

MINUTES OF THE JULY 28, 2021 REGULAR MEETING
OF THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Directors Present: Matt Cordova, Corinne Koehler, Dennis Maroney, Jerry Martin, Bud O'Hara,
Donna Phillips, Ron Serna

Also Present: Attorney Don Banner
Administrator Rick Kidd

Guests: Mike Cuppy, NorthStar Engineering
Cynthia Ramu, Mural Art Committee
Jerry Pacheco, Pueblo Urban Renewal Authority

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 June 23, 2021 meeting were reviewed. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion was approved.

Public Forum:

None

A motion was made to go into Executive Session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402 (4)(e)(I) to discuss matters subject to negotiation. The motion was seconded and passed, and guests (including the attorney) were excused from the meeting at 10:05. Executive Session was adjourned and the regular meeting resumed at 10:20 am.

Lake Runyon Property Sale to County – Gary Rasso is finalizing details of the County's purchase proposal. They are talking of an offer of about \$200,000 based on prior sales and the amount of land above water. Kidd said that he would also like for them to take over the ownership and responsibility of Thomas Phelps Creek. He said that this area is not needed for the District's flood control purposes.

West Side Properties – Jerry Pacheco defined the boundaries of the west side urban renewal district. He said that Urban Renewal is currently doing an affordable housing demonstration on the Lower East Side and they would like to do a similar project on the west side. The envisioned project would include affordable housing and working with the City of Pueblo and the Pueblo Board of Water Works to develop a park along Wildhorse Creek. The general consensus of the Board was for Urban Renewal to proceed with the concept plan. Cuppy and Kidd are to meet with Pacheco to discuss land parcels that the District has available. They are also to discuss drainage issues that could affect any development.

Maroney asked about the area east of the railroad tracks that Matrix had asked about for Fountain Creek improvements. Kidd said that this had been presented to the Board at the last meeting and, even though we do not believe the District has ownership of that area, that even if the District does own it, there is no objection to them to removed the old bridge. Kidd said he so informed Matrix.

Levee Mural Proposals:

Ramu reported that she had five mural proposals to present to the Board.

Hooman (DeeTaco) – Celeste. This mural had been presented before and the Board requested explanations of the symbolisms. Ramu provided more narrative concerning the mural. It was noted that the “DeeTaco” sponsorship name was to have been made smaller. O’Hara moved to approve the mural with a smaller sponsorship and Cordova seconded. Two were in favor, one was opposed, and two abstained. Therefore, the motion passed.

Fishin - Michelle Taylor. This mural is of a colorful fish on a fishing line. The proposed size is 24x36. Phillips moved to approve the mural and O’Hara seconded. The motion passed.

Unicorn – Tia Monson. This mural is a unicorn and a ship with butterfly sails. The proposed size is 24x48. Maroney moved to approve the mural and O’Hara seconded. The motion passed.

Metatron Cube – Robert Hall. This mural is geometric with lines connecting circular nodes. The size is 24x36. O’Hara moved to approve the mural and Cordova seconded. Two were for and two were opposed. Koehler broke the tie and the mural was approved.

Greenback Cutthroat Trout – Karl Horeis. This mural is of the trout on a white background. The size is 24x48. O’Hara moved to approve the mural and Maroney seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report:

Willumstad was absent so Kidd reported that he did not see anything out of line and that the expenditures are within budget. He said that there is about \$11,000 in a money market account at Vectra Bank that still has not been closed out. It is costing more for the monthly charges than the interest that is being received. Kidd said that there are also funds at Stifel in a money market and they should be moved into an investment account. Serna moved to receive and file the reports and Cordova seconded. The motion passed.

The following bills were posted for review and approval. Kidd reported that they are routine bills. He asked if the charges by Banner and himself in relation to the PCD/City IGA#1 work should be billed to the City like he is billing for NorthStar. O’Hara said that he believed they should be. Martin so moved and Phillips seconded. The motion to charge the City for reimbursement of costs supporting the IGA passed. Kidd said that there is a bill from Swerdfeger for cleaning out the trash rack for the Wildhorse Creek crossing. The temporary crossing for construction work was taken out at the completion of the Levee reconstruction and this permanent crossing was put in as a part of the PCD/City IGA#1 work. Kidd said that the City really should be maintaining this now because it is no longer needed by the District. Kidd is to talk to the City about them paying for the continued maintenance. O’Hara moved to pay the bills and Cordova seconded. The motion passed.

Vectra Cash Account:

- \$ 536.64 Signs By Scott, Bench plaque, Foam boards for Story Board Sponsors, poster
- \$ 756.76 Corinne Koehler, Dedication ceremony expenses
- \$ 1,199.69 My Friend The Printer, Posters, Donation sheets, Thank You bookmarks, Program booklets

BSJ Operations and Maintenance Account:

\$ 500.00	MGPM, Monthly Accountant fees
\$ 500.00	B&B, Attorney Fees
\$ 50.00	B&B, Pueblo Friends of the Arkansas River 501.c.3. filing fee
\$ 1,007.50	B&B, 2 nd quarter charges – website, Ramu agreement, etc.
\$ 1,900.00	Kidd Engineering, Administrator/Engineer fees
\$ 660.00	Kidd Engineering, 11 th Street Bridge repairs
\$ 412.50	Kidd Engineering, Dutch Clark Stadium ownerships and road condition assessment
\$ 200.00	Bernard, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Cordova, Director's Fee
\$ 500.00	Koehler, President's Fee
\$ 200.00	Maroney, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Martin, Director's Fees
\$ 200.00	O'Hara, Director's Fee
\$ 347.49	O'Hara, Reimbursement for school logo paint
\$ 200.00	Phillips, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Serna, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Willumstad, Director's Fee
\$ 5,362.00	K.R. Swerdfeger, Wildhorse Creek trash rack cleaning
\$ 1,020.00	NorthStar Engineering, Information for coordination on 11 th Street Bridge repairs

BSJ Construction Draw Account:

\$ 660.00	Kidd Engineering, June 19 through July 23, 2021 PCD/IGA#1 Meetings and CA/CO
\$ 1,402.50	Kidd Engineering, HARP Diversion QA/QC and consultations with contractor
\$ 495.00	Kidd Engineering, Levee Phases 5 and 6 warranty walks
\$ 3,000.00	NorthStar Engineering, Task C-3 Prepare and submit final Levee construction report to FEMA
\$ 970.00	NorthStar Engineering, Phases 5 and 6 warranty issues
\$ 1,294.50	NorthStar Engineering, June 19 through July 23, 2021, Maintenance Assessment Support, Consultations, Artwork and Recreation
\$11,430.00	NorthStar Engineering, June 19 through July 23, 2021 PCD/City IGA#1 T&M Services and reimbursable expenses
\$71,868.01	KR Swerdfeger, Phase 6A PCD/City IGA#1 Pay Request #7
\$ 877.50	B&B, PCD/City IGA#1 Amendment
\$ 357.50	B&B, CWCB and FEMA documents

BSJ Reserve Account:

\$ 13,879.49	Pueblo Conservancy District – Transfer to Operating Account
\$ 92,355.01	Pueblo Conservancy District – Transfer to Draw Account

President's Report: Koehler said that her report will be covered in other items of discussion.

Administrator's Report: Kidd said that he did not have anything to report.

Pueblo Friends of the Arkansas: Koehler reported that the non-profit application has been filed with the Secretary of State. There has been a wide area of representation for this. The next meeting will be on August 24th at 6:00 pm.

Recreation Committee Report: Cuppy said that the City received a bid on the Main Street Pedestrian Bridge. That bid was from Bridge Brothers, with Contech saying that they were not going to bid the project. That was a surprise due to the number of questions that they asked during the bid process. The bid price received is about \$1.3M for the bridge and installation. This price is close to what was expected. Bid reviews are to be back into the City on Thursday. Cuppy showed a drone video of the trail construction. Koehler said she received word from Steven Meier that the shade structure work will resume tomorrow.

McLaughlin Whitewater has provided two proposals for working on the design of the wave shaper project. Their cost proposal for producing concept designs is \$108,500, and \$176,200 to take it through the preliminary design phase. At the preliminary phase they would have enough information to provide construction cost estimates. NorthStar's work to supplement the design process is expected to be a little over \$30,000. Banner stated that the proposals submitted required an expenditure greater than \$10,000 and that pursuant to the Conservancy Law of Colorado normally these services would have to be advertised for bid unless the Board unanimously voted to waive that requirement due to the necessity of proceeding immediately for good reason. The fact that the particular service to be rendered is unique in its nature and that the proposal was submitted by an entity familiar to CWCB is significant for the Board to consider. After discussion, it was decided to allow time to review the proposals and to reconsider this at the next Board meeting.

Fountain Creek Report: No report

FEMA Arkansas River Levee Certification: Cuppy said that NorthStar is waiting on FEMA to provide comments. It is anticipated that there may be a need for further analysis of the internal drainage area.

Old Business:

Barricades at Palm – After discussion it was decided to leave them in place at this time and to paint them gray.

New Business:

Dutch Clark Road – Kidd and Cuppy were directed to meet with Bob Lawson, from School District 60, and Andrew Hayes, from the City of Pueblo, to discuss what to do to repair and improve this roadway, and who for the District to deed this land to.

Coordination with HARP – Koehler said that she and Lynn Clark have been discussing ways to work together on both current and long term plans.

Other Business:

Serna said that Antonio wants to refurbish the 18th Street Bridge Mural and area. Antonio asked if the District would provide a letter for his wife performing 21-hours of volunteer service in helping him to do this. It was agreed that Koehler would write a letter.

Maroney said that Lynn Clark, the HARP Executive Director, would like to meet soon to discuss signage and website coordination. Koehler said that she will meet with Clark.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:13 pm.

APPROVED:

Corinne Koehler, President

Ron Serna, Secretary