



## Draft Minutes

### March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### 1. Board Action Items

##### a. Approval of invoices for payment

- i. Corona Environmental: \$942
- ii. Vranesh and Raisch: \$342
- iii. GEI: \$370
- iv. Motion to approve by Andra Ahrens, vote taken and approved for payment

**b. IRS update:** Andra provided an update regarding the ongoing communication with the IRS regarding the late filing fee for 2019. The IRS said that the 90 hold was up for the collection of the late filing fee. They did receive the letter sent requesting that the fee waved due to a change in management. They had CWWUC resend the letter to a different address. Andra will check back with the IRS in April.

**c. Approval of February minutes:** Motion to approve minutes. Motion by Julie Tinetti, seconded by Andra Ahrens. Approved by vote.

#### 2. Gabe Racz provided information about a request from Mt. Crested Butte Sanitation District. CWWUC has been asked to participate in a adjudicatory hearing on behalf of Mt. Crested Butte regarding their new permit.

- a. They had impact limits determined from a previous limit that the Division revised downward. In the course of revising the limits the Division did not follow policy regarding anti-degradation. For implicit non-impact limits, they take two years of data. If not available they can go back further than two years. In some cases, the Division is only looking at the two most recent years and they may only have one sample from that time frame which is not representative.
- b. This same issue may come up for other facilities on reviewable segments as there is a revision of the antidegradation policy application that can result in more stringent limits. This is not consistent with anti-degradation which is supposed to maintain water quality, not improve it.



- c. Mt. Crested Butte is requesting that CWWUC either intervene as an interested party, which there is not much time for as it would be required to be submitted by March 19<sup>th</sup>, or possibly submit an amicus brief. Gabe is not sure if the amicus brief would even work as he has never seen it before. It may not be allowed by the administrative law judge. He will look into that as a path. The approximate cost to intervene would be approximately \$10,000.
  - d. The members voted to not intervene due to lack of time and expense but requested that Gabe look into an amicus brief as this may be a way for the CWWUC to not only help Mt. Crested Butte but other utilities as well.
3. **TENORM:** Wes Martin reported on the conversation that a small group of CWWUC members had with the Division about the treatment process with respect to TENORM. Metro, Pueblo and Plum Creek all presented. The Division took the information back regarding grit and rags to determine a good path forward.
- a. There was a Stakeholder Meeting on March 9<sup>th</sup> wherein the Division acknowledged that the screenings do not have to be sampled.
  - b. If a plant takes drinking water residuals and registered waste, then they will need to sample or calculate a mass balance for TENORM.
  - c. There is a new topic that the Division is going to discuss regarding facilities that accept septage. They are not sure if they are going to require sampling for that or not.
4. **CWWUC Strategic Planning:** A strategic planning session was held with members. The ideas that were considered for pursuit included:
- a. **Professional development and training**
  - b. **Networking and information sharing**
  - c. **Amicus briefs**
  - d. **Workforce development**
  - e. **Updates from outside groups.**
  - f. **Social media engagement.**

Members voted and determined the top three initiatives of greatest interest include:

- 1. Amicus Briefs
- 2. Networking and information sharing
  - a. Shonnie is going to put together options for information sharing using the website to present at the next meeting.
- 3. Updates from outside groups
  - a. AWWA

