

Twin Lakes Rathdrum Creek Flood Control 17
Regular Meeting Minutes

Public Agency: **Flood Control 17, Kootenai County, Idaho**

Governing Body: **Board of Flood Control District Commissioners**

Meeting Date, Time, and Location:

June 4, 2020, 6:00 pm

Twinlow Camp

22787 North Twinlow Rd. Rathdrum Idaho 83858

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Todd Howe at 6:06 pm.

Present: Chairman Division 1 Todd Howe

Commissioner Division 2 Adam Kremin

Commissioner Division 3 Gordon Sylte

Commissioner Division 4 Janet Armstrong

Secretary/Treasurer Kathryn Cronin

A quorum was established

Public: Doug Jones - IDWR

Laurin Scarcello – FCD Dam Tender

Debbie Andrews - TLIA President

Don Ellis - Water District Chairman

Steve Neff - Watermaster

Daniell Plomondon

Meeting Changes: No changes to the agenda

Approval of minutes: Todd Howe moved to approve the minutes from May's regular meeting. Gordon Sylte seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Lake Level Report: Laurin Scarcello reported the lake level at 10.46 with a gate opening of 6.25 inches. Grates need to be cleaned out. Steve Neff later on reported the same lake level but added he had just changed the gate level from 6.25 to 4 inches at 5:57pm that day.

Payment Authorization:

Kathryn Cronin presented the following bills for payment.

Avista \$20.88 for utilities, Twinlow Camp \$100 for rent, Laurin Scarcello \$608.45, Kathryn Cronin \$419.04, Gordon Sylte \$46.17, Janet Armstrong \$46.17, Todd Howe \$46.18. Adam Kremin \$230.87.

Todd Howe motioned to approve payment. Adam Kremin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of bank Statements & Financial records.

May's bank statements were reviewed by the commissioners. The Quickbooks' report aligns with the checks going out and the balances in both the checking and savings accounts. Gordon Sylte's check from May has yet to be deposited.

Correspondence review

State Farm sent the policy renewal declarations for BigFoot, listing what is covered under the policy and the costs to the service contractor. No money is due and no action is needed.

Old Business:

Weather Station at the Dam

The original projection for a weather station was around \$15,000. Todd Howe expressed that he did not believe there was a need to spend too much money on a weather station, especially considering the weather station owned by Gordon Sylte cost around \$400. Gordon Sylte was all for installing a few weather stations in different locations - behind Rathdrum mountain, in front of Rathdrum mountain, etc. - especially if they cost so little. The question becomes, what makes a weather station credible, how do you connect to the NRCS program, and if you connect to the NRCS, do you still have access to your own data?

Don Ellis reiterated that the Water District would be willing to contribute to this project, however he reminded the commissioners the Water District meets once a year in June. Any proposal would need to be completed before that meeting so he can present it.

Kathryn Cronin will do some research into these questions and will bring more information to next month's meeting.

Online Banking / Debit Card

Will address at next month's meeting.

Sump Review, County and Aquifer Protection Board

Currently, the sump is underwater and, according to Laurin Scarcello and Steve Neff, will continue to be underwater until August or later. The commissioners would like to go out and tour the sump once it is accessible. Gordon Sylte again reiterated that someone should touch base with the Tevises and assure them that the Flood District has not forgotten about them or the unfinished work at the sump.

Information on Snow Pack and Lake Level Curves

This topic is closed. The responsibility of the lake and the dam have been transferred to the Water District and the Watermaster, Steve Neff.

Job Vacancy - FCD Secretary/Treasurer

The current Flood District Secretary, Kathryn Cronin, introduced Daniell Plomondon as her replacement candidate. Daniell works at Twinlow Camp as the guest services director, and is originally from Colorado.

More discussion on a training fee and hiring Daniell will happen in July during an executive session. Todd made a motion to consider Daniell Plomondon as a candidate for the Secretary/Treasurer position. Adam seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Camera(s) at the Dam: Information Sharing

Steve Neff reported that the Stevens Connect is fully calibrated. He discussed weirs with Platt but did not seem to think that there was any benefit to spending \$7,000 to \$8,000 on a weir. Steve also mentioned he would like to add a baffle that narrows the gate opening so debris wouldn't get caught up so easily and he wouldn't need to flush it out so often.

The cameras installed at the dam are a live shot of the gate and the gauge. The cameras can be rotated, but they are on pre-set angles; the controls can be accessed by one person currently. The commissioners would like a tour and the ability to look at the photo feed from the cameras. Steve Neff said this should be possible. Laurin Scarcello also brought up that eventually it would be beneficial for the Flood District to have a manual or schematics of the set-up down at the dam with these cameras.

Rathdrum Creek Drone Mapping

Adam Kremin talked with the Hartmans and they are willing to do the drone mapping of the Rathdrum Creek. The drone mapping will need to be done before Hartman's son, (name), goes back to college in September, so Adam suggested late August. The drone mapping will help with planning future projects, tracking problem spots, and assist contractors who are hired to clean out sections of the creek.

Adam made a motion to hire (name) Hartman to drone map the Rathdrum Creek for the Flood District. Todd Howe seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IDWR Flood Management Grants

Doug Jones had emailed the Flood District about the possibility of an IDWR Grant, however the deadline for the grant is June 15th. Though the Flood District cannot write a grant within two weeks, many good ideas were thrown out for discussion. Doug suggested strengthening weak points along the creek where the bank has been impacted by higher flows, or upgrading levies. Steve Neff suggested an engineering study and tracking where the water loss is occurring down from Finman's. Laurin Scarcello also mentioned the Gunning and Sturgeon Road culverts as areas of interest.

Todd Howe summarized the discussion by suggesting a to-do list of projects, a five year plan, and a twenty year plan should begin to be developed by the Flood District so in the future the board is ready for any grants that should come up. This topic will be a continuing conversation point in future meetings.

Adjournment

Adam Kremin motioned to adjourn at 7:22pm. Janet Armstrong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Cronin