



**Reconstruction Committee Report**  
**August 15, 2020**  
**Cathy Faughnan, Chairperson**  
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**Committee Members:** Bobby Clevenger, Glenn Christensen, Paul Cyphers, Roy McCutchen, Jeana Krause, Scott Johnstone (PM) and Melissa Bilobran (Mountain View Accounting - MVA).

**Rainbow Bridge Project:** Complete

**Sunset Lake Dam Project:**

Sunset Dam is substantially complete, with some paperwork and testing the gate remaining the only outstanding items. The gate has been closed since July 20<sup>th</sup> and the water level is still not sufficient for a final inspection by GEI Engineer Nick Miller for final sign off. A partial payment for Pay Application #8 will be made soon with an amount of withholding to be determined until the inspection can be performed. Agreement was reached on the additional fill and the final cost of the dam was just \$73 over the contract amount after the deduction for additional documentation expenses incurred by BEMA and the addition of extra fill and riprap.

Final closeout of the project will take place no later than mid/late-September in anticipation that some additional funds may be available from the Boulder County Collaborative. Upon closeout, BEMA will receive the final reimbursement check from Boulder Count in the amount of \$20,920.

Paperwork was submitted closing out the 404 Permit on Meadow and Sunset Dams.

- **Action Item –Final Inspection by Nick Miller – when water level allows – PM Johnstone**
- **Action Item – Final closeout (Sept. 30 deadline) of project upon completion of the above - PM Johnstone and M. Bilobran**
- **Action Item – Lake to continue to fill in accordance with Water Rights Committee recommendations – Karl Davis**

**Riparian/Lake Restoration Project:**

**Willow Grading:** The State DHSEM approved all documentation regarding Nezhoni and reimbursed BEMA \$59,360 on May 21, 2020. – Waiting for final grant Closeout.

**Aquatic Planting for Riparian/Lake Restoration:**

AloTerra installed plants provided by Aquatic and Wetland Nurseries June 1-3 in Meadow, Rainbow, Willow and Mirror completing Phase II Planting. Photos were taken of all the lakes and MVA has submitted the Riparian Restoration Grant. Full reimbursement has been received in the amount of \$9,488.17. Final closeout is still needed but the application is on step. 2 so progress is being made

- **Action Item –Finalize close out of Riparian Restoration Grant - C. Faughnan, M. Bilobran**

**Rainbow, Mirror, Meadow, Sunset Grading:** No change from last month  
All documentation has been uploaded into EMGrants and we are awaiting final closeout of this grant.

**Dam Maintenance:** Ryan Ross of Running R, LLC serviced the dams on July 9, 2020. He will return in a couple of weeks to follow up. A report of the services along with photos will be sent to John Batka. A fish kill occurred in Willow/Mirror Lakes which could be related to the chemicals applied by Running R.

- **Action Item – Continue actions correcting Dam Maintenance concerns – Operations – Paul Flanagan**
- **Action Item –Follow up with Running R on chemicals used and possible actions to correct the fish kill situation – Paul Flanagan Operation and Robert Forsberg Lake Health**



### **Larimer County Road 47:**

Environmental clearances with FEMA, US Forest Service and Fish & Wildlife have created delays. A response to the letter sent to Congressman Joe Neguse by Glenn Christensen has been received indicating that the Congressman's staff will be reaching out to Larimer County to hopefully assist with the delays. Mr. Christensen will present the letter at the Board meeting.

- **Action Item – Continue to monitor progress with FEMA, Larimer County and US Forest Service. - G. Christensen**

### **Grants Administration Specialist :** No Change

M. Bilobran (Mountain View Accounting) has provided bi-weekly updates as to the progress of various projects. MVA will continue to assist the BEMA Board and Reconstruction Committee through closeout of Sunset and Riparian Restoration Grants and Audit process.

### **Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) Loan:** No Change

The process of transitioning the CWCB Loan from a short term loan to a long term loan as required by the loan documents on Feb. 2020 has begun with the first payment being due Feb. 2021. This was taken into consideration when creating the BEMA 2020-2021 budget. Final costs of Sunset Dam and cash flow are being considered in finalizing the loan amount.

### **Reconstruction Financial Reporting :**

The reconstruction and finance committee along with M. Bilobran and Clausen & Associates CPA are working to resolve all accounting documentation in preparation for tax filing for BEMA. All BEMA accounts have been reconciled and BEWA accounts are currently being reviewed. Audits are required for FY 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 as BEMA expended more than \$750K in federal funds in each fiscal year (Riparian, Meadow and Sunset projects). Progress is being made and audits will begin once outstanding items are complete.

- **Action Item – B. Clevenger, P. Cyphers, M. Bilobran and B. Clausen work to resolve accounting issues, prepare tax filings and undertake audits.**

### **Waterline Projects:**

The Finance Committee is working on financial reconciliation and capitalization of the Waterline Project prior to closing out the BEWA Reconstruction accounts and Association. Progress is being made. The Reconstruction accounts are balanced and completed, and assets are updated. Need to complete the financial tasks with Barb Clausen.

### **Rainbow and Mirror Dam Projects PW316:** No change from last month

Closeout was submitted to DHSEM (for FEMA) on November 21, 2019. DHSEM has reviewed our application and has released an interim payment on PW 316 in the amount of \$482,920.41. This will bring the payments up to 90% of the obligated Federal Share. The remaining 10% will be retained until FEMA officially closes the project. Review of the project is currently at Step 6 - Supervisor Approval where it has been for 133 days.

- **Action Item – Answer any questions regarding the submittal from DHSEM if needed – M. Bilobran and Reconstruction Committee**

### **Willow Dam Project:** - No change from last month

Final Closeout of the Willow Lake Dam construction is complete, and payment has been received from CDBGDR2-BEM-01. Willow Lake Dam was also funded by FEMA and these costs were submitted as part of the PW316 closeout.

### **Meadow Lake Dam Project:** - Complete

### **Flow Meter and Lower Flume Project:** No change from last month.

Installation of Flow Meter in Meadow Lake Dam and construction of the Lower Flume are complete. The DEF Grant for this project was submitted for closeout on Jan. 13, 2020 and final reimbursement has been received and closeout is anticipated shortly.

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