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CHATFIELD WATERSHED AUTHORITYBOARD MINUTES

Chatfield Watershed Authority
Special Board Meeting Minutes
Lobbyist Proposal Options
October 28, 2022
9:00 a. m. – 9:30 a. m.

Attendees:

Board of Directors:
Director Lora Thomas (Chair) – Douglas County
Alternate Director Andy Kerr – Jefferson County
Director Barbara Biggs – Roxborough Water & Sanitation District (W&S Members)
Director Alison Witheridge – Denver Water (Other Districts)
Director Laura Cavey (Vice-Chair) – Town of Castle Rock

Others Present:
Ryan Adrian (Douglas County)
Diane Kielty (Colorado Watershed Assembly)
David Van Dellen (Town of Castle Rock)
Alan Leak (RESPEC)
Michael Daugherty (SSD)
Mark Marlow (Town of Castle Rock)

9:00 a.m. **Call to Order**

A special meeting of the Chatfield Watershed Authority was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Director Thomas. A quorum was declared established. There were no disclosures.

1. Review 2022 Request for Qualifications for Lobbying Services Submissions
An RFQ for lobbying services was publicly announced. Two proposals were received from The Fulcrum Group US LLC and Steve Balcerovich and Amy Attwood. It was recommended that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss.

A motion was made by Director Biggs to go into Executive Session according to 24-6-402(4)(b) C.R.S. Conferences with an attorney for the purpose of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions and seconded by Director Cavey; motion carried unanimously.

There was no action taken in Executive Session.

Alternate Director Kerr said Jefferson County is opposed to hiring an additional lobbyist. They believe there are enough lobbyist in place to set into motion actions toward generating a revenue stream for the Chatfield Watershed Authority. The amount of money on both proposals to get a single bill in play seems high. Mark Marlow said it is reasonable to bring on a lobbyist on the water side to develop a scope of work and identify additional revenue sources. Director Biggs and Director Witheridge expressed support of hiring a lobbyist and the importance of scoping a path to a revenue source to protect water quality on a reservoir that is experiencing increased use. As more rely on this reservoir as a drinking supply CWA must stay on top of water quality issues. This can't be done on a shoe-string budget and the members cannot continue to take the brunt

of the responsibility through increased dues. This reservoir is an amenity to the entire state, not just the members of the Authority.

2. Board vote on lobbyist option recommendations

A motion was made by Director Biggs to hire a lobbyist to pursue options to identify a dedicated revenue stream for the Authority and seconded by Director Cavey. Four approved and one, Jefferson County, opposed. Motion carried.

RFQ proposals received were discussed.

A motion was made by Director Biggs to contract with Steve Balcerovich and Amy Attwood and seconded by Director Cavey. Four approved and one, Jefferson County, opposed. Motion carried.

Mark Marlow with the Town of Castle Rock would like to take a first step with the lobbyist to develop a scope of work and identify the best path forward to be successful. This initial scoping would be presented at the November 14th board meeting. This meeting will identify a goal and provide direction.

A meeting will be called with the approved contractor on Monday, October 31st with two members of the board and available TAC members to discuss scope and needs going forward. Director Biggs and Director Thomas will attend. The meeting will be held in the Town of Castle Rock at 1:00 pm. All the TAC will be invited.

9:38 a.m. **Adjournment**