



Date: August 21, 2025
Time: 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Location: Horsetooth Area Information Center, 4200 W. County Rd. 38E Fort Collins, CO 80526, Mountain Lion Room & Zoom Webinar

LAND STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES

MEMBERS		STAFF		GUESTS	
Patrick Bickley	I	Casey Cisneros	I		
Ronald Harris	I	Daylan Figgs	A		
Jesse Dillon	A	Meegan Flenniken	I		
Michael Hayes	I	Jody Shadduck-McNally*	V		
Brenda Engles	I	Andrea Weber (minutes)	I		

V = virtual attendee I = in-person attendee A = absent *commissioner

Call to Order - 5:04 pm

Agenda Review

Included an update from the Commissioner in the Updates/Discussion Items Section

Review and Approval of Last Minutes

Michael moved to approve the minutes from last meeting, Brenda seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Information and Announcements

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

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Updates/Discussion Items

Commissioners’ Update

- Commissioner Shadduck-McNally provided an update on a new wildfire near Red Feather Lakes.
- She noted the opportunity to participate in various restoration projects with groups in the county and encouraged board members to volunteer.

2024 DNR Annual Report

2025 Quarter 1 and 2 Board Reports

- Staff reviewed the 2024 Department Annual Report and 2025 Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 board reports. Specific stories noted for the board were around the success of recent grassland

restoration projects, particularly at Canyon Edge Open Space, where native vegetation has flourished after non-native annual grass treatments.

- Staff pointed out the addition of meadow hawkweed to the Larimer County noxious weed list and challenges with landowner compliance, noting that some property owners have attempted ineffective treatments like vinegar spraying.

Noxious Weed Citations per new legislation – Casey Cisneros

- Staff presented a new enforcement mechanism that was passed in legislation in 2024 for addressing noxious weeds on private land, involving fines of \$500 to \$1000 initially, with additional daily fines not exceeding \$100 for non-compliance.
- The ability to use fines is another tool in the toolkit to work with landowners who are out of compliance with respect to managing noxious weeds. The process could take 1-2 months longer than requesting a right of entry, but would allow for lien attachment if the landowner fails to pay.
- The team discussed the potential for legal fees to be recovered and considered whether to use this fine-based approach for chronic non-compliant landowners.
- Staff will be working on developing criteria and an approach for when to use fines and bring it back to the board at the November meeting.

2025 Budget Update – (Casey presented in Daylan Figgs' absence)

- The board received a financial update from staff, who reported that the department's enterprise fund is performing well despite some sales tax and user fee reductions. Staff noted that the Board of County Commissioners approved the ability for the Department to annually increase the Enterprise rate by the CPI (Consumer Price Index) and up to an additional 3% to cover rising costs and indirect expenses.

Action Items

Other Business

- A board member asked about the use of goats for weed management in open spaces. A discussion was held around concerns with the potential spread of diseases to native wildlife and the non-selective destruction of vegetation. The cost relative to the benefit is often in question.
- It was noted that the county will be using AI to take meeting minutes moving forward.

Next Meeting Scheduled

Thursday, November 20th, 2025 @ Larimer County Horsetooth Area Information Center 4200 W. County Road 38E Fort Collins, CO 80526 - Mountain Lion 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 – 6:03 pm

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