

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 25, 2021 REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PUEBLO CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Directors Present: Barbara Bernard, Matt Cordova, Corinne Koehler, Dennis Maroney, Jerry Martin, Bud O'Hara, Ron Serna, Paul Willumstad

Also Present: Attorney Don Banner  
Administrator Rick Kidd

Guests: Mike Cuppy, NorthStar Engineering  
Cynthia Ramu, Mural Art Committee

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 July 28, 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)(1) to discuss matters subject to negotiation. The motion was seconded and passed, and guests were excused from the meeting at 10:05. Executive Session was adjourned and the regular meeting resumed at 10:34 am.

**Levee Mural Proposals:**

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

Bob Marley – Robert Hall. O'Hara moved to approve the mural and Willumstad seconded. The motion passed.

Moving Forward – Anita Chaves. O'Hara moved to approve the mural and Cordova seconded. The motion passed.

The Unlikely First Responder – Audra Hazel. Ramu said that there are two versions of this proposed mural. One has no wording and the second has "Pueblo's heroes carry naloxone". Ramu explained that the artist wants to use this mural to bring attention of naloxone, also known as Narcan. It is a drug to reverse an opioid overdose. In 2020, professional first responders in Pueblo County saved 298 lives and private citizens saved 265 lives with naloxone. Bernard moved to approve the mural with the wording on it. Maroney seconded and the motion passed. Heart of Steel – Sarah Ballard. Willumstad moved to approve this mural and Bernard seconded. Willumstad said that he would like for the artist to wait on this mural and paint it within the "historic" designated section of the Levee. The motion passed.

Martin said that Ramu is going to be posting all of the murals and the artist's narratives on the Pueblo Levee Mural website.

Serna reported that the East High School and Centennial High School logos have been completed. We still need payment for the Central High School logo before it will be painted.

Koehler said that she will follow up on that and also talk to CSU-Pueblo. Willumstad said that he would talk to Pueblo Community College.

Ramu said that she is doing a retrospective presentation on the Pepsi Stage at the Colorado State Fair. She also did a presentation at Pueblo Makers.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Willumstad said that he had reviewed the accountant's report and did not see anything that looked out of line. He moved to receive and file the report. The motion passed.

Kidd said that the bills are normal, but include payment for painting the last two high school logos, a payment to Swerdfeger for cleaning up the debris and damages from the flood down Wildhorse Creek, a deposit of \$2000, of the approved \$5000, at D&S Paint for artist incentive assistance, and for herbicide application. Kidd said that there will also be a \$380,320.54 interest payment to CWCB transferred from the Reserve Account. The amortized loan payments will begin in 2022, with payments due on September 1 of each year. Willumstad moved to pay the bills and O'Hara seconded. The motion passed.

Vectra Cash Account:

\$ 600.00	John Montano, East HS logo painting
\$ 600.00	John Montano. Centennial HS logo painting

BSJ Operations and Maintenance Account:

\$ 250.00	Black Hills Energy, Lake Runyon lighting
\$ 500.00	MGPM, Monthly Accountant fees
\$ 3,500.00	MGPM, Prepare financials and disclosures for 2020 audit
\$ 500.00	B&B, Attorney Fees
\$ 1,900.00	Kidd Engineering, Administrator/Engineer fees
\$ 247.30	Kidd Engineering, Dutch Clark Stadium ownerships and road condition assessment
\$ 2,000.00	Cynthia Ramu, Levee Mural Art Coordinator Fee
\$ 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
\$ 200.00	Phillips, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Serna, Director's Fee
\$ 200.00	Willumstad, Director's Fee
\$ 2,000.00	D&S Paint, Levee mural artist supplies incentive
\$ 900.00	Colorado Vegetation Management, Weed control spraying
\$ 6,272.00	K.R. Swerdfeger, Wildhorse Creek debris cleaning and restoration

BSJ Construction Draw Account:

\$ 577.50	Kidd Engineering, July 24 through August 20, 2021 PCD/IGA#1 Meetings and CA/CO
\$ 247.50	Kidd Engineering, HARP Diversion QA/QC and consultations with contractor
\$ 1,120.00	NorthStar Engineering, July 24 through August 20, 2021, Maintenance Assessment Support, Consultations, Artwork and Recreation
\$ 8,848.50	NorthStar Engineering, July 24 through August 20, 2021 PCD/City IGA#1 T&M Services and reimbursable expenses
\$45,694.89	KR Swerdfeger, Phase 6A PCD/City IGA#1 Pay Request #8

BSJ Reserve Account:

\$ 20,169.50	Pueblo Conservancy District – Transfer to Operating Account
\$ 56,488.39	Pueblo Conservancy District – Transfer to Draw Account
\$380,320.54	CWCB, Interest on loan to September 1, 2021

**President's Report:** Koehler said that the Downtown Association had a nice article about the Levee and their Levee Walk event. The District is in the process of selling Runyon to the County. The Board needs to discuss where money from land sales should be deposited. Should sponsorships for trail amenities go to backfill what the District has spent on the existing amenities or go for new amenities? Maroney said that he thinks the money from land sales should go into the general fund. Kidd suggested adding it to a separate account wherein the \$1.1M that the District had prior to the start of the Levee reconstruction work resides. Banner said that the Maintenance Fund Assessment monies can go toward art and recreation as well as maintenance so there is no longer a benefit of keeping a separate fund source like there was before this use was approved by the Courts. Kidd is to talk to the District's accountant for his suggestions. O'Hara said that he thinks it should go into a separate account. Koehler said that interest is increasing to put sculptures on the Levee. One donation has been received. The District needs to establish a policy on sculptures.

**Administrator's Report:** Kidd reported that Colorado Vegetation Management did not get all of the weeds sprayed before they left to go do a big job in Wyoming. So he has Spaccamonti online to cut weeds through the Grove again, plus clean up some trash that was dumped at 16<sup>th</sup> Street, and to do some cleaning in Thomas Phelps Creek.

**Pueblo Friends of the Arkansas:** Koehler reported that Banner has filed the non-profit paperwork for Pueblo Friends of the Arkansas. They are forming a Board and are holding a cleaning project from Lake Runyon westward, on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are hoping that this will get more publicity for the group. They are working on a mission statement and hope to have a party on the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Pedestrian Bridge when it is opened up. Maroney said that credit for the cleaning can be registered with the Fountain Creek Greenway for Creek Week.

**Recreation Committee Report:** Cuppy said that the shade structures are all up except that there is still some minor bolting that needs to be done. The contractor is planning to place concrete for the trail and shade structure pads in two placements per week. They currently expect to be 100 percent finished by the end of September. Some of the shade structure framing is not fitting up well and will be a review consideration by the City and the District. The only way to correct the fit will be by refabrication of some of the pieces. They are hoping that construction of the Main Street Pedestrian Bridge will be able to start early next year.

**Fountain Creek Report:** No report

**FEMA Arkansas River Levee Certification:** Cuppy said that NorthStar has not yet heard anything from FEMA. All of the as-builts have been posted into a DropBox so that the interested entities have access to the information submitted. Maroney asked about the internal drainage areas. Cuppy said that they have provided FEMA the information that they have asked for so far.

**Old Business:**

Wave Shaper Proposal – NorthStar received proposals from McLaughlin White Water for both just a concept study and a preliminary design. Cuppy recommends going with the preliminary design because it would provide enough information to develop cost estimates to use in seeking project funding. Their not-to-exceed budget for these services was quoted at \$176,200. Cuppy was asked if this would be a City project and who would be responsible for maintaining the wave shaper. He said that this is a part of the long term master plan that was developed for the City. Cuppy believes the City process for services procurement would be much slower than the Conservancy District and we would have information to take to the CWCB while they are still interested in helping on the project. Willumstad said that he thinks \$176,200 is a lot of money and that the City should take the lead, not the District. Banner suggested that Koehler meet with the City to get a commitment from them for the project with Pueblo Conservancy District support.

Artist Incentive – Koehler requested input on how to best administer the \$5000 to help defray artists' costs that the District approved. Two thousand dollars has already been deposited at D&S Paint. Ramu said that she has six artist who are using funds from that deposit. It was agreed to deposit all of the money at D&S Paint and Ramu provide a report to the District of how it is being spent.

Vectra Money Market Account -- Willumstad said that he went in to Vectra to close this account but that the other signatories had not been in to sign the new card.

**New Business:**

Bridge Naming Rights – Delay until next month.

Land Sales – Koehler said that the County is considering a counter offer of \$203,000. O'Hara said that he believes this is acceptable. It was agreed to continue with the County to come to a contract agreement.

Personnel – Delay until next month.

Dutch Clark Land Transfer – Kidd said that he and Cuppy attended a meeting with the City last week. The City was represented by Andrew Hayes, Charles Roy, and Scott Hobson. Bob

Lawson, from District 60, did not show up. The City does not feel that they have a real need for this roadway. District 60 uses it down to the locker rooms and their maintenance garage. Kdd said that what would make most sense is for the City to take all of the land along the southside of the River from 4<sup>th</sup> Street to the Board of Water Works ponds since most the City's trail occupies most of the Conservancy District owned land. Then they could do an internal subdivision to give to the School District the part that they need. Hobson said that he would discuss this with Steven Meier.

HARP Authority IGA 2022 Contribution Request – Koehler is to send a letter to Lynn Clark to discuss the District's support at the requested amount.

**Other Business:**

Kidd is to follow up on Director terms and expirations.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:56 am. The next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be on September 23, 2021.

APPROVED:

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Corinne Koehler, President

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Ron Serna, Secretary