

MEETING MINUTES

July 27, 2020

LOWER FOUNTAIN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION (LFWQMA)

Member

Attendees: Cindy Murray (FSD), Mike Fink (City of Fountain), Shaun Thompson (CSU), Jason Dreeson (WWSO), Roy Heald (SWSO), Kevin Niles (Stratmoor Hills), Kent Hoadley (Cherokee Metropolitan District)

Non-Attendees: Woodmen Hills Metro District, Fort Carson

Guests: Krystal Brown (USGS), Ryan Banta (USGS), Ralph Roland (USGS), Samantha Bailey (PPACG)

Meeting Location: Via Webex-hosted by Krystal Brown with USGS

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

1. **Presentation by USGS** – Ms. Krystal Brown with USGS attended the meeting to give the annual update to group on the Well Monitoring Data. Ms. Brown went over data collection and the use of data, the program scope which includes Specific Conductance Concentrations, Nitrate Concentrations with Trends, and Groundwater Levels. They also went over what is included on the USGS website (<http://groundwaterwatch.usgs.gov/>). Discussion followed. The group thanked them for hosting the meeting and providing the annual update presentation.
2. **Review/Approve Meeting Minutes** - Mr. Fink presented the meeting minutes for January 28, 2020 for approval consideration. Mr. Heald made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Mr. Niles. Motion carried.
3. **Review/Approve Finances** - Mr. Fink presented the Treasurer's Report for January, February, March, April and May 2020. Mr. Heald made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for January, February, March, April and May 2020. Second by Mr. Hoadley. Motion carried.
4. Discussion was held on the scheduled 2020 annual meeting. Consensus of the group was to postpone the meeting until sometime in 2021. Ms. Murray will call the Doubletree to see if they can hold the deposit until then.
5. **Jason Dreesen (WWSO)** – Mr. Dreeson reported that he spoke/testified through AFCURE at the Water Quality Control Commission hearing on House Bill 20-1; which addresses the authority of the state government to regulate perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and the impacts/issues it will have. He reported that there has been a significant amount of water used by the customers over the last couple of months due to the drought conditions. He reported that they are having to run longer MCRT and thicker concentrations in order to hit the phosphorus limits. He reported that they are hiring for a wastewater operator so if anyone knows of anyone looking to send them his way.
6. **Roy Heald (SWSO)** – Mr. Heald reported that the Air Force continues work on the construction of the PFAS mitigation facility; they still anticipate it to be finished by the end of the year. He also reported that the wastewater plant upgrade is progressing. It is anticipated to be operational by May 2021.

7. **Kevin Niles (Stratmoor Hills)** – Mr. Niles reported that they are replacing all of their water meters. This is a 2-year project, they are scheduled to replace 800 in 2020 and 1300 in 2021. So far, they have replaced 160. He reported that they are slated to have a centralized PFAS treatment facility, but they are dealing with El Paso County on some issues with the replat of the land. This has put them 120 days behind. He is hoping to get it resolved as soon as possible. He reported that they have been videoing and cleaning their wastewater system mainlines.
8. **Cindy Murray (FSD)** – Ms. Murray did not have any report items.
9. **Kent Hoadley (Cherokee Metro)** – Mr. Hoadley reported that they are about 60% in their design review for their new wastewater treatment facility. They anticipate it to be complete by the end of the month.
10. **Mike Fink (City of Fountain)**- Mr. Fink reported that they have begun construction of the new PFAS water treatment facility. He reported that Curtis Mitchell retired, and the new Utility Director is Dan Blankenship. he reported that they continue to work with the Air Force on an Environmental Services Agreement.
11. **Shaun Thompson (CSU)** – Mr. Thompson reported they had a few issues with nutrient removal at the JD Phillips facility for the last couple months but have since had good results. The Las Vegas facility has had no issues and has been operating normal. He reported that Dean Cohrs retired, and they have hired a new superintendent and a new operator. He reported that they have been heavily involved with the COVID-19 sewer surveillance (Biobot study with MIT). They were sampling at the JD Phillips facility and Las Vegas facility through May and in June they dropped their sampling to only Las Vegas because they stopped covering the cost which is \$1200 per sample. Now there is “Colorado Collaborative” where Colorado State University will be doing the analyzing. They have sent in two samples but have not received the results back. He reported that there are 18 facilities participating in the study.
12. Mr. Fink wanted to let the group know that the Water Quality Management Plan (208 Plan) was updated last year and has been reviewed by the PPACG WQMC, it will have to go through the public outreach and then it will go to vote for approval. He also wanted to make another plea on behalf of Samantha Bailey with PPAGC to encourage participation on the Water Quality Management Committee.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Fink adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Next LFWQMA Meeting – The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 28, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. via teleconference.