

## September 18, 2023 Minutes

### Upper Snowmass Creek Caucus

The Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM and a quorum was established.

Board Members present: Jan Martin, Mark Regan, Mindy Hildebrand, Lisanne Rogers and Victor Gerdin.

Ad Hoc Guest: Art Martin

Lisanne moved and Mark seconded approving August's minutes. Approval was unanimous.

Water Report: Art Martin gave the water report noting that there was no new Water and Sanitation meeting to date. He will attend the next scheduled meeting on 9/27/2023. He reported some comparative data: Roaring Fork Streamflow: August 2023- 77.7 CFS, August 2024-56.7 CFS

Broader picture:

Lake Mead: 1066 ft. 2023, 1044ft. 2022, 1068ft. 2021

Lake Powell: 3574ft. 2023, 3530ft. 2022, 3548ft. 2021

1 inch equals 2B gallons of water

Picnic Report: The picnic was a huge success with over 50 residents attending the potluck affair at the Helm's residence. Everyone is very grateful to Bob Helm and Jean for organizing the event.

Watson Divide: A large majority of residents would like Watson Divide safer. Current estimate to improve the road is \$5MM. The County is estimated to spend approximately \$200,000 per year on maintenance and mag chloride on the road. According to prior discussions with Roads and Bridges personnel, an Engineering study is needed to determine the feasibility of improvements on the roadway including potentially re-aligning the passageway. Driveways and irrigation streams impacts would also have to be considered. The cost estimate for the study is \$200,000.

It is understood that the Department is underfunded. An attempt to get that on the ballot last year was unsuccessful due to the new jail measure being on the ballot.

Board members will try to get a meeting with the Department prior to the next meeting to open a dialogue regarding long and short term potential remedies to make the road safer.

Election: Mindy Hildebrand, Mark Regan, and Jan Martin were elected to serve 2-year Board positions.

Mindy moved and Lianne seconded a motion to elect Jan Martin President. The motion carried.

Jan moved and Lianne seconded a motion to elect Mark Regan Treasurer. The motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.