

**Date:** Wednesday, September 14, 2022

**Time:** 12:30 PM

**Location:** Hybrid - In-Person: Lake Estes, 3rd Floor, 200 West Oak Street, Fort Collins or Virtual, Zoom Link:  
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## AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

The Larimer County Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB) met in a hybrid setting in person and via Zoom. The meeting started at 12:36pm.

The following Board members were present: Zach Thode (Chairperson), George Wallace (Vice Chairperson), Kristin Ramey (Secretary), Timothy Clouse, John Cravens, Amber Graves, Travis Horton, Maureen McDonough, Beth Conrey, Travis Rollins, Andy Pineda, Greg Schreiner, Martha Sullins, and Brad Justice.

The following officials and staff were present: John Kefalas, County Commissioner; Matt Lafferty, Principal Planner; and Lesli Ellis, Community Development Director, Alyssa Martin, Planner I

Guests present: Karen Crumbaker, CSU Extension; Daylan Figgs and Casey Cisneros, Department of Natural Resource

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The July 13, 2022, minutes were approved.

### **Updates from County Commissioner John Kefalas**

Commissioner Kefalas passed around some packets on conservation easements for any interested members of the ag community. In addition, he was invited to the Larimer County Farm Bureau annual meeting and asked what the AAB connection is with the Bureau and noted the Environmental and Science Advisory Board did an update on the Water Plan on the previous night. Daylan Figgs gave a quick overview of the Water Plan.

### **STAFF UPDATES**

#### **AAB Webpage**

- Matt Lafferty provided a list of documents related to AAB that could be placed on the webpage and posed the question about what topics should be included on the page
- Would like to see all initially, Matt will put all up on the webpage and ask for board members to review when complete

- Zach mentioned to include the applicable years for the topics

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Intern Update**

*Lesli Ellis*

- Poster session scheduled October 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm
- Lesli will follow up with the results from the intern's project when there is more information available

### **Pollinator Policy/Resolution**

- Draft resolution provided for comments
- ESAB, Land Stewardship Board, and Open Lands Board recommended approval
- Commissioner Kefalas reiterated this is a policy and not statute and the goal is to raise awareness to the importance of pollinators
- Beth noted that June should be Pollinator Awareness Month to align with the rest of the country
- Consider putting action regarding the resolution into the AAB work plan or in a specific work plan to encourage progression
- Open dialogue ensued on the specific points of the resolution with various board members providing their input
- *Beth proposed a motion to accept highlighted changes, take out "ours" in the introduction, and change September to June for pollinator month, George seconded, all voted in favor minus Zach, motion passed*

### **Local Food Task Force**

- General overview provided with discussion of goals
- Changes were made to the order of slides and priorities and passed around to a small group of board members
- Open discussion ensued regarding any questions regarding the plan/presentation

### **CSU Liaison**

- Martha, Kevin, Zach, and Frank to meet with Kathy Rennells with CSU to discuss and be clear on what should be accomplished with the future liaison and move the process forward

### **Voluntary Agricultural District Update**

*George Wallace*

- Originally tabled, added back to work plan during last meeting
- Has good support from CCI staff
- Has been working with experts on tax credit incentives
- September 23<sup>rd</sup> CCI meeting to decide if this would be on the docket
- Then work on state legislation language and will have a decision in October on whether it has been selected to move forward

**Meeting adjourned at 3:09pm.**