



Date: March 23, 2023
Time: 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Location: Larimer County Loveland Campus Building, 200 Peridot Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537, Poudre River Room & Zoom Webinar

OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

MEMBERS		STAFF		GUESTS
Paul Hudnut	I	Daylan Figgs	I	
David Marvin	I	Meegan Flenniken	I	
Gale Bernhardt	V	Justin Core	I	
Linda Stanley	I	*Jody Shadduck-McNally	I	
Mark DeGregorio	V	Andrea Weber (minutes)	I	
Gary Miller	I			
Peter Kelly	V			
Ward Nelson	I			
Mike Carter	I			
Steve VanderMeer	I			
Tom Shoemaker	I			

V = virtual attendee

I = in-person attendee

A = absent

*commissioner

Call to Order – 5:01 pm

Public Comment

Ellis Carpenter said he was attending for informational purposes and looking to learn more about the Open Lands Advisory Board.

Agenda Review

Review and Approval of Last Minutes

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

Mike provided a comment, not requiring changes, to the February meeting minutes. He shared his concerns around the verbiage of ensuring the OLOF survey would be statistically significant. He felt the survey should be conducted and only deemed statistically significant after its completion and if that was in fact true. Daylan encouraged the board members to review the 2013 OLOF survey to get insight into how it has been conducted in the past. He asked the board to provide feedback on the survey questions.

Information and Announcements

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

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The City of Fort Collins closed on phase II (265 acres) of the Bobcat Ridge Addition in February 2023. Larimer County contributed \$1M towards Phase I (414 acres) and will hold a CE on the entirety of Bobcat Ridge Natural Area including these two additions.

- Daylan said LC and DNR have been working in a close partnership with the City of Fort Collins on this project. The partnership continues to build on the concept of reciprocal easements and joint projects that include cost sharing and CEs on land acquisitions.
- DNR is working on its financial model and grant opportunities to fund legacy projects such as Chimney Hollow Open Space, which is set to open in 2026-27 and Heavens Door Ranch in around 2029. The model allows the department to input different tradeoffs and project out possible options/outcomes.
- Conversations around budgets for 2024 will begin in the next month. DNR is anticipating moderate growth. There are several increasing costs, cost of living, and adjustments for salary equity.
- Daylan announced DNR will see significant savings through a new county consolidated credit card fee program. The program will lead to a decrease in the overall credit card fee payments made by DNR.
- DNR is working though an update to its permit system, to be implemented in 2024. Staff spend a significant amount of time handling and selling permits. The goal is to identify a system with a better return on investment and better visitor experience.

January 2023 Open Space Sales Tax Distribution

Update and Reports

Board of County Commissioner update

- Commissioner Shadduck-McNally said she joined Commissioner Kefalas, Commissioner Stephens, DNR staff and an Estes Gazette reporter on a tour of Heaven's Door Ranch.

Discussion Items

Action Items

Other Business

- Paul asked if DNR had been contacted in relation to hosting a bike park on one of its properties as this is an active conversation around the sale of Hughes Stadium (the preferred location). Daylan said he has talked with Kenny Bearden, executive director of the Overland Mountain Bike Association, and ideally the bike park would be located close to an urban center. DNR's properties would therefore not be the best option to host such a park.

Next Meeting Scheduled

April 27, 2023 - at the Larimer County Loveland Campus Building, 200 Peridot Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537, Poudre River 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 – 6:38 pm

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