

MEETING MINUTES

July 26, 2021

LOWER FOUNTAIN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (LFWQMA)

Member

Attendees: Jim Heckman (Fountain Sanitation District), Cindy Murray (FSD), Jonathan Moore (Fountain Sanitation District), Mike Fink (City of Fountain), Taylor Murphy (City of Fountain), Roy Heald (SWSD), Kevin Niles (Stratmoor Hills), Joshua Watkins (Cherokee Metropolitan District)

Non-Attendees: Fort Carson, Woodmen Hills, CSU, Widefield W&S

Guests: Dian Sukalski, Security W&S District

Meeting Location: Fountain Sanitation District, Administration Building

**Chairman Fink called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Introductions followed.

1. **Review/Approve Meeting Minutes** - Mr. Fink presented the meeting minutes for March 22, 2021, for approval consideration. Mr. Niles made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Heald. Motion carried.
2. **Review/Approve Finances** - Mr. Fink presented the Treasurer's Report for the months of March, April, May and June 2021 for approval consideration. Mr. Heckman made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. Second by Mr. Heald. Motion carried.
3. Discussion was held on the Scope of Work for USGS Groundwater Quality Program. Mr. Fink reported that they received the proposed 2022 Scope of Work for the Lower Fountain Water-Quality Management Association/USGS groundwater levels and groundwater water-quality sampling program. Krystal Brown with the USGS requested the Association members review the proposed scope of work for 2022 for comments so that she may prepare the Joint Funding Agreement (JFA). Ms. Brown will be out of the office for a few months starting mid-September on maternity leave. If there are no concerns, Ms. Brown can have the JFA sent out prior to her maternity leave or hold the JFA and send as normal in the November-December timeframe. Mr. Heckman reported that there is a cost increase of 3% from the previous year. Mr. Fink will have the JFA sent in the November, December timeframe. Discussion followed on which meeting date would be better for the 2020 USGS presentation. Consensus was to have the annual report presentation be completed at the August or September meeting. Mr. Fink will contact Ms. Brown and request an August or September presentation.
4. Discussion was held on the annual meeting. Mr. Heckman and Ms. Murray reported that the deposit from the cancelled 2020 meeting is still at the Doubletree and will be used for an October 2021 meeting. Mr. Heald had previously suggested the meeting be moved to early August so the Association can utilize the outdoor patio area. Mr. Heckman and Ms. Murray checked availability and reported that there were no weekends available in August but could check for September dates. Consensus of the members was to keep the October date. Ms. Murray will lock in a date in October and report back to the group.
5. **Taylor Murphy (City of Fountain)** – Mr. Murphy reported that they are still waiting for their new PFAS Water Treatment Facility to go online. Their contract is on suspension due to supply chain issues. They are

currently waiting on steel tank baffles which will probably be another month or two for delivery and installation.

6. **Kevin Niles (Stratmoor Hills)** – Mr. Niles reported that they continue progress on their PFAS Treatment Facility building. Glacier Construction was awarded the contract. Construction should start within the next couple of weeks and anticipate completion by the end of the year/first of next year. He reported that during the rehabilitation of one of their lift stations they hit groundwater during the vault excavation. They worked with a geotechnical engineer to perform some test bores to find out what the actual issue is and how to mitigate the groundwater to set the new vault. They have Water Technologies installing a rolled steel insert into the lift station, epoxy the insert and then SpectraShield the epoxy.
7. **Joshua Watkins (Cherokee Metro District)** – Mr. Watkins reported that they drilled a new potable well. They are also under construction on their Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) removal project at their wastewater treatment facility.
8. **Roy Heald (SWSD)** – Mr. Heald reported that the Air Force contractors continue work on the construction of their PFAS mitigation facility. It is near completion, however he reported that there is about half a mile of 20” finished water pipe that has ion exchange resin residue clinging to the walls. This was due to a backwash error during construction of the facility, the half mile of pipeline has been isolated and flushed multiple times with no success. They are working with the contractor to find a solution. He also reported that the wastewater plant upgrade continues to progress, they are near completion. His understanding is that they will be able to meet their new effluent limits for the month of July.
9. **Jim Heckman/Jonathan Moore (FSD/LFMSDD)** – Mr. Heckman reported that they have initiated their Technologically Enhanced Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (TENORM) sampling required on the biosolds for both the Richard J. Christian II (RJCII) and Harold D. Thompson Regional Water Reclamation (HDT) treatment facilities. He reported that they have started the 2022 Proposed Budget. Mr. Moore reported that they will be completing rehabilitation work on Aeration Basin #2 at the RJCII wastewater treatment facility. Mr. Moore reported that bids are due August 11, 2021, for the Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR) Demonstration Project at the HDT facility, this project is like what CSU completed several years ago at their Las Vegas treatment facility. Should it work as planned, the District will evaluate constructing permanent structures to obtain BNR.
10. **Mike Fink (City of Fountain)** – Mr. Fink reported that they are in the process of updating their 2007 Water Master Plan. He will be asking a few of the member entity representatives for their input. It goes before City Council for first and second reading on August 24, 2021, and September 28, 2021. Final approval is scheduled for the October 12, 2021 Council meeting.
11. Mr. Fink wanted to let the group know that Fort Carson will be submitting an application for a proposed lift station to the association. He is anticipating the submittal will be received before the August 23rd meeting.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Fink adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Next LFWQMA Meeting – The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 23 at 1:30 p.m. at City of Fountain Council Chambers.