

Meeting held in the Creede Town Hall
 Called to order by Chairman Zeke Ward at 1:10 PM

Those Attending:

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Jim Wilschas		

I) Committee Reorganization & Bylaws: A) Committee membership and voting regulations 1) Membership consists of whoever shows up and "signs in" at the meetings. A membership list is updated after each meeting. Minutes & Agendas are sent to people who miss meetings for an undetermined time period. Voting is done by a those in attendance and a 2/3 majority is required for items to pass. Voting is done verbally or by a show of hands or if requested, secret ballot. Conflict of interest abstentions are left to the individual. (This bylaw passed unanimously) B) Meetings 1) Meetings are Held on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM at the Creede Town Hall. Additional meetings may be called by the chairman. People on the list are then notified by telephone, mail, or e-mail. (Bylaw passed unanimously) C) Offices 1) Jim Mietz advised that he not be the treasurer and that Chuck Barnes fill this position. (Many people seconded this and it passed unanimously) 2) J.B. Alexander nominated Chuck Barnes to also be the Vice Chairman. (motion was seconded and all were in favor) 3) Steve Russell motioned that the length of term be four years. (This was seconded and passed unanimously) 4) Jim Mietz motioned that vacancies of office be filled at the next meeting after one occurs. (J.B. Alexander seconded all were in

favor) 5) Zeke Ward is nominated to be the Chairman (Glen motioned, many seconded and all were in favor) 6) Zeke Ward discussed Glen Miller being the secretary. Jim Mietz advised that Glen keep the notes etc. and that someone else be the secretary. JB Alexander motioned that Sandra Wright be the secretary and that Glen Miller be the assistant secretary. (Motion was seconded and all were in favor) 7) Jim Mietz motioned that if a board member misses 3 meetings in a row or is involved in a conflict of interest, that a vote be taken to remove that person from office. (Motion was seconded and all were in favor) Jim Mietz has offered to come up with wording (in a legal format) that defines the decision making role and general responsibilities of this Committee and present it at our next meeting. 8) Zeke Ward motioned that the executive committee be authorized to make general day to day decisions and that financial decisions always be brought before the general committee. Zeke also advised that we have an annual meeting at a time when more people from the community can attend. (Probably in July). The coordinator has agreed to research this project and that for this year, we shoot for the July 17th weekend. II) Status of 319 funding. This grant is for administration, characterization and the compilation of data. Frank Sanders pointed out that changes to the contract can be made during its term as new data is collected and analyzed. III) GIS course. Jim Mietz advised that Glen go to the GIS course at Adams State. The executive committee is authorized to decide whether Glen should attend this later in June. IV) Commodore Hugh Kendrick has been hired by CDMG to do 120 hours of engineering work at the Commodore and recommend any specific short term action that would help to stabilize the cribbing and keep the flume from being plugged or damaged. Funding through CDMG is being applied for to be available in the year 2000. It is the initial opinion of Mr. Kendrick that although, the cribbing structure will eventually collapse it does not appear to be a significant threat for the high water flow of this year. However, Mr. Kendrick has advised Glen Miller to inspect it daily (during high flow) and watch for material that might float into position and potentially plug the flume. Glen has also been advised to increment bore the wood cribbing and with Forest Service tables, determine the structural integrity of the fiber. V) Cultural Resource Inventory Vince Spero (Archaeologist) from the Forest Service has agreed to be on the TAC Committee. (There was a vote and all were in favor) Vince pointed out that the State is aware of what we are doing and that he will help work with them, as well as our contract historian, and the Creede Historical Society, in matters of general advice and quality control. Discussion ensued about the services of Mr. Twitty, his qualifications, price, and ability to do the job. It would seem that he comes with good recommendations and a demeanor of professionalism. It was agreed that Glen, Dr. Howard, and Vince Spero research these things further and get together to draw up a potential contract and present it at our next meeting. There was an impassioned speech and slide show by Ed Raines of Colorado Preservation Inc. showing problems with the reclamation effort performed in Leadville by the EPA and of its general unpopularity with the citizens. Diane Hammer (EPA) pointed out that Creede is not like Leadville in that it is not on the National Priorities list. Leadville had a significant human health risk and therefore the EPA was forced to take immediate action, whereas this is not known to be the case in Creede. She pointed out that this is a "very important distinction." She also spoke of the fact that the EPA has good intentions, generally does good work, does care, and are basically good people. Dave Suhr pointed out to Diane that he had heard from others of the EPA that "Creede was worse than

Leadville." From this thought, certain members of the Committee harbor suspicions that the EPA may have intentions to perform actions in Creede similar to Leadville in spite of the absence of a human health risk. Zeke spoke of the good people of the EPA and of our indebtedness to Karen Hamilton in particular. We appreciate the efforts and help of Tina Laidlaw & Mike Wireman (TAC) and believe their efforts will continue to be of great value to this project. We also, acknowledge the support of many others of the EPA that have been and are presently helping us with this effort. VI) Re-vegetation test plots Steve Russell said the survey below town is completed and he hopes to have a map at our next meeting. The re-veg committee is going to meet at his office on June 23 at 9:00 AM. This committee is open to any suggestions about anything. Discussions about what species to plant and where, etc. will be engaged in and a presentation for a plan of action will be put forth at our next meeting. Bence Close (MFG) spoke of getting an expert to also perform soil tests and re-veg test plots on tailings sites above town. VII) Water Gaging Station The committee voted and all were in favor of drafting an official request to the Division of Water Resources to get the gauging station up and running. Perry Alspaugh has talked with people from his division and hopefully it will be up and running in the near future. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 Next meeting is scheduled for July 7th at 1:00 PM. Minutes submitted by: _____

Glen Miller

Project Watershed Coordinator Approved and accepted: _____

Zeke Ward

Chairman