



Date: April 23, 2026
Time: 5:00 – 7:00 PM (PUBLIC MEETING) 7:00 – 8:00 PM (EXECUTIVE SESSION)
Location: Larimer County Longview Health Services Building 2260 W. Trilby Road, Fort Collins 80526 – Goldfinch/Sparrow Room & Zoom Webinar
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Natural Resources Advisory Board Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS		BOARD MEMBERS		STAFF	
Adam Crossan	A	Kathy Maher	V	Andrea Weber (minutes)	A
Andy Te Slaa	V	Kristina Kachur-Webb	I	Daylan Figgs	I
Debbie Hayhow	I	Mike Roccanti	I	Meegan Flenniken	I
Ellis Carpenter	A	Pete Blume	V	Jody Shadduck-McNally*	I
Gale Bernhardt	I	Rob Harris	V	Zac Wiebe	V
Gary Miller	V	Ruthie Rollins	V	Justin Core	I
Jeannie Mounts	V	Ward Nelson	A	Chris Fleming	I
Jim Wurz	I	Wes Knoll	I	Hannah Beam	I
Joe Bakel	V			Aubrey Hilte	I

V = virtual attendee

I = in-person attendee

A = absent

*commissioner

Call to Order – 5:02 pm

Agenda Review

Review and Approval of the Minutes

Wes moved to approve the minutes from last meeting, Jim seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Information and Announcements

- [Natural Resources events for this month.](#)
- To sign up for updates, go to <https://apps.larimer.org/subscriptions/?sub=boardlink>, and select the “Sign Up” button under “Commissioners’ and Boards & Commissions Meetings”.
- News Release: Colorado Lottery Starburst Award – Poudre River Trail Initiative

Board of Commissioners Report

- Board of County Commissioners Report
 - Commissioner Shadduck-McNally noted she is very excited about the Poudre Trail opening and all the staff work to get to this point over the decades. She provided updates on the county’s dark sky initiatives, wildfire season preparations, budget constraints, and discussion of the recently signed Good Neighbor Authority Bill. The Commissioner noted work through the Forest Health Council on defining forest resiliency and restoration, and the holistic landscape work needed. She concluded, noting that the BOCC is tracking various legislation, including the Conservation Tax Credit extension.

Discussion Items

1. 2025 Ranger and Visitation Presentation – Hannah Beam & Aubrey Hilde
 - a. Ranger staff presented an overview of the ranger staffing and activities in 2025. They highlighted the significant hours spent annually on training, data specific to public interactions, citations issued, and associated statistics for the year. The presentation included details about water-related incidents and awards received by rangers.
2. Acquisition Policy Overview – Meegan/Daylan
 - a. Staff provided an overview of the draft Acquisition Policy that outlines strategies, priorities, and an approach to DNR's land conservation work. The policy ensures the department is conserving lands with high conservation value in the most fiscally sound way, aligned with DNR's current funding model to ensure long-term sustainability of the department. The policy acknowledges the regional nature of partnering on acquisitions and ensures the best practice to overlay conservation easements on both private and county fee-title ownership.

Department Key Updates

1. Chris provided updates that the Boat Academy is underway and the Ranger Excellence School is coming up. She shared that the boat ramps are now open and that some new boat docks have been installed. A new paddleboard concessionaire license was awarded, and Text2Pay continues to phase out pay stations.
2. Meegan shared the status of construction projects, including survey and design work for the Canyon Edge Open Space turn lane, completion of ADA and solar conversions at Hermit Park Open Space, paving at Carter and Horsetooth reservoirs, and the impending opening of the Poudre Trail. Monitoring the conservation tax credit program extension bill, as well as a bill that would limit the sale of lottery tickets to in-person and cash-only sales. Staff presented the State Land Board stewardship trust nominations for parcels in the Livermore area at a Livermore Community meeting on 4/21 and noted that the county closed on the 70-acre acquisition of the Parrish Ranch as an addition to Red-tail Ridge Open Space.

Next Meeting Scheduled

May 28th, 2026 – Larimer County Longview Health Services Building 2260 W. Trilby Road, Fort Collins 80526 – Goldfinch/Sparrow 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 – 6:01 pm

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