



Date: Wednesday, July 10, 2024
Time: 12:30 PM
Location: Hybrid - In-Person: Extension Conference Room #165
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AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

Advisory Board members attending: Brad Justice, Dylan Alsbach, Zach Thode, Audrey Welsh, Martha Sullins, Amber Graves, Kristin Ramey, Brad Peterson, Carmen Farmer

Commissioners' Office: Commissioner John Kefalas

Extension/County staff attending: Cary Weiner, Andy Weakland, Jessica Callen, Matthew Lafferty, Heidi Pruess, [Danielle Reimanis](#)

Other Members of the Community:

12:30-12:53

Call to Order and Roll Call

- Call to order at: 12:36pm

Amendments to the Agenda

Approval of the Minutes

- May 8th, 2024
- No Amendments to the minutes.
- Agenda Approved

Commissioner Kefalas Updates

- Attended a ceremony at Platte River Power Authority solar farm that will be supplying power to Larimer County residents.
- A small farm in Longmont (Jack's Solar Garden) was highlighted for having some success in agrivoltaics.
- The Fair and Rodeo is coming up. Starts on Friday 8/2/24 at the Ranch Complex.
- Ribbon cutting at the Bethke Elementary School in Timnath.
 - Just started an air quality monitoring station that will be monitoring ground level ozone and nitrogen oxides.
 - Planning to have 5 air quality monitoring stations that will eventually be in use in Larimer County.
 - Starting to collect data this month for analysis moving forward.
- There was a Commissioner Work session last Monday, attended by Matt Sura, County Attorney on oil and gas, where they discussed and looked at cumulative impacts regarding oil and gas and its impact on our air quality.
- There is an Environmental Stewardship Award ceremony on Wednesday 7/31, at 1:30pm at the Hearing Room at the County building.
- Question posed by Zach Thode on if there will be a drought declaration from Emergency Services because of current extreme dry conditions that are present.
 - Commissioner Kefalas will take note and follow up with the Emergency Services team on where they are at as well as follow up with Lori Hodges, Director of Emergency Services for Larimer County.

12:53-2:40

Discussion Items and Action Items

12:53-1:18 Climate Smart Future Ready Plan Update (Heidi Pruess)

- Discussion Highlights

- Consumption Greenhouse Gas Emissions results are annual
- CSU has a team that is also addressing emissions and they use a model called MEMS and would be a good team to coordinate with.
- Discussion on what carbon drawdown means and how they measure this on Farmland.

1:18-1:56 Larimer County Agricultural Producer Survey (Jess Callen)

- Discussion Highlights
 - A few questions around the survey and who the respondents were compared to census data.
 - Commissioner Kefelas had a question around land leasing and if that was an issue in terms of length of leases and if that contributed to a problem that arose during the questionnaire.
 - Discussion around labor challenges and digging into it even further to see how much of that labor is family members and the struggles with succession.

1:56-2:25 Water Master Plan Update (Danielle Reimanis)

- Discussion Highlights
 - Question of whether information on water rights and how many outside constituents own local water rights. Currently there is no data on that point. Discussion of looking into this data, looking into other municipalities purchasing Larimer County water rights and the risk associated with that.
 - Discussion around the Watershed Mapping Results, what exactly they include, what are the data sets behind the map, and how up to date the information is.
 - Discussion around water efficiency and how more efficient irrigation is not always productive and positive when it comes to water usage up stream. Also discussion around water rights and what Larimer County's role is, or lack of role.

2:25-2:40 Bylaws Update (Cary Weiner)

- Discussion Highlights
 - Reviewing document changes to the existing bylaws. Input from the board made at this time and the Board plans to revisit.

2:40-3:07

Future Communication Items

- VAD Subcommittee
- 2025 Work Plan
- 2024 Legislative Session Update
- Other?

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 3:07pm

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