



Date: December 11, 2024
Time: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Location: Zoom Webinar

OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

MEMBERS		STAFF		GUESTS
Debbie Hayhow	V	Daylan Figgs	V	
Wes Knoll	V	Meegan Flenniken	V	
Gale Bernhardt	V	Zac Wiebe	V	
Tom Shoemaker	V	Justin Core	V	
Linda Stanley	V	*Jody Shadduck McNally	V	
Gary Miller	V	Andrea Weber (minutes)	V	
Jim Wurz	A			
Ward Nelson	V			
Mike Carter	V			
Ellis Carpenter	V			

V = virtual attendee

I = in-person attendee

A = absent

*commissioner

Call to Order – 5:01 pm

Public Comment

Agenda Review

Poudre River Trail Easement tabled for a future meeting.

Review and Approval of Last Minutes

Tom moved to approve the minutes from last meeting, Linda seconded, motion passed unanimously

Information and Announcements

Natural Resources events for this month: <https://larimer.org/naturalresources>.

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Update and Reports

Board of County Commissioners Update

- Approved 2025 Larimer County budget.

Discussion Items

Action Items

Final Review Livermore Conservation Easement

- Conservation Easement (CE) Terms and Property Details
 - 1,866 acres in the Livermore priority area
 - No improvements to this section of the property exist.
 - Two building envelopes allowed, limited to 7 and 12 acres within predetermined areas on the property which were selected to have minimal impact to the conservation values. Each envelope can have one residential building and up to 4 non-residential buildings.
 - Currently, the land is used primarily for cattle grazing.
 - The property holds two water rights from different ditch companies which will be encumbered with the property. Lone Pine Creek supplies these water rights.
 - Property owners are 5th generation owners.
 - CE cost: \$5.5 million
 - The closing date is set for January 3rd, 2025. Larimer County will pay the transaction costs.
- Conservation Values
 - Natural communities: diverse, intact, connected wildlife habitat
 - Scenic & connectivity: iconic viewshed, buffer and landscape connection between USFS, State Wildlife Area, County Open Space and numerous conservation easements.
 - Working Lands: sustainable livestock grazing and haying operations, furthered by water rights protections.
- Partnerships: LC \$3,164,000, Fort Collins \$1,250,000, GOCO \$1,000,000, Nature Conservancy \$35,000, Gates Family Foundation \$15,000, Private donor \$35,000, Friends of Larimer County \$1,000
- Gale asked for a motion. Linda made a motion to recommend to the BOCC to proceed with acquiring the conservation easement for the Quarter Circle Lazy H. Gary seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Final Review Poudre River Trail Easement – Tabled for January OLAB Meeting

Other Business

Next Meeting Scheduled January 23rd, 2025 - Larimer County Horsetooth Area Information Center 4200 W. County Road 38E Fort Collins, CO 80526 - Mountain Lion Room & Zoom Webinar

Executive Session

Pursuant to C.R.S. (24-6-402(4)(a)) for discussion pertaining to the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal or other property interest.

Adjournment – 5:27 pm

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