

Buena Vista Water Advisory Board
Minutes of January 16, 2019
Public Works Office Meeting Room
755 Gregg Dr.

Call to Order

Meeting called to order by Chairman Hamilton at 6:36 p.m.

Attendance and Introductions

In attendance were: Harley Hamilton, Andrew Rice, , Roy Gertson, Shawn Williams, Al Smith, Jerry Steinauer, Phillip Puckett, Mark Jenkins (BV Town council member) & Terry Scanga (UAWCD manager)

Agenda Adoption

Chairman Hamilton approved the agenda with addition of member re-appointments of Andy Rice & Paul Moltz.

Approval of Minutes

Motion #1 by Jerry second by Andrew to approve the minutes of October 10, 2018 with a correction of the December meeting was cancelled. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Chairman Hamilton called for public comments. No public comment

Business Items

A. Trout Creek Reservoir and adjacent lands :

Introduction of Terry Scanga manager of UAWCD.

Harley stated he wanted the discussion to focus on Joint effort w/ UAWCD, Al Smith's BV Water Superintendent analysis spreadsheet of water usage , and not to include the infrastructure of the water system.

Phil started the discussion , stating the Town wanted to focus on the water component to include the water right evaluation , feasibility of use-fullness, and thoughts of partnership. The Town Council needs to decide whether to proceed on the Moltz Trout Creek proposal.

Terry Scanga proceeded with the proposed water portfolio and value. "Cost is Big" , relating the Moltz water rights and reservoir. As the Town is interested in the water rights , especially the Trout Creek ditch diverted off Cottonwood Creek. This ditch is the calling ditch of Cottonwood Creek being a senior right 1872 and the last diversion off Cottonwood Creek as it joins the Arkansas River. UAWCD has previously reviewed Moltz water rights. The Helena & the Trout Creek ditch uses have been intermingled on various properties , which present problems to show consumptive use in a court case. A possible solution would be formation of a ditch association , combining all their water rights and still irrigate their lands.

Jerry wants to proceed , but have a meeting with Paul on price of the water rights, alluvial project , and reservoir and convincing him a conservation easement or State Park would be best for the land.

Andrew “I agree with Jerry in that a further review and understanding of the issues raised at the meeting seems warranted (i.e., alluvial storage). As a result of our discussion tonight, I’m not prepared to make a recommendation one way or the other”.

B. Chairman Harley has polled Andrew Rice & Paul Moltz to apply for re-appointment by Town Council to the Water Advisory Board. Andrew said yes & Harley will continue to contact Paul Moltz.

Staff/Counsel Reports

A. Public Works Director –Shawn Williams presented a staff report. For 2018 , 174.328MG were sold and 36.587MG unaccounted (17%) = 209.915 total production. Shawn ’s report also listed several accomplishments and ongoing projects. such as , The new 750 K gal storage tank ongoing construction in the upper zone, well #3 retro fit for potable water supply, & the treatment feasibility study for improvements.

Shawn also thought Wright Water evaluation of Moltz water was good at \$3.2M - \$3.6 M. He was also concerned with the timeline when the Moltz Water rights would be available if purchased.

The Town has a well augmentation agreement with UAWCD on well #3.

B. Board/Staff interaction

Shawn will prepare next meeting agenda

The next Water Advisory Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17 2019.

Adjournment

Seeing that there was no further business, Chairman Hamilton called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion #2 by Jerry , second by Roy to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Roy Gertson , Board member

Harley Hamilton
Chairman