



## Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date/Time:	November 2, 2023; 5:30 pm to 7:42 pm
Meeting Location:	Kuersten Construction Office 0013 Powerline Road, Rifle CO 81650
Agenda Prepared by:	Kaitlyn Kuersten

PARTICIPANTS		
BOARD MEMBER:	SECTION REP.	IN ATTENDANCE?
John Kuersten	President	Yes
Kyle Laidlaw	VP / Ditch Walker	Yes
Kaitlyn Kuersten	Secretary/Treasurer	Yes
Mike Gross	Technical Consultant	Yes
Steve Morris	1	Yes
Marc Hogan	2	Yes
Roy Cerise	3	Yes
Scott Ghan	4	Yes
Fred Kuersten	5	Yes
Debera Dice-Stewart	6	Yes
Richard Vangytenbeek/TU	Troutt Unlimited	Yes
Nancy Johnson	Troutt Unlimited	Yes
Scott Schreiber	WWE	Yes

REQUIRED ORDER OF BUSINESS (All meetings)	
1	Roll call (by Secretary)
3	Review and approval of the preceding meeting

## Agenda

Item #	Description
1	<p>Update from Trout Unlimited- Richard and Scott</p> <p>Scott w: 30% drawings review            -no hydraulic models yet            -hydro logic, KD1, GEI            -60% 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Jan, now is the time for comments,            -Mark up drawings and compile them as board</p> <p>Richard: CO River District \$150K            Nov 15, Dec 1 grants go in            -If we don't get BOR money, we go back to square 1            -This Grant is construction money</p> <p>Scott W: JK sent Scott S, Kyle's contact            -limit maintenance            -Kissner GC is helping with a cost estimate            -need boulders? Possibly.            -how does Kyle access the head gate? Is access maintained            -What size debris is being pulled out?                6-9" cobble?            -On plans: Squares are boulders, circles are cobble            -Do we want a trash rack at the head gate? Yes, we get trees/logs through there per JK and Roy            -fish screen to keep fish out of our ditch            -adding 2' to existing concrete structure            -Fresno 8200 stainless steel            -recycle the existing "upside down bridge" to possibly act as a culvert            -ultimately need to find a place to "dispose" of bridge            -Can we leave and build over top? (Richard, Scott W)            -Flip over and use as over ex - (mike)</p> <p>Scott W            -Structural engineering going out tomorrow to examine bridge,            -option 2 temp stream crossing</p> <p>-metal gate by trash rack?            -It's a level of safety                8' deep hole; ladder, railing            -Maybe just a railing of some sort (mark)            -Ladder? (deb)            -Walkways, railing (JK, Mark)            -If someone gets in, what's the way out? (Mike)            -Ladder as of now (Scott) Is there issues with the flume? -No (JK, Roy)</p>

How often with Kyle have to go to headgate after this? (Scott G)  
S/B zero- need to keep fish screen (Scott S)

How much of a problem is Thompkins to Roseman? (Richard)

-He will lower out ditch to the point of no water, he is not measuring and running full blast (Roy and Deb)

-Do we want to hold him accountable to only take his shares? (Richard)

-Actions, detrimental effect? (Richard)

-I'm last on ditch and don't get water often (Deb)

-Can you put measuring device/separate? (JK)

-We haven't addressed yet, but it's certainly an issue. (JK)

-“His water right is for 0.8 CFS, or he is stealing literally” (Mike).

-He at least need a fume (Scott)

Measuring device at Roseman to make sure the difference is only 0.8 CFS

-I like the 2<sup>nd</sup> fume with monitoring to see daily how much water he's using (JK)

-What's the history? Has Roseman talked to them? (Mark to Roy)

-No-He's pretty much done this for 50 years (Roy)

-We need to explain the problem with landowner, then take legal action, water commissioner if necessary (Mark)

-Will put it in front of meadow Creek diversion (Richard)

-Install another device and measure difference so we have proof (Mike G)

-Grand Updates-if we can't stay under the original budget we need another source of funding. (Richard)

Fish and Wildlife Foundation could be an option, we found out we can apply

-Need state \$ to maintain federal (Nancy)

-Issue an RFP to engineering Firms for hard cost to produce construction drawing to “fix the ditch” (Richard)

Need a # then find a grant match?

Need Roseman approval

App:

-Do we have engineering preferences for bids? (Richard)

WWE (JK)

Applegate Group (JK)

SGM (JK)

-What is our scope? (Mike)

-Need grant for design cost, then grant for construction (Richard)

From headgate to head of peach valley “Dual & Weir”

-The ditch is on life support now. 10 years max? (Mark)

-Engineers are going to ask “what do you want to do?” (Mark)

We need a design meeting with wright water

2 options: siphon feasible? Cost? Schedule? Or we go fix all bad spots to save ditch (JK)

-Starting Siphon just below bypass “long pipe” (Richard)

-Remember Jess Simonson volunteered to design headwalls (deb)

	<p>-Do we need an RFP still (JK to Richard)  Feasibility RFP to start, very expensive project, inflation reduction act., a place to start to see if this is viable for the “2<sup>nd</sup> bucket fill.”  -their want to see an act of conservation on water (Richard)  -would you be willing to put that on paper if they require?  -maybe exposed to an HCO analysis</p> <p>-Prior HCO analysis now to see how much more we get as we correct issues (Scott WWE)  -JK  -Talk to your attorney about water abandonment risk (Richard)  Crops consumptive water  -system water  No abandonment, on pre ‘22 compact rights</p> <p>-Richard  -Engineering wise-Feasibility RFP to start (JK)  Then we will know our direction</p> <p>-Where does siphon start? End? Cost? (Mark)  Talk to people that have siphons, I would never recommend them (Scott WWE)  Need siphon answer prior to RFP (JK)</p> <p>-Would it require removal of the “long pipe” (Steve)  -It’s a contingent liability (Mark)</p> <p>Unanimous <b>BOD approval</b> for Roseman Check to TU  \$10,000 contribution approved  Motion: Roy  2<sup>nd</sup>: Steve  No: N/a</p> <p>-Check needed by March 30<sup>th</sup>  \$10,000</p> <p>TU &amp; WWE finished 7:02 PM</p>
2	<p>Presidents Update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the budget/financials</li> <li>• Review end-of-season projects: Piping for Glenn Ault/Cedar Hills</li> <li>• Review Mountain West's proposal to install pipe at the Ault property</li> </ul> <p><b>Budget for Projects</b></p> <p>Budgets for Mountain West Contracting for Aults (JK)  -Lower exiting pipe, dig back 3 sticks to the west.  -18” pipe Core and Main \$7580</p>

	<p>-Clint \$7493 bid          -Total estimated cost \$15,073          -Ault to pay \$7536.50(half w/ Roseman)          -Roseman Share \$7536.50</p> <p>Budget Category: Ditch Maintenance (mark)          Motion: Roy, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Steve, All: Approve          Ault is okay with splitting the cost          All of BOD is okay with this cost as well</p> <p>Leak across from Gustad (JK)          Muskrat hole (Roy)          Clint repair \$1, 180 (JK)</p> <p>BOD: Approval: All          Motion: Deb          Second: Roy          None opposed</p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> time in 12 years I've had water in Sept (Deb)</p> <p>Secretary/Treasurer's Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A/P for approved</li> <li>• Trout Unlimited Check Approved and will go out in December</li> <li>• Town of New Castle Check received for \$3,000.00</li> <li>• CO River District Check received for \$15,000.00</li> </ul>
3	<p>Cedar Hills Update:          -no response to our letter originally emailed to Cedar Hills BOD 8/31          Glen very frustrated (JK)</p> <p>We need to follow up. Kaitlyn will send follow-up email on Monday.</p>
4	<p>Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 1A: Glenn Ault Property: BOD Approved \$ 11/2</li> <li>• Phase 1B: Hunts leaking; need approximately 250' of pipe; the 100' of liner didn't touch the issues. Hunt property (Scott)</li> </ul> <p>-8/30/23: my opinion-significant loss          -10' of ditch: water level high in the ditch at the time. A section of lined ditch within this 180' liner must have holes. Possibly tree roots.          -can access through corrals          -tough access, shallow ditch, no cover for pipe          I would recommend we extend 50' on each end. 30-36" (Scott)          36" at Gustad (Roy)          Under Slaughter Gulch is 36" I believe (Mike)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget: 30" roughly \$30,000</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup>: need to add up water rights, further down to determine pipe size</li> </ul> <p>*move the project up on the list.</p>

	<p>-Roughly 7 CFS (JK)</p> <p>-Smart ditch roughly \$15,000; will he maybe contribute to the cost (Mike)</p> <p>-We will research smart ditch as an option (JK)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 1C: Armijo property</li> </ul>
5	<p>Meeting adjourned 7:42 pm.</p> <p>Next meeting is scheduled for 12/7/23 @ 5:30 p.m. at Kuersten Construction's office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tentative for TU</li> <li>• Look at budget and Annual Meeting items.</li> </ul>

<b>FOLLOW-UP</b>	
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