this current fiscal year; Sami will follow up with Michelle.
- E. BMW is in the process of adding Michelle to the TBK bank account. Sami received 2 of the 4 signatures needed at the meeting and will follow up to complete these forms in the coming weeks. It was also confirmed that the powers granted for the bank account are accurate as they stand on the forms (each officer has all granted powers).

**Actions:**

- Sami will follow up with Michelle about budget status.
- Sami will follow up with Board Officers about signatures for bank documents.

Checks for signature in October 2022		
2239 - Sami Miller	\$ 3,594.98	Coordinator Svcs, September 2022
2240 - Amy Conklin	\$ 657.00	Coordinator Svcs, September 2022
2241 - Studio 4130	\$ 330.00	Website - Pfree logo updates
2242 - Applewood Bookkeeping	\$ 60.00	Bookkeeping
2243 - GEI	\$ 1,773.50	Stormwater monitoring

**Coordinator Updates (Sami) –**

- F. The board gave thumbs up approval to finalize the Aug. 23 meeting minutes and edits provided.
- G. The board (Curt) provided Sami with minor edits to the Stakeholder annual meeting minutes from Sept. 27. She will make these edits then send for final review to Curt before posting.
- H. The Board confirmed that the end of year retreat will take place Nov. 29. Discussion was held over where to have it – possibly Empower Field/stadium. Sami will work with Steve on this.
- I. It was confirmed we will not meet in December.
- J. Note list of I&E events below

**Actions:**

- **Sami** will make Sept. 27 meeting minutes edits then send to Curt for final review before posting.
- **Sami** will work with Steve on securing a room for the retreat at Empower Field for Nov. 29.

**Next Meetings**

- **I&E meeting** - November 1st, 2022, 9-11am, virtual
- **TC follow up meeting** – November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 9-11am, virtual
- **End of year Board retreat** - November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 9am-3pm (tentative time), Empower Field