

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 26, 2023 REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Directors Present: Carl Elley, Corinne Koehler, Marisa Lopez, Dennis Maroney, Jerry Martin,
Jim Pioreschi, Ron Serna, Paul Willumstad

Also Present: Attorneys Don Banner and Lisha Coultrip
Administrator Rick Kidd

Guests: Alex Zipp, Greenback Chapter, Trout Unlimited
Mike Cuppy, NorthStar Engineering
Cynthia Ramu, Mural Art Coordinator
Jean DelMonico, 413 Rush Street Homeowner
Eric McCue, Sculpture Artist

The regular meeting of the Pueblo Conservancy District was called to order by President Koehler at 10:00 am.

Minutes: A quorum being present, the Minutes of the March 22, 2023 meeting were reviewed. It was moved by Pioreschi and seconded by Maroney to approve the minutes. The motion to approve the minutes was approved.

Public Forum:

None

Alex Zipp, Trout Unlimited – Alex thank the District for being a Silver level sponsor for several years. He gave some background on the Greenback Chapter and various projects that they, through Trout Unlimited, have been involved with. Their current local projects are a youth outreach program and work on the Pueblo Tailwater Erosion Project. This project is working to control bank erosion at various points along the Arkansas River from Pueblo Dam to Pueblo Boulevard.

Levee Mural Project:

Ramu said that she has one mural to present for approval.

Levee Lowriders & Local Love, Ashley Martin. Ramu said that this mural would be 24x24. It is a fun and playful mural depicting some of Pueblo's culture. Martin moved to approve it and Lopez seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ramu said that the Pueblo City Council has selected their mural from the contest. It is the one by Desiree Talmich. It will be a 24x60 mural and will be painted in the historic area.

Ramu said that the artists would like to have the guidelines changed to where there is not a \$100 cleanup deposit (even though Don Banner is offering this in a revolving account) and that they want an appeals process.

Definitions of sponsorship and commission were requested. Ramu responded that a sponsorship is when someone donates money toward the work of the artist. A commission is when the artist is being paid to do the work.

Ramu informed the Board that an artist meet and greet will be held at the El Pueblo Museum on

April 27th from 5:30 to 6:30. It will be an opportunity for the artists to learn more about painting murals on the Levee and to discuss ideas.

Levee Sculpture Project:

Eric McCue presented a model of a proposal. He worked on it with Joe ^{Kronwittor} ~~Cronwriter~~. It will be a tree made out of aluminum. It will be less than 8-feet tall. Willumstad moved to approve the sculpture and Martin seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Prioreschi said that he had reviewed the February accountant's compilation report and balance sheet and nothing stands out. Elley moved to receive and file the reports and Willumstad second. The motion passed. Prioreschi said that he had reviewed the monthly bills and that they are normal billings. He moved to pay the bills and Willumstad seconded. The motion passed. Prioreschi said that online banking had been set up with the Bank of the San Juans. He and Willumstad are authorized users on the online system.

The following bills were posted:

BSJ Operations and Maintenance Account:

- \$ 500.00 MGPM, Monthly Accountant fees
- \$ 1,000.00 B&B, PC, Attorney Fees
- \$ 3,000.00 Kidd Engineering, Administrator/Engineer fees
- \$ 1,500.00 Cynthia Ramu, Levee Mural Art Coordinator Fee
- \$ 200.00 Elley, Director's Fee
- \$ 500.00 Koehler, President's Fee
- \$ 200.00 Maroney, Director's Fee
- \$ 200.00 Martin, Director's Fees
- \$ 200.00 Phillips, Director's Fee
- \$ 300.00 Prioreschi, Director's Fee
- \$ 300.00 Serna, Director's Fee
- \$ 25.63 Serna, 41miles
- \$ 300.00 Willumstad, Director's Fee
- \$ 150.00 Tia Monson, Graffiti Paint Over
- \$ 1,000.00 Tia Monson, Historic Area Mural Stipend
- \$ 200.00 JERBCO, April Website Maintenance

BSJ Construction Draw Account:

- \$ 2,712.50 Kidd Engineering, PCD/City IGA #1A Main Street Pedestrian Bridge Meetings and CA/CO
- \$ 350.00 Kidd Engineering, PCD West Levee Trail Extension
- \$ 960.00 NorthStar Engineering, Maintenance Assessment Support, Consultations, Artwork and Recreation, Attend meetings and reporting
- \$ 9,060.00 NorthStar Engineering, PCD/City IGA#1 Revision, Task K Main Street Bridge and reimbursables
- \$ 9,142.50 NorthStar Engineering, PCD Trail Extension-West and reimbursables

Old Business:

Administrative Assistant. Kidd said that Express told him that they cannot provide a remote person. They need to have a place to work and a supervisor, per their current guidelines.

Colorado DPW Contract. Banner said that the contract is working through the State approval process.

Hyde Park Properties. Coultrip said that PURA is not going to be taking this on right now, but it is still being considered.

Levee Event Guidelines. Banner said that he is working with Steven Meier on a process and guidelines for City Parks and Recreation to administer.

Pueblo Water Low Head Dam. Koehler said that Pueblo Water is holding a public meeting on May 9th at 5:30. They will not be presenting at group meetings.

Boulder Purchase. Pioreschi said that he just received some pricing from Swerdfeger. It will be in the range of \$73,000 to \$74,000 for furnishing and installing boulders to armor the ramp up the Levee.

New Business:

Change Order for Conduits on the Main Street Bridge. Kidd said that due to time constraints, the Executive Committee served as a Change Order Committee and approved a change order to have Bridge Brothers furnish and install irrigation and electrical conduits on the bridge. This needs to be ratified by the full Board. Willumstad moved to approve the change order at a cost not-to-exceed \$12,000. It was discussed that due to conduit absence not being noted in any of the design reviews and since we are at late stage, the proposal is for Bridge Brothers and the District to split the cost it would have originally been for PVC conduits and pay for the upgrade to weathering steel conduits. Serna seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Change Order for Main Street Bridge Anchor Blocks. Cuppy said that since the site did not have as much space available as Bridge Brothers had assumed, they came back wanting compensation for the necessary increase in size of the anchor blocks. He said that it is his opinion that the site has not changed and that no compensation is due. It was decided to table this and other Bridge Brothers change order requests until next month when all were in and could be considered.

DelMonico Property. Jean DelMonico said that she did not have a problem with the District having access to the property to do tree removal, soil cleanup etc. She is concerned, however, that if the fence is removed there will be an increased problem with keeping homeless out of their property. It was agreed that the fence will remain in place and that the District will do a license agreement with the DelMonicos. The existing gate is currently locked with a chain and padlock. The District will add their lock daisy-chained in, rather than DelMonicos providing a key to their lock.

President's Report:

Koehler said that the Trout on the Route fundraiser is in progress. There are currently 17 painted trout on display at various businesses around the City. There will be a live auction of the fish at the Blo Back Gallery on June 22nd. Koehler asked about the status of the homeless camp at Upper Lake Elizabeth. Kidd said that ownership between the BNSF Railroad and the District is not clear. A title search will be required to determine who really owns the property. Kidd said that since the Railroad has exhibited little interest in removal of homeless camps and since we have done camp removal and cleanup in the area in the past, he recommends having April 26,

Spaccamonti go in and remove the camp and clean up the area. This was agreed to. Koehler said that she spoke with the BHE representative and was told that the BHE donated funds could be used to help pay for the Raber plaque.

Options to put names on the bridges are still being explored. Koehler asked Banner if he had any updates from District 60 on the Dutch Clark area property. He said that he has not heard anything more from their attorney. Koehler said that Sam Ebersole's move on the 1921 Flood will be shown at the Blo Back Gallery on May 9th, at 6:30 pm. Koehler said that Eric McCue has requested that a Sculpture Committee be formed, rather than sculptures being under the existing Art Committee.

On behalf of the Pueblo Friends of the Arkansas River, Koehler requested a \$500 sponsorship for the Summer Solstice. Martin so moved and Willumstad seconded. The motion passed.

Administrator's Report:

Kidd said that he did not have anything outside of today's business to report.

FEMA Certification:

Cuppy said that there have not been any additional responses from FEMA. He will contact them to check on the status of the approval process.

Main Street Bridge:

Cuppy reported that the cables have arrived on site. Bridge Brothers is supposed to start stringing them tomorrow. Bridge Brothers says that they expect to be finished by the first of June.

Levee Amenities:

Cuppy said that half of the West Levee Trail Extension has been staked. Swerdfeger has scheduled to begin placing concrete next week.

Fountain Creek Report:

Martin said that the new Executive Director and Terry have scheduled to attend the May 24th meeting.

Other Business:

None

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 am. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be on May 24, 2023.

APPROVED:

Corinne Koehler, President

Ron Serna, Secretary