

LARIMER COUNTY | ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

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Environmental and Science Advisory Board

MINUTES

Date: December 12th, 2023

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Location: Rm 150 Carter Lake, 200 West Oak St., Fort Collins, Colorado and Virtual by Zoom

Contact: Shelley Bayard de Volo, sbayard@larimer.org or 970.498.5738

MEMBERS		STAFF		GUESTS
Rodger Ames – Chair	X	John Kefalas*	X	Kevin Stearns
Tasha Carr		Shelley Bayard de Volo [‡]		
Anna Cloud	X	Traci Shambo [‡]	X	
Jim Gerek	X			
Matthew Haag	X			
Ted Hendrickx				
Allyson Little				
Lark Murphy	X			
Andrew Newman	X			
Barry Noon	X			
Nicole Poncelet-Johnson	X			
George Rinker				
Shelby Sommer - Vice-Chair	X			
Natalie Walsh	X			
Katrina Winborn-Miller	X			
Chris Wood	X			

X = present; * = Commissioner Liaison; [‡] = Engineering; [‡] = ESAB Liaison; [§] = Larimer County Environmental and Sustainability Program

Call to Order: 6:00 p.m.

1. **Amendments or additions to the agenda** – Shelley is not in attendance tonight, so Traci Shambo is stepping in as Staff Liaison.
2. **Introduction of members, staff and guests** – members and guests introduced themselves. Lark Murphy introduced herself as the new student member of the board.



3. **Public Comment** – None

1. **Commissioner's Update** – Shelley sent to members the 5-year strategic plan PowerPoint from the BOCC work session. The Commissioner discussed the previous and upcoming strategic plans and asked members if they had questions. The Commissioner explained that the strategic plan can help align/inform the ESAB's work plan. Discussion of the Front Range Passenger Rail System planning. Discussion of the goals and objectives for sustainable and natural environment.

The BOCC received an update on the 2024 County budget at their Administrative Matters meeting today. On Thursday the Solid Waste Alternative Solutions Report prepared by Duane Penny and Team will be presented and discussed with the Solid Waste Policy Advisory Council. The document will be on the website after the discussion Thursday.

The County announced that they received a 1041 permit application from the City of Thornton regarding a water supply pipeline. The application is going through completeness review now. Members asked what the role of the ESAB might be as this project (or any 1041) proceeds through the hearings. Members requested more clarification on what the Board's role and responsibilities are for 1041 permit applications. The County Spotlight (12/11/23) provides web links to the applications and submitted documents.

4. **Discussion Items**

- ESAB Officer Elections – The members nominated the Chair and Vice-Chair positions.
 - Chair – Rodger indicated he is happy to remain Chair for 2024. There were no other nominations.
 - Vice-Chair – Shelby indicated she is happy to remain Vice-Chair for 2024. There were no other nominations.

Natalie moved to nominate Roger for Chair and Shelby for Vice Chair. Barry seconded. All members voted Yes, and the motion passed by acclamation.

- 2023 Annual Report – Traci presented the draft report on the screen. Members addressed Shelley's comments within the document, including pulling out the 2024 work plan, but leaving in a brief notation that the Board develops an annual work plan. Members will send Shelley additional comments before the January meeting.
- Air Quality Monitoring Advisory Committee (AQMAC) Participation – Jim moved to nominate Rodger as the ESAB representative to the local AQMAC, and to nominate Chris and Katrina as alternates. Natalie seconded, and all were in favor. The motion passed by acclamation.
- 2024 Annual Work Plan – Members suggested some edits, and the Board will more fully address this document later when the Commissioner's workplan is finished.
- Issue Index Review and Update – Members tabled this topic and will take it up at the next few meetings.

5. **Approval of Minutes** – Barry moved to approve the November minutes, and Jim seconded. The November minutes were approved by acclamation.

6. **Updates and Round Table**

- TAG and WAG Participation - Anna presented a document showing the overall membership of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) and the Watershed Advisory Group (WAG) for the County's Watershed Planning process.
 - 1041 Legislative Intent – Barry discussed the general background on 1041 legislation.
 - Poudre River Wildlife Mitigation and Enhancement Plan for NISP – Barry briefly discussed the plan and its approval by the CPW Wildlife Commission.
 - State of Colorado Climate Preparedness Roadmap – Shelby noted that the State is currently developing this roadmap, and that she can stay up to date on it and inform the Board sometime during Q-1 of 2024.
 - Legislation on Non-functional Turf Grass – Shelby noted upcoming State legislation on non-functional turf grass. Nicole noted the environmental impacts of artificial turf. Jim noted that Board members should pay attention to the State's legislative agenda and update the Board as appropriate in line with the issue index.
7. **Issue Index** – Will be updated for tonight's agenda items.
8. **Agenda Topics for Future Meetings** – Larimer County Water Master Plan, ESAB Annual Report
9. **Adjourn** – Barry moved to adjourn the meeting and Jim seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM