

**UPPER BLACK SQUIRREL CREEK GROUND  
WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

The **October** meeting of the Board of Directors of the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District was called to order **Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at 6:00 P.M.**, at the District Office, 520 Colorado Avenue, C, Calhan, CO by President David Doran, and determined a quorum was present.

**Board Members in Attendance:** President David Doran, Vice-President Dan Farmer,  
Treasurer Mark Greeley

**Board Members Absent:** **JR Bond**

**Others in Attendance:** Jonathon Smith, John Hill, Tracy Doran, Lisa Thompson  
Via phone conference

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE MEETING WAS POSTED**

President Doran opened the meeting and called for approval or amendments to the agenda.

**1. Agenda for October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018:**

Director Farmer motioned to approve the October 2<sup>nd</sup> agenda with the addition of water well permit numbered as 3 for Stage Coach Ranch on the Range Partners LLC, and #4 in Old Business Santa Fe Springs ownership. Director Greeley seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

**2. Minutes for September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018:**

Director Farmer motioned to approve the September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 minutes. Director Greeley seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

**3. Treasurer Report & Any Bills Needing Board Approval:**

Treasurer Greeley reported on income and expenses for the month of August. Treasurer Greeley motioned to accept the August treasurer report and pay the August attorney bill for the amount of \$16,043.28. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

**OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Rules & Legislation Updates:**

**a. GWC General Amendments to Designated Basin Rules 4, 5 & 7:**

Ms. Thompson noted that there was a Stakeholder meeting held on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 to discuss revisions. Ms. Thompson advised that they have not seen a revised version. Discussion on publication.

**b. Case No. 17GW05 (Rulemaking): Rule 5.6 & 5.8 Amendments ASR (Aquifer Storage & Recovery) Draft Rules:**

Ms. Thompson reported that notice of the rescheduled Rulemaking Hearing was published in the Colorado Register on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Ms. Thompson reported on deadlines and that there are 4 new parties in the case.

**2. Cherokee Metro & Meridian Service Metro/Replacement Plan/Case No.98CW80/Cherokee Motion for Determination of Question of Law/Case No. 08GW71:**

Ms. Thompson advised that Cherokee and Meridian filed replies in support of Cherokee's Motion on July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The Hearing Officer has not issued a ruling on this motion at this time. Discussion followed.

**3. District Violations:**

The Board discussed Chris Grimes letters to potential violators and said it was a start. Discussion on large scale hemp grows.

**4. Santa Fe Springs Ownership:**

Ms. Thompson reported on their findings regarding their research into who owns the Santa Fe Springs water rights and said it is still a mystery. Discussion followed. The Board directed Mrs. Doran to write the State regarding these Determination of Water Rights and ask that they send us new ownership records for these determinations.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. 2019 Draft Budget:**

The Board reviewed the Draft Budget prepared by The Adams Group and directed Mrs. Doran to contact the accountant that they did not have any changes. The Board set the Budget Hearing for the next meeting November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Mrs. Doran reported that a notice will be published in the Ranchland that it is available for review by the public.

**Water Well Permit Applications:**

**1. Gonzalez**

Director Greeley motioned to approve the Gonzalez application. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

**2. Montano**

Director Greeley motioned to write the State and see if there is a Determination of Water Right under this property as it looks like it is part of Santa Fe Springs and to see if this will be the only well as that box was not checked. The Board will approve the application if there is a deed transferring water and it is the only well on the property. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

**3. Stage Coach Ranch on the Range Partners LLC**

Director Farmer motioned to approve the Stage Coach Ranch on the Range Partners LLC application. Director Greeley seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

**Determination of Water Rights:**

**1. NA**

**El Paso County Reviews:**

**1. Timberridge Estates (Out of District)**

The Board directed Ms. Thompson to write a letter to the County on water quality, replacement plans and that the water becomes designated water.

**2. Meadowlake Ranch Sketch Plan**

The Board directed Mrs. Doran to write to the County and recommend Central Water & Wastewater as is our policy and to see if they have been included into Woodmen Hills boundaries yet or if Woodmen Hills denied them.

**3. Woodmen Hills Metropolitan District Lift Station #1**

The Board directed Mrs. Doran to write to the County stating that they did not have any objections but reserve the right to comment in the future.

**4. 12843 Peyton Highway Variance**

The Board directed Mrs. Doran to write to the County and tell them we have a rule that only allows 2 homes on a well but that the applicant has had these since before the rule went into effect in 2003 and their well permit allows 3 homes and would be grandfathered in.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE BOARD MAY HAVE:**

**Board Reports:**

**1. Ground Water Contamination Study:**

President Doran reported that there is a tentative date set for an October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting but they have been discussing funding.

**2. County Water Master Plan Steering Committee:**

President Doran reported that the meeting is October 24<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 3:30, and there is an open house on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and it would great if other board members would come.

Director Farmer wanted to discuss contract services, and the weir reader. Director Farmer will contact Richard Cromwell again.

#### **VISITOR INPUT**

John Hill reported that he received a letter from Bob Longenbaugh on the ASR case. Mr. Hill noted that his hours have been cut back to 24 hours a week and is basically sports and he comes to the meetings on his own time because he wants to be here. The Board thanked him for that.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

NA

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION REPORT**

NA

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Doran called for the meeting to be adjourned.

Director Greeley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Doran/Office Manager