

**Meeting Minutes**  
**EAST GRAND WATER QUALITY BOARD**  
**July 8, 2021**  
**Zoom Meeting**

- 1. Call of Order and Roll Call – meeting called to order at 3:02pm**
  - a. Members Present: Sue Avre, Hopper Becker, Doug Bellatty, Kent Bosshard, Brian Canon, Laurie McPhee (new Fairways at Pole Creek representative), Katherine Morris, Matt Nixon (President, Fairways at Pole Creek), Ryan Sole, Thom Yoder
  - b. Other People Present: Anna Drexler-Dreis
  - c. Quorum established.
  
- 2. Changes to the agenda – no changes.**
  
- 3. Approval of Minutes from April 8, 2021 (Attachment #1). *Kent motion to approve, Hopper second, minutes approved unanimously.***
  
- 4. Financials**
  - a. **May 31, 2021 financial statement (Attachment #2), *Kent motion to approve, Hopper second, financials approved unanimously.***
  - b. **Bills to be paid (Attachment #3), *Brian motions to approve, Ken second, bills to be paid approved unanimously.***
    - i. Fountainhead Consulting, Invoice #265 for \$275.00
    - ii. Fraser Valley Tax & Consulting, June 30, 2021 for \$734.00
    - iii. Fraser Valley Tax & Consulting, Invoice #880 for \$620.00
    - iv. USGS, Bill #90890711 for \$16,307.50
    - v. USGS, Bill #90871210 for \$16,307.50
  - c. **Review draft 2022 Budget**
    - i. We can expect a 3-5% cost increase for the USGS monitoring plan. The 2022 budget will be reviewed for approval at the next meeting (September 9) once the USGS monitoring plan is reviewed and approved.
  
- 5. Goals for 2021**
  - a. **Revisit dues structure**
    - i. Thom has not had a chance to review the dues structure.
  - b. **Engage with County & Railroad**
    - i. Thom reached out to Robert Davis (Grand County Community Development) to engage with the County and grow membership.
    - ii. It is still critical to get the Railroad involved.
  
- 6. USGS monitoring plan: contract, sample site locations, and budget ([Attachment #5](#))**

- a. Want to establish a plan that is systematic, normalizes monitoring, and allows us to track the costs economically (i.e., consolidate when USGS comes to Grand County).
- b. Goals: (1) to focus on Fraser mainstem for annual monitoring, (2) to focus on major tributaries for biennial monitoring, (3) reduce the number of yearly trips, (4) make the most out of those trips, (5) reduce the amount of nutrient sampling so we can sample more sites per year.
- c. Attachment #5 includes the site list of annual, alternating (even years), alternating (odd years), and monitoring every three years (at Tenmile Creek near Granby, which is above Granby Sanitation). ‘Fraser River near mouth’ site is a new site that is located below Granby Sanitation.
- d. We will plan for a 5% increase in cost due to standard inflation plus the added monitoring site and value added.
- e. Ions that are collected with the metal samples allow for calculation of hardness, which is important for understanding metals in context of the standards.
- f. What has not changed: Budget, number of samples being taken, and parameters.
- g. What has changed:
  - i. All sites besides the two Moffat Tunnel sites will be sampled for nutrients and metals for all site visits.
  - ii. Reduced the amount of annual site visits from 6-7 to 4.
  - iii. Added annual monitoring site at Fraser River at Mouth (confluence with Colorado) to account for a data gap and request from Granby Sanitation.
  - iv. Added annual monitoring site at Fraser River at St. Louis Creek to account for data gap.
  - v. Moved Ranch Creek at Fraser to alternating site rather than annual visit.
  - vi. Previously 9 sites were monitored annually, now monitoring 10 sites annually with a focus on Fraser River mainstem.
  - vii. Previously 2 sites were monitored on an alternating basis, now 3 sites being monitored on even years, 2 sites on odd years, and 1 site every three years.
  - viii. Now monitoring 17 site locations and capturing samples on various months throughout the years, previously we were only monitoring at 12 sites and only accounting for seasonal variability/changes.
- h. Next Steps: Kayli will send this proposed plan to USGS so they can put together a cost estimate and contract, which will be approved at the September 9 meeting.

## **7. Upper Fraser River Monitoring Proposal**

### **a. Railroad spill event**

- i. CDPHE provided Railroad with a notice of violation for “operational negligence.” This is a type of discharge that is not as problematic as the tunnel maintenance activities.
- ii. Katherine talked with Winter Park Water and Sanitation District and did not see anything problematic.

**b. Cost share with LBD**

- i. LBD and EGWQB has approved, no formal agreement.

**8. New Business**

- a. In person vs. Zoom meetings: Stay on Zoom until future notice.
- b. Bruce is retiring in February, EGWQB is looking for a Vice-President in 2022.
- c. [USGS water quality summaries for Colorado River basins](#)
- d. **How many districts are considering watering restrictions or have them in place already? [Drought conditions for Grand County](#)**
  - i. Town of Granby: No official restrictions.
  - ii. Tabernash Meadows Water and Sanitation: No restrictions in place.
  - iii. Fairways at Pole Creek: Having discussions on voluntary restrictions.
  - iv. Winter Park Water & San: Has been considered but nothing is in place.

**9. Adjournment by 5pm, *Hopper motions to adjourn at 4:22pm, Kent seconds, passes.***

- a. **Next meeting – September 9, 3:30-5pm**
- b. **Quarterly meetings in 2022 will be in March, June, September, and December.**