

Colorado WaterWise Board Meeting

Thursday, May 11, 2023
Colorado Springs Utilities
10 a.m. to noon

P: Called-in via phone
X: Attended in-person

Board:

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P	Melissa Brasfield	CWW Board Contractor	admin@coloradowaterwise.org
X	Diellza Muriqi	CWW Board Contractor	associate@coloradowaterwise.org

Note: Quorum 60%: 11/18 board members

Guests:

Catherine – CSU
Brian – CSU
Janele - CSU

Call to Order

Brad called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM

Board Business and Action Items

- Introductions
- Approval of April Board Minutes. Ruth motions, Elisabeth seconds. April minutes are approved.

Committee Update – Educational Events

Education event had a successful on-person tour in Glenwood Springs. Worked with Glenwood Utilities prior to the BP meeting with a focus on their efforts post the Grizzly Creek fire and what they have done since then for watershed protection. The committee is working on a tour of Northern Water's demonstration gardens in June or July. And a tour of Denver Water's on-

site reuse facilities. And Quint is going to lead a webinar in Aug/Sept on water sharing agreements between cities and ag. Courtney noted the event was great and really appreciated the planning along with the BP meeting. Brad asked about the tour attendees. Lindsay noted the group consisted of a mix of board members and attendees for the BP meeting and most of those people were from the west slope area. Lindsay also noted this was goal of the committee to host a west slope focused event.

Native Grass Manual update

Steering committee met last Friday to kick off the project. The group reviewed the timeline and tasks. The group will meet every two weeks to get going. Tony is going to review all the content to ensure we are consistent and in line. Next will be the statement of work for the website design component. Melissa will be invoicing to partners. CSU will be hosting an event on July 27/28 will be hosting an educational event on native grass with field. There will likely be about 100 person capacity for the event.

Melissa will set up a discussion

Website platform

Regroup in August.

Membership committee update

Brad motions. Tim seconds. New membership rate increase is approved.

Symposium update

BMP Project update and next steps

Diellza updated the board on the BP project update. The consultant group is working on the next two stakeholder events. Diellza would like to have a couple individuals who would be interested in presenting on the guidebook in 2024.

Co-treasurer vote

Brad noted the co-treasurer position is still open. If you have an interest in becoming co-treasurer, please reach out to Alyssa and Brad. Lyndsey expressed interest. Ruth motions. Tim seconds. Lyndsey is approved as new co-treasurer.

DEI committee second reading

Jessica read the purpose of the committee to the group prior to a vote. Ruth asked if she needs more members for the committee. She will take additional committee members. Elisabeth motions. Lindsay seconds. DEI committee is approved.

Diellza's contract discussion

Alyssa noted Diellza's contract expires June 19 and wanted to extend her contract. This is an amendment that will extend through 2023 and will not change the number of hours or rate. At the budget discussions this year, we can discuss any future needs in 2024. Elisabeth motions. Ruth seconds. Contract is approved.

Demonstrate Strawman for new projects

This was pushed to the June meeting.

Katie brought up the Drought Coordination Group. Putting together a resource document on best drought communications practices. The kickoff meeting was last week and had an idea introduced to incorporate Wyoming and New Mexico with a comments to RMAWWA. This would likely be more of a phase 2 with phase 1 being more localized. They are interested in Colorado WaterWise materials to be included in this effort and references and a recommended resource.

Round Robin

- Katie announced they received a Water and Energy Efficient Grant to upgrade meters. They will get about \$400k to finish this project.

- Katie noted they applied for the state grant money for turf replacement, and it sounded like they were running short on fund and round two may not occur. Elisabeth noted she has heard the same from CWCB and working on additional resources for their partners. Lindsay noted there has been an increase in communities providing funds for turf replacement.

Wrap Up and Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Submitted by: Melissa Brasfield