

July 10, 2025, Crystal River Caucus Meeting Minutes

John calls meeting to order at 7:03. Minutes from May 8th Caucus meeting were sent out. Motion to approve. Bill Argeros makes motion, seconded, unanimously approved

Bob Dupre treasurer's report. \$1,250 in the bank minus the check to the church for 50. County has approved subsidy for \$600.00. It should be coming soon. Bill asks if we can get the Caucuses together and make a formal demand for additional county funds. Suggestion is made that we are perhaps the most active caucus.

Any public comments or announcements? None

First on the agenda is the south bridge construction. Presenters are Mark Frymoyer, design consultant with SGM, and Andrew Knapp with Pitkin County Engineering – road and bridge. SGM did bridge assessment in 2022 and found high priority with south bridge of Redstone. Kicked off effort by looking for alternative alignment to minimize impact during construction. This approach worked to the contrary as planning got longer, more impacts, more expensive, etc. Decision made to stick with current alignment. Started planning effort last July. Presented to caucus thirty percent in. Now it is at 90 percent design level, and they are back to present. Changes implemented since first presented. Sidewalk now extends around at one corner. Some minor additions. Gravel trail to river. Split rail fence to protect people from falls. Doghouse style railing on the bridge is similar to current railing. Crash tested railing. Curb ramps modified. Confirmed all utility accommodations. After this public outreach, they will come back one more time with event in Elk Park. Final round of feedback and then final plan and goes out to bid in the fall for construction for next year. Maciej suggests lighting focused down to decrease light pollution. Bob Dupre asks if the paved width is the same as old? Reportedly slightly narrower but similar. 2 - 12 ft lanes and 10 ft sidewalk. Bob asks about the wrap around. Where does it terminate? Off of the roadway. Chuck Downey asks about the 100-year flood. Bottom of girder will be 2 ft above to allow debris to flow in such an event. FEMA Modeling was done to determine. Middle pier will be removed. 100-year mark will be slightly lower due to changes taking place. Downey asks about comparisons to Texas. Not apples to apples. More restrictive development here. Maciej asks what the CFS in the 100-year flood is. 100-year flood is really a guess, and the bridge is a bit higher. Proposed so much better than current.

Next on agenda is CDOT. Josh is online via Zoom. Josh with CDOT in Glenwood and works closely with state highway 133 matters. Paving project is almost done. Moving to McClure next. Someone asks why they chip seal? Josh says best use of money is to extend road life

and make repairs. Adds another 10 to 15 years. Hard on Bicyclists. It can be annoying. Question about windshield cracks due to road work? Call Josh and he will give you a formal process for compensation. Lowered speeds help. Maciej asks why they paint before chip seal. It is an attempt to keep some temp lane lines. Will big holes be patched asks Dick Wadsworth. Josh did notice some depressions. He will send inspector to take a look. He's not sure. Lisa Dupre asks about Swiss Village culvert. Any future plans? Josh says he will look it up with their maintenance plan and they will look at methods for improvement. Bill Argeros brought up some notes from the last meeting. He indicates that CDOT is responsible for a lack of communication and that CDOT has not met caucus requests in the past. Some little additional things deserving of mention – the speed signs are on the fritz and need attention to operate correctly, there appear to be some striping errors, concern about illegal parking up and down 133. Bill asks who does one report that to and is there any protocol to address it?

Hard for me to understand Josh over Zoom to take notes. Bill asks if they can post no parking signage in areas where people seem to be lingering. Josh says he will look into that. Bill asks about the Jake brakes. What can CDOT do about that? Josh will ask. Bill asks about fatalities. Josh does not have that info. Bill asks about Penny Hot Springs. Dangerous situation. Why can't we slow down traffic? Is it true that a study could likely result in higher speed limits? Penny has morphed over the years into a busy and dangerous situation. Bill asks about guard rails. Josh doesn't appear to be aware of many of the issues being brought up. Bill asks him to please look into these issues. Question does CDOT have plan to replace cameras on McClure and south bridge? Josh hopes so. He says he will look into this. Bill asks if Josh can bring a brief report to the Caucus in a couple of months to address questions and concerns. Josh says he absolutely can and will.

John asks Carly O'Connell from Pitkin County if she is still here. Yes. Dialing in from Minnesota. Carly shares screen. Quick update on Penny Hot Springs. Project presented to us in 2023 was finally submitted as final plan to Pitkin County Planning and Zoning and has been approved – now in final step to actual permitting and construction. Project timeline is presented on the screen and construction and budgeting is TBD by Pitkin County OST and the county commissioners. Carly last here 9/8/22 when plan was presented to the caucus and it is very much the same project. Very simple and keeping to same aesthetic. Carly asks if there are any questions. John asks if that material presented is on the Pitkin website. Yes, under current projects on OST website. Delia Malone asks if road runoff is going directly into the river. Carly says it currently is and a proposed curb and gutter system is designed to keep road runoff from running into hot springs. Water will be diverted and then filtered before entering the river. John Emerick asks how that will affect Wild and Scenic. Carly says it is the same as at present. Carly asserts there are a number of filtering layers in

proposal and eliminates upstream entrance. John thanks Carly and apologizes for her long wait. Carly notes that prior to any construction there will be public notice efforts and ample notice. John suggests she comes back then and she agrees.

Any other items to be discussed? Bill makes motion to adjourn, and it is seconded.