

MINUTES
PWV BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
October 20, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members: Gerry Cashman, Mike Corbin, Jim Greuel, Alan Meyer, Bob Meyer, Meg Parmer, Margaret Shaklee, Daryl Smith, and Kevin Cannon (USFS Liaison).

Board Members absent: Judy Jacks, Shannon Keigan, Jamie McCue, Wendy Nicastle, and Mike Smith

Advisory Board Members: Fred Allen, Jerry Hanley, Jacques Rieux, Karl Ritters, and Jim Shaklee.

PWV Members: Jeanne Corbin, Jeff Dean, and Peter Skiba.

PWV Guests: None.

AGENDA. The agenda was amended to include NWSA membership, Restoration, and GMR.

MINUTES. The September minutes were approved.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

A) CHAIR REPORT. Alan Meyer stated his term has been fun, with great members and their work. PWV is in great shape, though not all expectations have been met; YEE had hard working volunteer groups; all without paid positions. Co-founder Chuck Bell, now in Arkansas, has started “AIM” (Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri) like ours, doing land management, with no volunteers, and with paid positions.

B) USFS REPORT. Kevin Cannon reported he had lots of questions from the YEE on trails. No real change from last month’s report--three weeks’ work left on **Lion Gulch**, which will open 2017; **North Fork** bridge still needs the stringers transported in so the bridge can be built; **Young Gulch** work will be completed 2018, we have about 4 miles left, the last 1.5 mile fairly easy, but the mid-portion (2 miles) is a real test of wills. Opening could be the end of 2018, but may be 2019.

C) TREASURER’S REPORT. The Treasurer’s report was shown on overhead at the meeting, and was previously sent to all Board members. Bob noted the largest “under budget” line item to date regards our spending for the PWV website redesign work (but Karl Ritters is busy spending that now). As of 9/30/16, PWV has ordinary net income of \$4,482. Our operating cash balances are at \$18,000; plus we have \$4,000 in receivables from the NWSA grant (which will essentially cover the costs for the YEE); and the operating reserve is \$25,873. Our restricted funds of \$20,000 do not yet include payment of about \$15,000 for Larimer County work crews (reflected in our liabilities of \$15,375). Currently, the Endowment Fund (mostly Community Fund of Northern Colorado) has a balance of \$60,338.

PWV address for Colorado Gives. Jerry Hanley stated he used the USFS physical address for the Colorado Gives profile.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A) SPRING TRAINING 2017. Fred Allen reported the water system in the Cub Scout ranger house needs work, and those folks want help with the damage, painting, flashing work, etc. Fred put a call out for day workers to help with the project. In 2017, PWV will have exclusive use of the camp for Spring Training.

B) YEAR END EVENT SUMMARY. Alan Meyer commented on the YEE and annual meeting. There was the usual number of no shows; 189 RSVP's, with 160 attendees. We received lots of interesting comments. The Sundance has a new owner, who was out of state during the event, and had not passed on information to her staff about our event; promises were made and not kept; lacked communication; and generally unacceptable service was rendered. The people who were there did a great job. The bartender, son of the prior owner, said the new owner means well. There was no invoice for us; and way too much was charged for wine. The total bill was about \$4000. Alan will talk with the new owner on her return, and will discuss these matters, and attempt to lower the price on what he feels were overcharged items. There was discussion of our out growing that venue because of our numbers, though the new owner said it holds 200.

C) PROJECT OUTDOORS. Jim Greuel attended the Project Outdoors community open house on October 19. Project Outdoors builds on the City's 2012 **Plug into Nature** and **Nature in the City** programs, and focuses on northwest Fort Collins families and kids. This portion of the City was chosen because it has historically been more underserved than other parts of the City. Planning for Project Outdoors is funded by a Great Outdoors Colorado grant. The program focuses on improving natural places, improving nature-related program offerings, and advancing environmental career/volunteer pathways for families and children. They are looking for partner organizations to assist in achieving these goals. Jim thinks KIN might be a good fit, along with maybe PWV service activities such as weed pulls. He hopes that Project Outdoors can plug into these PWV activities as they are currently designed, without PWV making substantial changes to them. The next Project Outdoors meeting will be in December to bring together potential partners. Jim agreed to represent PWV at that meeting. Alan Meyer posed how PWV might fit; perhaps participation in our programs, and potential for new PWV members. Fred Allen reminded there is no insurance coverage for workers unless they're on Forest Service land. Jeanne Corbin noted with KIN there is no transportation provided for kids/families who join in these activities.

D) USFS - GMR (General Management Review). Kevin Cannon stated this review is conducted every 5 years--but practically less than that--and he met with the reviewers recently. Much of the review covered his work with PWV, explaining not only the Forest Service work, but that of PWV also. The focus covered projects in three areas that had to do mainly with the recent natural disasters (fires and floods) on both Canyon Lakes RD and Boulder RD, trails and roads. Preliminarily, things were done well; the reviewers liked what they saw and the use of volunteers. The reviewers want more partnerships that generate funds. It was indicated we went beyond what

other districts have done. We explained the necessity of volunteers. In summary, the review went well, and we will get the final report in about a three weeks.

County Review. Mike Corbin attended a partners' meeting of volunteer groups, consisting of prairie ranchers, two county commissioners, and land use people, to discuss problems. They were all happy to work with the Forest Service, and wanted to know how we work with it. They all support our efforts, and indicated necessary changes take way too long even when everyone agrees on the solutions. Discussion was how the Forest Service could work better with volunteers, and they seemed open to work better with volunteers.

E) NWSA MEMBERSHIP. It is necessary to have membership in the NWSA to receive grants. While PWV did not have membership, we were considered a "member" because of our Dave Cantrell's membership; and we received grants. It was agreed PWV should apply for membership with NWSA, at an annual cost of \$75.

F) RESTORATION. Mike Corbin reported PWV has finished its major restoration projects this year, and that with not as many public work days this year. There is more work done when we have a 3-week crew because less time is taken for training the crew. They worked one day with Rocky Mountain Conservancy. Next year, we will have the same level of activity, mainly on Young Gulch.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A) USFS RECERTIFICATION FOR PWV MEMBERS. Update in November.

NEW BUSINESS

A) ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CHAIR APPOINTMENT. Kristy Williams has resigned from this chair position after serving for many years and doing a great job. HOLLY YOUNG agreed to accept the position. A **motion was made, seconded, and passed** as follows:

MOVE that HOLLY YOUNG be appointed Chair of the Adopt-a-Highway Committee.

The meeting was handed over to MARGARET SHAKLEE, Chair-Elect.

Margaret Shaklee explained the status of members on the Board and Advisory Board, and named candidates willing to serve in vacant positions. However, after numerous contacts, she was unable to find a member willing to serve as Chair-Elect, but will continue in that endeavor. There was some discussion of changing the Bylaws regarding filling this position, but that was deemed undesirable at this time.

B) ELECTION OF BOARD MEMBERS and OFFICERS. Margaret Shaklee covered the process of electing board members and officers. She explained the terms of MIKE CORBIN,

MEG PARMER, and DARYL SMITH have expired; and three candidates have applied for those positions. Previously, the board received the biographies from the three candidates. With secret ballots, the following members were elected to serve on the **BOARD for 3-year terms**:

JANET CAILLE
JEFF DEAN
CELIA WALKER

Candidates willing to serve in **OFFICER POSITIONS for a 1-year term** and who were elected are:

Chair Elect - None at this time.
Secretary - **JANET CAILLE**
Treasurer - **BOB MEYER**

Candidates willing to serve on the **ADVISORY BOARD for 3-year terms** and who were elected are:

KARL RITERS
MIKE CORBIN
MEG PARMER

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Meg K. Parmer, Secretary

Next Board Meeting: **November 17, 2016, 6:30 p.m.**