

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:

March 5, 2020, 6:00 pm

Twinlow Camp

22787 North Twinlow Rd. Rathdrum Idaho 83858

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Todd Howe at 6:00 pm.

Present: Chairman Division 1 Todd Howe

Commissioner Division 2 Adam Kremin

Commissioner Division 4 Janet Armstrong

Secretary/Treasurer Kathryn Cronin

A quorum was established

Absent: Commissioner Division 3 Gordon Sylte

Public: Doug Jones - IDWR

Laurin Scarcello – FCD Dam Tender

Meeting Changes: No changes to the agenda

Approval of minutes: Todd Howe moved to approve the minutes from February's regular meeting. Adam Kremin seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Lake Level Report: Laurin Scarcello – Dam tender stated the lake level is at 7.84' on the staff gauge with the gate at a 7 inch opening. Lake is a little bouncy. Some debris was cleared from the grate.

Todd Howe will contact Tim Guy at BigFoot about calibration.

Payment Authorization:

Kathryn Cronin presented the following bills for payment.

Rent to Twinlow Camp \$100, Avista \$26.15 for utilities, Laurin Scarcello Payroll \$608.45, Rathdrum Chamber of Commerce \$100 for membership dues, Post office box \$113.00 for six months.

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

Review of bank Statements & Financial records.

January and February's bank statements were reviewed by the commissioners. Kathryn Cronin did not have time to print out the reports from Quickbooks, but she confirmed that all the checks written in the past two months appeared on the bank statements.

Correspondence review

RLI Bond

Kathryn Cronin will be in contact with the bonding agent to upgrade the bond from two commissioners to four.

Quickbooks Payroll Renewal

Kathryn Cronin was unable to get into the original file of the Twin Lakes Flood District to change the card required to pay for the Payroll Subscription. The original file is linked to Bobbie Hunsinger (spelling?). Kathryn was able to call Quickbooks and get the Payroll Subscription added to their current Quickbooks files. Until the Flood Control District obtains a debit card, Kathryn will have her card on file to cover payment.

House Bill No. 409

The limitation on property tax levies, as it concerns the Flood Control District, means that the FCD will receive the same amount of property tax levies in 2020-2021 as they did in the year 2019-2020.

Old Business:

Weather Station at the Dam

The topic of putting in a weather station at the dam is on hold. The cost of a weather station needs to be narrowed down and discussion with the Water District if they are willing and able to contribute funds to the project. Topic will resume in May.

Rathdrum Creek Debris Clearing – Mapping for Future Projects

Any mapping for future projects is on hold until the summer months. Adam Kremin suggested asking and paying the Hartmans to fly their drone and use it to take pictures and do some mapping of the creek. A small hourly fee may apply.

Online Banking / Debit Card

Adding Adam Kremin and Kathryn Cronin to the bank account as signers, as well as obtaining a debit card for the Flood District, cannot be done until Gordon Sylte is back in town.

Information on Snow Pack and Lake Level Curves

Doug Jones came to the meeting with snow course data from the Twin Spirit divide and the Lower Sands Creek, to provide more information and context for the current snowpack and lake

level. Ragged Ridge has around 21.9 inches of snow and Quartz Mountain, across the border in Washington, is at 22.3 inches. Todd Howe observed, from past years, the FCD keeps high open gates till the snow course is at 15% SWE. Doug Jones suggested following curve three in the Greenacres Plan. Todd agreed, saying he thought either curve two or three was appropriate. The position to avoid would be hitting a lake level of 9.4 and still having 18% SWE.

Given the current data, Todd Howe would like to aim for lake levels around 9ft at the beginning of April, and around 10.4 by mid-May. Gordon Sylte sent an email with his input about the lake levels. Laurin Scarcello recommended lowering the gate to five or six inches to start bringing up the lake.

Todd Howe made a motion to lower the gate to five inches to begin filling the lake. More communication will continue over the text chain as precipitation and the lake level rises and falls. Adam seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Request to Provide Historical Flow Data (Paul Luber, Willow Creek Mobile Home Community)

Paul Luber, who is working with the owners of the Willow Creek Mobile Home Community in Rathdrum, requested information from the Flood District on historic flows. They are trying to amend FEMA flood maps in order to expand the mobile home community. Todd Howe talked with him on the phone. The information the FCD has does not go back far enough due to the creek being under the control of previous government entities.

Doug Jones suggested a couple other government entities with more information on the floods or flooding in the area. The East Greenacres District irrigation system would have records. The Bureau of Reformation would have records for Rathdrum Creek. The City of Rathdrum should have records on any historical flooding. One person in particular Paul Luber might contact would be Maureen O'Shea in the Boise state office, who trains the emergency flood coordinators.

Todd Howe made a motion for Kathryn Cronin and Doug Jones to email Paul Luber with the contact information for these other government entities, as well as offering to schedule a time to review, in person, Laurin Scarcello's written notes from the creek. Adam Kremin seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Sump Review, County and Aquifer Protection Board

Nothing new to report.

Adjournment

Todd Howe motioned to adjourn. Adam Kremin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathryn Cronin