



Date: November 17, 2021
Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Location: Zoom Webinar

OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

MEMBERS		STAFF		GUESTS
Bob Hewson		Daylan Figgs	x	
David Marvin	x	Meegan Flenniken	x	
Gale Bernhardt	x	Zac Wiebe	x	
K-Lynn Cameron		Justin Core	x	
Linda Stanley	x	Alex Swartz	x	
Mark DeGregorio	x	*Jody Shadduck-McNally	x	
Nancy Wallace	x	Sidney Michl (minutes)	x	
Peter Kelly				
Rick Brent				
Sherri Valentine	x			
Steve VanderMeer				
Tom Shoemaker	x			

x = present

*commissioner

Call to Order – 5:03 p.m.

Public Comment – none

Agenda Review

The facility and maintenance projects update will be moved to the next meeting.

Review and Approval of Last Minutes

Nancy 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 Commissioner update

- Commissioner Shadduck-McNally provided an update following their budget retreat about potential funding for water infrastructure projects.
- Attended first Colorado Forest Health Council meeting and tour with Northern Colorado Fireshed Collaborative near Red Feather Lakes.
- Broadband initiative is making progress.

2021 Quarter 3 Board Report

- Daylan pointed out the updated financial summary and noted key items in the report.

Kruger Rock Fire update

- The Larimer County Sheriff's Office issued a press release with details of the CO Fire Aviation plane crash and an estimate that the fire had spread 146 acres with 15% containment. Hermit Park Open Space is currently closed.

Update on Larimer County 1041 Regulations

- Added language that bolstered environmental protection and planning. Much like the County Oil and Gas Regulations, the additional review criteria strongly discourage activities associated with 1041 projects on conserved lands. They also require applicants to demonstrate natural resources of equal or greater value exist in the surrounding non-conserved lands being proposed for the 1041 activity before the County may consider permitting location of 1041 project/activities on or across conserved lands.
- The board expressed thanks to department staff and Commissioner Shadduck-McNally for their work on the update.

Discussion Items

Action Items

CDOT Big Thompson Canyon Parcels Final Review

- The objective of the project is to consolidate interests in the Big Thompson Canyon around existing parks. Tim explained recent revisions and the staff recommendation to trade the value of the County's property interests conveyed to CDOT for fee ownerships that CDOT maintains in the canyon. The administrative settlement totals \$31,176.11 to be paid to CDOT.
- Nancy moved to recommend BOCC approval to spend \$31,176.11 to purchase the CDOT parcels and execute the agreement, Tom seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Banker Conservation Easement Final Review

- Justin explained the donation will provide a significant buffer to already conserved lands as the Pinwheel/Rockin' K Diamond Ranch is adjacent to the Blue Mountain Bison Ranch CE and USFS lands. The donation will reserve one right for a subdivision of the ranch manager's residence, subject to the CE.
- Nancy asked if the CE has provisions for overgrazing, Justin affirmed there is language that provides guidance for grazing terms and allowable/sustainable practices.
- Linda clarified there are no development rights outside of the building envelope.
- Nancy moved to recommend BOCC approval of acceptance of the 272-acre Pinwheel Ranch CE donation to the County with a \$30,000 transaction cost, Linda seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

- Dave thanked board members and staff that attended the field trip to parcels under negotiation in the Livermore area last week.
- Daylan provided a brief update on trail counters used for measuring visitors. More information will be presented to the board in the new year.

Next Meeting Scheduled

January 27, 2022 via 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 – 5:59 p.m.

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