

**MINUTES OF C4 BOARD MEETING, JUNE 16, 2008,
1:30 P.M., Library Community Room**

Present: Joe Arbuckle, Lockett Pitman, Bob Dreher, Dorothy Nepa, Paul Snyder, John Brandenburg, Jim Jones, Margaret Karsten, and Alice and Charles Proctor.

Joe opened the meeting at 1:30 and announced the agenda: 1) Focus on water; 2) Board of Commissioners (BOCC) candidates forum; and 3) Land use forum.

Focus on water (Paul). Gave a comprehensive report on the status of meetings and discussions he had had related to the recent sale of the H20 Ranch, the potential dry-up of its land, possibilities for preventing a “bad” dry-up, and interest in a Custer County public water forum. It is expected to take 3 years before the transfer of water use moves to the water courts. There will be no irrigation at H20 this year, and measuring devices are in place to determine what will happen with the land. Talks with water experts included the utility representatives from the cities of Fountain (Larry Patterson) and Widefield (Steve Wilson) ; Lower Arkansas Water Conservation District (Jay Winner); Center of Colorado Water Conservation District (Dan Drucker); The Trust for Public Lands (Tim Wohlgenant), and others. There was interest from the various the cities in the possibility of finding a conservation buyer, in achieving a “good” versus a “bad” dry-up of the land, and in participation at a public forum.

The Board proposed the alternative dates of July 9 or July 16, 2008, for a water forum. Paul agreed to contact the interested parties for possible co-sponsors and speakers.

Paul also reported on discussions related to the Upper Arkansas Water Conservation District’s proposed county water augmentation plan and a C4 proposed public water augmentation forum to help educate citizens on water augmentation, including augmentation in Custer County. The Board proposed the alternative dates of August 14 or August 20, 2008. Paul will contact Steve Witte and others regarding joint sponsorship and speakers.

Margaret suggested that publicity for both upcoming forums should be made together, rather than separately.

BOCC candidates forum (Lockett). Reported on arrangements with Jim Little for publicity in the *Wet Mountain Tribune* and with Christie Veltrie to coordinate with the forum committee, which will select the questions. Bob will be sending emails to the co-sponsors to help stimulate interest and encourage submittal of questions by the deadline. Together, the Board proposed some possible questions regarding water, and Joe encouraged everyone to submit individual questions.

Land use forum (Joe). Described a concept for the fall C4 forum that would present an educational “potpourri” of basic land use issues (e.g., county subdivision regulations;

roles and authority of the BOCC, Planning Commission, and Zoning Board; the County Master Plan; PUDs; cluster development; and the State Model Land Use Code). Knowledgeable “experts” would give brief presentations on individual topics, and a general session for questions would follow. The Board approved the concept, suggested providing printed handouts on each topic, and recommended holding the forum in the fall before the commissioner elections.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Karsten, Secretary