

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Columbine Lake Water District Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Directors

HELD:

Monday, May 20, 2013
2:00 pm at the Administration Building
1111 County Road 48
Grand Lake, CO 80447

ATTENDANCE:

William Elliott
William Davidson
William Heffron
Charlene Penson
Mark Trumbo

Also present: Ken Lund- Columbine Lake Country Club Manager
Sally Blea, Michael Gibboni & Julie Gasner- Staff

CALL TO ORDER

President Elliott called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm and opened for discussion the first agenda item.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the April 8, 2013 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD

Aqua Lagoon Agreement Renewal:

Discussion was had about the background of the Aqua Lagoon Agreement. Ken Lund noted that in the past, perhaps someone named in the agreement, has been illegally damming upstream from the diversion box in order to divert more water than allowed. He has on a number of occasions gone up to remove this dam in order to restore normal flow. The Board agreed, by **MOTION** and second, to approve renewing this agreement for another five years but added language to the agreement stating that absolutely no other form of diversion of the Harbison Ditch is allowed, except via the Diversion Box.

Grand Lake Metro Recreation District - Water Rights

President Elliott explained he had asked Ken Lund to attend this meeting in order to inform him of the water right application filed by the Grand Lake Metropolitan Recreation District (GLMRD). The Board explained that GLMRD has filed an Application with the Water Court to change the place of use of their Harbison Ditch water right. It owns 3.345 cfs of the water right and seeks to change the place of use from meadow and pasture land located in Rocky Mountain

National Park to irrigate approximately 70 acres on the Grand Lake Golf Course. Discussion was had on how this change of place of use could impact the District's water right, as well as impacts on Columbine Lake itself. Mr. Lund stated his concern that by this change, it could have damaging effects on lake levels in Columbine Lake. He further explained that there is an existing agreement between Columbine Lake Country Club and the Grand Lake Recreation District that limits the amount of water that can be drawn from Columbine Lake for irrigation, so as not to drain the lake levels below a certain level. His concern is that any water court action could supersede this agreement and thus give them the ability to take more water than historically taken. Sally noted that the GLMRD leased 1.5 cfs of the water right for irrigation of the golf course from 1968 through 1999, but in 2000, they acquired the 3.345 cfs of the right from the National Park Service. It is not clear if at this time, they are continuing to draw on the 1.5 cfs or if they have been drawing on the entire 3.345 cfs of the water right. The Board asked Sally to contact the District's attorney, Stan Cazier, and discuss this with him and share the concern of any affect on Columbine Lake.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Lund spoke of his upcoming retirement and stated the Columbine Lake Country Club Board has been interviewing candidates for the position. His last day is August 31, 2013. President Elliott noted that it is important to keep the Manager and Board informed of water business. First on the agenda will be to familiarize the new Manager with the operations of the water system and any agreements between the two entities.

CHIEF OPERATOR REPORT

Hydrant Replacement

Mike explained that he budgeted \$50,000 for 10 hydrant replacements this year, but the prices have almost doubled and can now replace only five this year to stay under budget. Cost of each hydrant is \$5000.00. The Board authorized Mike to move forward with the purchase of the hydrants using the District's tax exempt status. ATH has been hired to perform the work.

Water Usage

Mike reported that water use in April was higher than that of last April. Not sure of the reason.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

By **MOTION** and second, the April 8, 2013 through May 20, 2013 checklist was approved. The April Financial Reports were reviewed and accepted.

DISTRICT SECRETARY REPORT

Julie reported that everyone will be attending the Board Dinner on May 24, 2013.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 17 at 2:00 pm.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:22 pm.


Julie Gasner, Reporting Secretary

 7/15/13
Bill Davidson, Secretary/Treasurer