

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

October 1st, 2019

The **October** meeting of the Board of Directors of the Upper Black Squirrel Creek Ground Water Management District was called to order **Tuesday, October 1st, 2019 at 6:02 P.M.**, in the conference room inside Farmers State Bank, 1500 8th Street, Calhan, CO. by President Dave Doran who 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: John Hill, Chad Jordan, Terry Shaw, Tracy Doran

PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE MEETING WAS POSTED AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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

1. Agenda for October 1st, 2019:

Director Greeley motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of a Replacement well application for MW Panel Tech LLC. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

2. Minutes for September 3rd, 2019:

Director Farmer motioned to approve the September 3rd, 2019 minutes as written. Director Greeley seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

3. Treasurer Report & Any Bills Needing Board Approval:

Treasurer Greeley went over the income and expenses and motioned to accept the September 2019 treasurer report and pay the attorney bill for \$3,682.93 and accounting bill of \$700.00. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Rules & Legislation Updates:

a. Case No. 19GW04: General Amendments to Designated Basin Rules 4, 5 & 7:

President Doran reported that there were no updates on this item.

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

President Doran reported that there were no updates on this item.

3. **District Violations:**

The Board discussed hemp cultivation and the illegal water usage. There was further discussion on a couple of potential violations in District 5 and Director Farmer advised that he will check them out and get back to the board, there was also discussion on the CHAMPS handouts and what other states are doing versus what Colorado is doing for testing.

4. **District Rulemaking:**

President Doran noted that Ms. Thompson is in the process of reaching out to the Metropolitan Districts to schedule a follow up conferral meeting.

5. **Election:**

Director Doran motioned to have Ms. Thompson sign an engagement letter for election attorney Kendra Carberry for a specific number of months for the 2020 election, and if she can't sign it, then President Doran will sign it. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

Director Doran motioned to appoint Tracy Doran as the Designated Election Official for the 2020 election. Director Greeley seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS

1. **2020 Draft Budget:**

The Board made no changes to the proposed budget numbers.

There was discussion about moving money into COLO Trust. We will research what needs to be done.

Director Doran motioned to set the Budget Hearing for November 5th, 2019. Director Greeley seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

There was further discussion about doing a water study with USGS.

Water Well Permit Applications:

1. **Burt:**

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

2. **Hyatt:**

Director Doran motioned to approve the Hyatt application for 2 homes, not 3 as asked for and if it is in the Santa Fe Springs boundary, issue our disclaimer. Director Greeley seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

3. Serrano-Ruiz:

Director Doran motioned to approve the Serrano-Ruiz application. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

4. MW Panel Tech LLC/Replacement Well:

The Board discussed the replacement well application and the District's 50-foot rule. Director Doran motioned to have Lisa research the wells and make comments immediately to the State regarding the 15 days to comment and to also contact Eric Harmon for further information on these wells. Director Greeley seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

Determination of Water Rights:

NA

El Paso County Reviews:

Consent Calendar:

1. **Bartlett/Rezone/Variance**
2. **King Soopers**
3. **Meadow Lake Airport/Permit to identify future expansion and improvements**
4. **National Mill Dog Rescue/3000 Sq. Foot addition for new kennels**

Called Up Consent Calendar/El Paso County Reviews:

NA

New Business Not Covered Above:

Director Farmer informed the Board that Bob Longenbaugh is putting a program together with historical data. He would like to make a presentation to the Board on the levels in all the aquifers. Director Farmer advised that Bob can prove that drilling in the Laramie-Fox Hills aquifer affects the alluvium aquifer. The pattern has now reversed. The Board will add Bob to the November 5th agenda and allow for a 45-minute presentation. Discussion followed about putting a notice in the paper.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE BOARD MAY HAVE:

Board Reports:

1. Ground Water Contamination Study:

Director Doran advised that the meeting was cancelled. The Board discussed putting money towards the water quality study. Director Doran motioned to have Dave Doran

sign the document when we receive the official contract for Phase 3 for fiscal year 2020 and send it to the County. Director Farmer seconded the motion. Motion carried (3-0)

VISITOR INPUT

John Hill asked if the District would be sending \$10,000.00 for the Ground Water Quality Study. The Board answered yes.

Discussion on the study continued.

Terry Shaw advised that the hemp season is over now so we have a season to try and get things done.

President Doran advised that we had received an email from Greg Peterson with the Colorado Ag Water Alliance (CAWA) on coming to talk with us about their organization and their event (The Ag Water Summit) that they will be hosting Dec 2-3, 2019 in Loveland. They want to focus on where does agriculture fit into infrastructure, water quality, healthy rivers, the Colorado River Compact, and implementing goals in the Water Plan. CAWA is committed to preserving irrigated agriculture in Colorado. Mr. Peterson would like to address the Board as he believes we share mutual interests. President Doran noted that Greg said he had about a 15-minute presentation. The Board agreed to put him on the agenda for November. President Doran will call him with the date and time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NA

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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 7:22 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Doran/Office Manager