

LARIMER COUNTY LAND STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY BOARD

The mission of Larimer County Department of Natural Resources is to establish, protect and manage significant regional parks and open lands providing quality outdoor recreational opportunities and stewardship of natural resource values. We are committed to fostering a sense of community and appreciation for the natural and agricultural heritage of Larimer County for present and future generations.

MINUTES

Date: August 15, 2019

Time: 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Location: River Bluffs Open Space, 6371 E. County Rd. 32 E., Windsor, CO.

Contact: Please contact Sidney at smichl@larimer.org or 970-619-4462 if you are unable to attend.

Members		Staff		Guests
Ed Redente		Casey Cisneros	x	1 guest
Ernie Marx	x	Daylan Figgs	x	
Gordon Nuttall	x	Zac Wiebe	x	
Laura Booth	x	John Kefalas*	x	
Renee Galeano-Popp	x	Sidney Michl (minutes)	x	
Richard (Hitch) McCulloch	x			
Ronald Harris	x			

x = present

*commissioner

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS – 5:09 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT
 - a. Gordon thanked Casey for his presentation on cheatgrass and gave an update on a potential infestation of Pine Wilt in ponderosa pine on residential property in Glacier View. CSU collected samples of 3 trees suspected to be infested, Casey will give update on Pine Wilt in November.

3. AGENDA REVIEW

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
 - a. Ernie motioned to approve last meeting minutes, Hitch seconded, motion passed unanimously.

5. INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Natural Resources events for this month: See <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>.
- b. USFS Weed Management Contract Modification – Casey
 - i. Contract increased from \$7,000 to \$122,000, projected additional \$200,000 next 3 years.

6. UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Update on noxious weed designation strategy – Renee and Casey
 - i. Renee attended Colorado Department of Agriculture meeting to categorize species based on levels of invasiveness. Future strategy may take into account botanical records to establish a more accurate statewide noxious weed list.
- b. Tour River Bluffs Open Space Restoration and Resilience Project – Casey and Zac Wiebe
 - i. Overview of River Bluffs Open Space and Poudre River Trail
 - ii. History and pre-project conditions
 - iii. Timeline
 - iv. Funding partnership (\$1.3 million DOLA grant; \$153,670 CPW grant; \$100,000 GOCO grant)
 - v. Project objectives were to improve riparian and aquatic habitat, create additional wetland, re-connect the main channel to the floodplain, install in-channel features, promote bank stabilization, and establish natural sediment transport cycles.
 - vi. Project design followed a soft-handed approach to restoration utilizing woody structures rather than hard armoring of banks to allow the river to restore itself overtime.

7. ACTION ITEMS

- a. N/A

8. OTHER BUSINESS

9. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: 11/21/2019 at Larimer County Courthouse, 200 W. Oak St., Fort Collins, CO, 2nd Floor, Lake Loveland Room.

10. 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.

11. ADJOURN – 6:35 p.m.