


Middle South Platte River Alliance

Envisioning a Healthy and Resilient River Corridor for all Stakeholders

Meeting Notes – 2-17-16

Steering Committee Attendance: John Barnett, Steven Roach, Chuck Sylvester, Glen Werning, Martin Grenier, Watershed Coordinator – Kacey Blum and Interim Watershed Coordinator - Chad Reischl

Not in Attendance: Sheryl Trent, Randall Ferguson

Other Attendees: Jim Park, Don Magnuson, Sherwood Langley, Fred Stenzel, Gene Kammerzell, Jan Kammerzell

I. Call to order:

The February 17, 2016 Meeting of the MSPRA Steering Committee was called to order by Chuck Sylvester at 1:02pm.

II. Public Comments:

Mr. Stenzel reported a big pile of debris on Mr. Langley's property. They believe it to be dumpsters and portable toilets owned by Waste Chasers. Mr. Stenzel reports that he informed the Sheriff about the issue but was very concerned about what would happen during spring runoff. He was particularly interested how MSPRA was going to respond to address the situation. After further discussion, Mr. Langley said he had given Waste Chasers permission to store the dumpsters and portable toilets on his property. Ms. Blum advised Mr. Stenzel that he did the right thing reporting to the authorities, but that the MSPRA will not intervene as these types of issues are outside the scope and authority of this group. Mr. Barnett suggested 3 enforcing agencies for these types of issues. (Weld County Flood Plain Administration, County Health Department, Colorado Department of Health and Environment.)

III. Announcements:

Ms. Blum reported that she had spoken with The Big Thompson River Restoration Coalition regarding Mr. Langley's inquiry about trash at the WC 396 bridge. The Big Thompson River Restoration Coalition reported there was no plans for their coalition at that site currently.

IV. Old Business :

- a. Mr. Reischl gave an update on the sediment transport study informing the group that CDM Smith, Inc. is done collecting data and currently building sediment model. Results should be available in March or April. Brian Murphy from CDM Smith, Inc. has requested a discussion of the feasibility study at the March committee meeting.
- b. John Barnett moved for Gene Kammerzell and Jim Park to become Steering Committee members. Mr. Park declined stating his intention was to be involved but not as a committee member. Mr. Kammerzell accepted the nomination and the group unanimously agreed to add him.
- c. Ms. Blum collected the questionnaire regarding the MSPRA that was handed out at the last meeting. The questionnaire is still available and members were encouraged to complete it to provide their input.
- d. The CDBG-DR Implementation grant was submitted January 22 and amended to include work on the Latham diversion. Evans City Council approved the amended grant at the council meeting held 2-16.

V. New Business :

- a. April meeting will have a guest speaker regarding governance of boards and will be called a Board 101 meeting.
- b. March 10th will be the evening meeting where there will be guest speakers such as Brian Murphy from CDM Smith, Inc., Brian Varrella from Colorado Department of Transportation & Mike Tupa from the Colorado Center for Community Development.
- c. Ms. Blum informed the committee that there was planning being done for a Board retreat with a date TBD.

VI. Next meeting: March 16th at 1pm at the same location with guest speakers

VII. The meeting was adjourned around 1:45pm.