



Reconstruction Committee Report
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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 complete with the final engineering inspection of the gate to be conducted in the spring when the lake is filled. BEMA is awaiting final reimbursement from Boulder County in the amount of \$20,920. Final reimbursement was delayed to allow for posting of completed project in the newspaper which has taken place and the check is in process.

Leslie Irwin from Boulder County has advised that additional funds may be available if there is an underrun on a larger project Boulder County is currently funding. In order for BEMA to remain eligible for these funds, we are delaying the closeout of the project until it is clear if additional funding may be available. Unfortunately, we may not know the answer to this until a late as June 2021. We have signed an extension to the contract with MVA to allowed their continued assistance with the eventual closeout of this project with no additional funding required.

- **Action Item –Final Inspection by Nick Miller – when water level allows – PM Johnstone**
- **Action Item – Final closeout of project upon completion of the above and updates from Boulder County on the availability of additional funding as late as June 2021- PM Johnstone, C. Faughnan and M. Bilobran**
- **Action Item – Lake to continue to fill in accordance with Water Rights Committee recommendations – Karl Davis**

Riparian/Lake Restoration Project: No Change from Last Month; however, M. Haney was contacted and has indicated he will close out this grant as soon as possible.

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. Contact was made with Running R and it has been determined that the chemicals used were not responsible for the fish kill. The second treatment should be conducted when conditions allow and are safe.

- **Action Item – Continue actions correcting Dam Maintenance concerns including second weed treatment – Operations – Paul Flanagan**

Larimer County Road 47:

G. Christensen spoke to the Larimer County Assistant Engineer and found out that CR 44H is further along with all parties involved having approved the design and money has been officially obligated. The Forestry Service has given Larimer County their approval for the CR 47 project. With that approval FEMA should be able to start their cursory review of the CR 47 project and then FEMA



will proceed with the full design and environmental review process. Michael Haney with the State DHSEM is in regular contact with FEMA and pushing them to move forward with the CR 47 project. It is hoped that FEMA approval will take place prior to year's end so Larimer County can begin construction in 2021. G. Christensen will continue to monitor this periodically to check on any new status.

- **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 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. The Contract with MVA for their assistance with this project has been extended to accommodate this work.

- **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: M. Haney was contacted in September and believed all documents would be forwarded to FEMA for review at the end of September 2020. We have reached out to M. Haney again to check the status and hope to have an update at the meeting on October 17.

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% (\$45,013.85) will be retained until FEMA officially closes the project.

- **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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