

# LARIMER COUNTY | DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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## LARIMER COUNTY OPEN LANDS 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:** December 14, 2018

**Time:** 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Larimer County Loveland Campus Building, 200 Peridot Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537, Poudre River Room

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Members		Staff		Guests
Carl Sorrentino		Gary Buffington	x	Rob Harris (Parks Advisory Board)
David Marvin	x	Meegan Flenniken	x	2 members of the public
Gerry Horak	x	Ken Brink	x	Daylan Figgs
Jason Brothers	x	Charlie Johnson	x	
Paul Alaback	x	Todd Blomstrom	x	
K-Lynn Cameron	x	Chris Fleming	x	
Marilyn Hilgenberg	x	Steve Gibson		
Nancy Wallace	x	*Thomas Donnelly		
Peter Kelly		Emmy Ellison (minutes)	x	
Sherri Valentine	x			
Suzan Fritchel	x			
Ken Zornes	x			

x = present

\*commissioner

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS – 5:05 p.m.
  - a. Todd announced the new Director as Daylan Figgs from the City of Fort Collins and discussed the interview and selection process. Todd also thanked Gary for his outstanding service during his tenure as Director. Daylan introduced.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT – none
3. AGENDA REVIEW

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
  - a. Dave discussed the intention of 'tabling' the motion from last meeting and the board agreed that the motion was intended to be tabled and not killed. Nancy moves to approve the meeting minutes, Ken Z. seconds, motion passed unanimously.
  
5. INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - a. Natural Resource events for this month: See <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>.
  - b. To sign up for Open Lands Advisory Board minutes, go to <http://larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm>, enter your email, click 'Subscribe,' and then check the 'Open Lands Advisory Board' box.
  - c. Staff met with FC, Timnath and Windsor to discuss partnerships in completing land and trail easement acquisitions along the Poudre River and strategize timing for the 2019 GOCO Connect grant cycle – Meegan
  - d. Hosted meeting with stakeholder panel to discuss future potential trailhead locations at Horsetooth Mountain OS – Meegan
  - e. River Bluffs OS Poudre River restoration – completed bid process and selected contractor. Project to begin January 2019. Zac Wiebe coordinating baseline fish sampling with CPW prior to restoration – Meegan
  - f. Request for board interest in spring site visit to pending CE properties – Meegan
  - g. Open Lands Advisory Board bylaws update – Gary
  
6. UPDATES & REPORTS
  - a. Open Space District Reports – Chris
  - b. OLAB venue to remain at the Larimer County Loveland Campus building – Gary
  
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - a. Fee Study – Subcommittee Recommendations
  
8. ACTION ITEMS
  - a. Motion currently tabled from previous meeting: *Nancy moves to recommend to the BOCC approval of the Advisory Board Fee Study Committee recommendations including the \$6 DBB fee, Carl seconds.*
  - b. Open Lands Advisory Board fee recommendation
    - i. Nancy moves to take the previous motion from the table, K-Lynn seconds, motion passed unanimously.
    - ii. Fee Study Discussion:
      1. Paul noted that the board in Berthoud was supportive of the proposed fees and appreciates the compromise of \$6 from \$9 for DBB.
      2. Sherri asked if the type of pass will be obvious as Bison Pass users may not want to stand out. It was noted that there will be no obvious difference in any of the passes as LC will be using nondescript coding.

3. Nancy asked if there was any further interest in raising the Senior Pass fees. It was noted that there did not seem to be any further interest.
  4. Brief discussion about a pass for veterans. It was noted that disabled veterans have free admittance.
  5. Rob asked whether the \$6 DBB pass could then be taken to other LC properties. It was noted that LC does not expect a high volume of misuse and haven't had much trouble with it in the past. Staff does compliance checks and business practice is to not address that issue as it is not sustainable.
  6. Marilyn discussed the general support of the proposed fees by the City of Loveland's Open Lands Advisory Commission.
- iii. Dave calls for the vote, motion passed unanimously. Pete Kelly calls in a vote in support of the motion.
  - iv. Board members thank LC for responding to requests for more information.
  - v. Suggestion from Dave to discuss in the future breaking out the 3 Sales Tax percentage categories clearly. Lori stated that the budget is set up according to the ballot language, the 15% flex use is decided at budget time, not sure if separate fund is allowed. Have options that can be discussed further and Lori will check with Finance and report back. Transparency is key issue. Separate, 3<sup>rd</sup> fund is requested by board for better control of the 15% bucket. It was noted that a policy driven discussion could be an option. Request for LC staff to look at options, look at districts/locations for better understanding.
  - vi. Dave requested a policy related to trigger points and determinations for fee adjustments. Also requested an ongoing update to the spreadsheet that was created for this discussion. It was noted that the spreadsheet was a summary existing financial assumptions and that an annual update could be given to the board. K-Lynn requested that subcommittee member update the rest of the board about particulars, possibly create finance committee.
  - vii. Next steps for the Fee Proposal are an informal discussion on Monday with BOCC, hearing on the 18<sup>th</sup>, possible BOCC vote on the 18<sup>th</sup> to allow staff to move forward with implementation before January 1<sup>st</sup>.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: January 24, 2019 at the Larimer County Loveland Campus Building, 200 Peridot Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537, Poudre River Room

11. 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.

12. ADJOURN – 6:07 p.m.

