


Middle South Platte River Alliance

Envisioning a Healthy and Resilient River Corridor for all Stakeholders

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

November 16th, 2016, 1:00 – 3:00pm

3600 Golden Street, Evans, Colorado

Riverside Library and Cultural Center - Board Room

I. Call to order

In attendance: Glenn Werning, John Barnett, Chuck Sylvester, Art Parker, Don Magnuson, Jeff Crane, Lucy Harrington and Chloe Lewis

II. Public comments

III. Approval of Minutes

- a. Chloe to bring printed copies to future meetings in case people did not have time to review them
- b. Chloe to add meeting agendas and meeting minutes to webpage
- c. Will send future meeting invitations to larger list of contacts

IV. Announcements

- a. John Barnett:
 - i. Greeley had great success on their 4 controlled burns this fall. There were some lessons learned since they received over 100 calls to the fire department concerning the smoke. Winds were higher than expected.
 - ii. A “Greenways Master Plan” is being developed from the Weld County line up to the confluence of the Poudre and the South Platte. During their open house many people were discussing various opportunities for restoration and conservation. In addition, the area near the confluence was specifically identified as having a high resource value. These ideas will be taken into consideration as the project and planning provisions move forward

V. Project Updates

Lower Latham

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- Officially awarded the additional funds for 80% design (additional \$175,000) \$250,00 total
- 25% to 80% design contract amendment is in the process of being reviewed, signed and returned to DOLA
- Site visit with LLDC Ditch Rider and Anderson Consulting and Engineers went well. LLDC is very interested in reviewing the design at their December Board meeting

Hwy 60

- CDOT is working to determine their timeline
- Working to compile a species and quantity list so that Gene can propagate plants on site
- Working on a Design-Build RFP
- Weld County interested in matching funds
- Volunteer groups present an opportunity for matching funds. Potential organizations discussed include WRV, VOC, 4H, local high schools and college students. Chloe will reach out to these groups in order to determine logistics, coordination procedures and expectations

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- Could coincide with CDOT reconstruction
- Listed as a priority reach in Master Plan
- Primarily bank stabilization
- Reference Reach

United Water

- Have not heard back, will keep this idea on reserve

Wild Cat Trail

- Potential to match funds with Weld County Planning Department
- Located directly east of United Water
- Bank stabilization, reconnecting the floodplain in combination with a recreation/public safety focus

VI. New Business

a. Budget

- Gene's comments
- Additional comments

b. Assistant/Outreach Coordinator

- Will still need to be approved by the state before it can be officially

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- ii. Preferences or suggestions for resume review and interview format?
 - 1. Lucy suggested that we establish a due date in the middle or end of January in order to be mindful of the holiday season.
 - 2. John suggested that we use a targeted approach towards posting the application and avoid sites such as Indeed
 - 3. Chloe will narrow down the applications to a few (5-7) that will be interviewed by the Steering Committee Members
- c. Office Space
 - i. Poudre Learning Center
 - 1. Need to send letter of interest to be approved by their Board of Directors
- d. Colorado Environmental Film Festival
 - i. Fundraising opportunity- would need 501c3 first
 - ii. Dates can be flexible
 - iii. Great opportunity for education/outreach
 - 1. Chloe may set up an information table for MSPRA at their main festival in February 2017
- e. Training Plan
 - i. Subject to change
 - ii. Want to have a list of available trainings and plan to attend at least one per month
 - iii. Lucy Harrington suggested the FACwet training that is provided by CDOT annually
 - iv. Other suggestions included DARCA, the Colorado Water Congress and the Water Leaders course

VII. Important Dates

- a. Next Meeting – December 21st, 2016
 - i. Chloe will send Doodle poll out to larger list of people in order to see if there is a specific day and time that works better for more people
 - ii. Will keep this date until further notice

VIII. Adjourn