

## 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:** September 26, 2019

**Time:** 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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

**Contact:** Please contact Sidney at [smichl@larimer.org](mailto:smichl@larimer.org) or 970-619-4462 if you are unable to attend

Members		Staff		Guests
Bob Hewson	x	Daylan Figgs	x	1 member of the public
David Marvin	x	Meegan Flenniken	x	
Jason Brothers		Charlie Johnson	x	
K-Lynn Cameron	x	Justin Core	x	
Ken Zornes	x	Zac Wiebe	x	
Linda Stanley		Steve Gibson	x	
Mark DeGregorio	x	*Thomas Donnelly	x	
Nancy Wallace	x	Sidney Michl (minutes)	x	
Peter Kelly				
Rick Brent	x			
Sherri Valentine	x			
Tom Shoemaker	x			

x = present

\*commissioner

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS – 5:08 p.m.
  - a. Introduced staff and board members to member of the public.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT – none
3. AGENDA REVIEW

#### 4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

- a. Tom motioned to approve last meeting minutes, Rick seconded, 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. Submitted comments on the Halligan Reservoir expansion EIS – Zac
  - i. Daylan asked about a timeline for management projects, Zac said the review will be complete by end of 2019, then the public process will start.
- d. The Colorado Natural Heritage Program is kicking off a state-wide effort to develop a tool called the Conservation Environmental Review Tool (CERT) to modernize data access and as a common data platform for CPW, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies, CNHP and other agencies/organizations that can be used for management and conservation planning purposes – Zac
  - i. Bob asked about the potential for a subcommittee to evaluate the new tool, Zac said it will be valuable at the staff level but at times will help inform OLAB decisions. Meegan said it will give other Larimer County departments access to the CNHP tool as well.
- e. Several staff attended the Colorado Open Space Alliance conference – Daylan
  - i. Almost all OLAB staff members attended COSA this year, larger focus on conservation, better management practices, and emerging technologies.
- f. Poudre River Trail update
  - i. Charlie updated the Graves trail easement will close tomorrow at 10am and that we'll continue working on other trail segments. Zac updated we'll also learn tomorrow if we officially got the \$2 million grant from GOCO for the completion of all 3 trail gaps in partnership with the City of Fort Collins and Towns of Timnath and Windsor.
- g. The Regional Board Meeting is scheduled Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 5:00 – 8:30 p.m. in lieu of the February 2020 monthly meeting – Daylan
- h. Closed on Hazelhurst CE with City of Fort Collins
  - i. Charlie clarified Larimer County holds the conservation easement and the City of Fort Collins purchased the land fee.

#### 6. UPDATES & REPORTS

- a. Department Quarterly Report – Daylan
  - i. Sent out a week ago, goal is to move towards a focus on high-level department-wide projects and activities including land stewardship, capital projects, trails, operations, planning projects, acquisitions, and a quarterly financial summary. Please let Daylan know if there is any additional information you'd like to see in the next report. Board member request to make the report publicly available,

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- b. County Oil & Gas Task Force update – Meegan/Sherri
  - i. Voting members are beginning to provide recommendations for staff who are drafting regulations, LCDNR is engaged in the process. Meegan noted key elements of staff comments/efforts relative to non-surface use as the base expectation on conserved lands, and if the operator can show no feasible alternatives off-site then the department would use our Energy By Design level planning for proposals. Board member discussion about Energy By Design. Next Task Force meeting is Oct. 30<sup>th</sup>.

## 7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. General overview of new legislation and regional discussions of e-bike and e-scooter use
  - i. Follow-up on e-bike survey, responses were predominantly in favor of current regulations and provided a better understanding of public opinion. Currently in the process of reviewing Boulder County’s literature review. Discussion about new state legislation regarding e-scooters and COSA’s role in addressing emerging technologies. Current regulations are up for review in 2021, will need more time to research e-bike impacts in the interim.

## 8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. Weis fee acquisition final review
  - i. K-Lynn motioned to recommend the BOCC approve the acquisition, Dave seconded, motion passed unanimously.

## 9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: October 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. Ken moved to enter Executive Session, Sherri seconded, motion passed unanimously at 6:21 p.m.

12. ADJOURN – 6:37 p.m.