The role of the Advisory Board is to advise the Board of County Commissioners and appropriate departments on environmental and science-related issues that affect Larimer County.

MINUTES

Date: January 10th, 2023

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Rm. 333 Lake Estes, 200 W. Oak Street, Fort Collins, CO and Virtual by Zoom

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MEMBERS		STAFF		GUESTS
Rodger Ames- Chair	X	John Kefalas*	X	
Daniel Beveridge		Shelley Bayard de Volo¥	X	
John Bleem	X			
Tasha Carr	X			
Jim Gerek				
Ted Hendrickx	X			
Allyson Little	X			
Barry Noon	X			
Kaitlin Rainsberger	X			
George Rinker	X			
Travis Rounsaville	X			
Shelby Sommer	X			
Catriona Smith	X			
Katrina Winborn-Miller	X			
Chris Wood	X			

X = present; * = Commissioner Liaison; ǂ = Speaker; ¥ = ESAB Liaison; º = Facilities;
§ = Environmental and Sustainability Program; ᵠ = Fleet

Call to Order: 6:08 p.m.

1. **Amendments or additions to the agenda** –
2. **Introduction of members, staff, and guests** – The members introduced themselves.
3. **Public Comment** – No public comment.
4. **Discussion Items**
   - 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Workplan – Shelley went through the annual report highlighting the changes since the December meeting, showing that the updates were made. There was some discussion of ways to provide the meeting presentation to the public. The decision was made to add a note that the presentation slides can be made available upon request to the Board Chair or Staff Liaison. Shelley then showed the red-lined version of the 2023 workplan and showed that the comments from last meeting were incorporated, including the table

having the regularly scheduled quarterly items. Rodger noted that in the coming months, as the Board learns more about the Commissioner's workplan, that they might be able to add in more items that align with the Commissioner's. Shelley ended by showing the appendix. Commissioner Kefalas noted that he might like to use the ESAB's annual report as an example for other boards. Shelley made a couple on the fly edits. Rodger asked for additional comments, of which Ted noted a couple editorial fixes. Shelley made them. Rodger asked for a motion to approve the 2022 Annual Report and 2023 Work Plan. Cat motioned to approved, and Travis seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

- Update ESAB Bylaws – The members discussed the task for tonight, which is to select the sub-committee to work on updating the bylaws. The members then discussed a little of what the previous discussions had been in terms of changes. Travis noted the need for more inclusive language. Shelley noted that her red-lined draft was in the Google folder. They discussed the need to make sure the updated bylaws align with the new updated Policies and Procedures for Boards, Commissions and Committees from the commissioner's office. Commissioner Kefalas noted that one of the things that is in that updated document is the requirement for all boards to review and update their bylaws annually. Discussion on having college students participate as non-voting members. Maybe they could be selected during spring recruitment and would start in August with the start of the academic year. John noted that in his work with students at CSU, he could help get the word out if the Commissioner's office had an announcement ready. Commissioner Kefalas said that they should have something ready sometime in April. There was discussion of the new stipend policy, and it was noted that the bylaws update needs to align with that policy and especially in using the language used in the stipend policy (Stipend and NOT compensation).

  Chris, John, and Ted will join Jim to work on the update. Shelley reminded members of the need to notify her if they meet to work on this so she can properly notice the meeting.

5. Approval of Minutes – Chris moved to approve the December minutes, as corrected, and Tasha seconded. The December minutes were approved by acclamation.

6. Updates and Round Table

- Commissioner's Update – This AM was the swearing in ceremony, where 7 officers, including Commissioner Kefalas, were sworn in. Commissioner Kefalas was appointed the ESAB Commissioner Liaison again for this year. The Commisssioners will be meeting to put together their workplans for the year. And the County will start the process of the next 5-year Strategic Plan this year, and wrap up the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan this year. At administrative matters, the BOCC gave preliminary approval to develop a non-binding MOU with Republic Services to build the new landfill, as well as the transfer station and new material recovery facility. This info will be brought the the Solid Waste PAC, and they can provide feedback. And then that will come back to the BOCC who will then give direction to staff. The goal is to start construction on the new landfill this year. They are now operating under the 2023 adopted budget. The budget was adopted in December 2022, and includes $671 million, of which $380 million is operating. The budget includes the build of the new fleet campus. Heidi Pruess updated the BOCC on the progress made by the Internal Climate and Sustainability Team. Many of the staff who are participating were there to support Heidi in her update, including the new Civic Spark Fellow. They will also be bringing on a master's student to help integrate diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) principles. Commissioner Kefalas visited the Colorado Forest Service's Nursery up at the Foothills Campus. He saw the damage to the facility from a freeze event and noted the need to update the facility. There are now funds targeted for this work through the State, so we should see improvements to that facility over the next several years.

- Environmental Stewardship Awards – Shelley informed the members that the stewardship awards nomination period is now open. She asked members to get the word out through their networks. They discussed the timeline for the awards and selecting a subcommittee.

- Roundtable - Rodger asked members to think about whether they would like to see the issue index include some of the larger proposed oil and gas facility development projects in the County. And would that tie into the commissioner's work plan. Commissioner Kefalas noted that could be helpful. He also noted the recent comments that the County made to the COGCC on the Centerra Well pad. One item of comment was about cumulative air impacts. At Rodger's request, Commissioner Kefalas will send the submitted comments to Shelley to distribute. Commissioner Kefalas asked if ESAB will be involved in the Water Master Plan development? The RFP for the second phase went out recently and the Agricultural Advisory Board (AAB) will participate on the selection committee. There should also be the opportunity for the ESAB to also participate. Rodger noted that after looking at the Commissioner's workplan, we can revisit the ESAB Issue Index to see if there are needs to add items.

  Travis discussed upcoming opportunities to learn more about a water quality issue involving nutrient pollution from non-point sources like agriculture. The State does not currently regulate non-point source pollution coming from agriculture, but rather has implemented a voluntary program to reduce nutrient pollution. As part of the voluntary efforts there has been discussion of implementing a nutrient trading program and the Larimer Conservation District is being tapped to be the administrator of the program. Travis would like to bring in speakers to learn more about this program.

2. **Issue Index** – Was updated with tonight's discussion.
3. **Agenda Topics for Next Meeting** – February 13th, 2023. Discussion items include air quality monitoring and staff comments; update on water storage projects in Larimer County; pilot program for nutrient trading, maybe AAB could do a presentation at a future meeting? Other potential topics are updates from watershed coalitions on watershed recovery after fire. New County EDI Board update from Heidi Pruess on Climate Smart, EV infrastructure Planning process with Xcel Partners in Energy. Shelby noted she could provide an update. Cat noted that she can do a PFAS update. Commissioner Kefalas noted an upcoming worksession on the Hwy 287 re-route in coordination with the NISP project, March 1 at 2:30.
4. **Adjourn –** George moved to adjourn, and Ted seconded. The meeting ended at 8:15 PM.