



**The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Board Meeting
Colorado Springs, Colorado
Tuesday, December 10th, 2014**

Board Members Present: Jason Brinkley, Tom Burke, Heather Carroll, Dave Palenchar, Jim Pribyl, Chana Reed, Jacy Rock, Alan Schwartz, Jim Smith, Jim Spaanstra, Linda Strand, Matt Sugar, Tom Swanson

Board Members Not present: Mike King, Peggy Montano, Jody Rogers

GOCO Staff Present: Lise Aangeenbrug, Madison Brannigan, Todd Cohen, Julie Coutant, Joe Davidson, Jacqueline Grantz, Amanda Hill, Jake Houston, Jackie Miller, Emily Orbanek, Connor Schake, Josh Tenneson, Chris Yuan-Farrell

Public Present: Laura Solano (Lottery), Dawna Callahan (Lottery), Adam Eichberg (Lobbyist), Mary Marchun (Lobbyist), Justin Spring (TPL), Gary Butterworth (El Pomar), Scott Segerstrom (CYCA), Matt Moorh (TNC), Jeff Hulsmann (Palmer Lake)

Board Chair Heather Carroll called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.

I. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Spaanstra moved that the minutes from December 2013 be approved. Mr. Pribyl seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Legislative Update

Mr. Eichberg began the legislative update saying

III. Finance Update

Mr. Coutant presented the finance update. The latest capital project, new accounting software, is below budget. Lottery sales are about \$7million less than this time last year; sales are still on track to meet the Constitutional Cap which is \$60.3million. Grants for the year are very low at \$17million due to Parks bills being delayed and lower than anticipated Local Government reimbursements.

Ms. Coutant explained that the operating budget is currently under budget and is projected to stay under budget for the fiscal year. The quarterly cash model projects \$20million and will dip in 2015 to below

\$10million. As of January 31st, outstanding grants totaled about \$90million putting GOCO at 13.5 months ahead of lottery.

IV. Retirement Update

Mr. Brooks provided the retirement update.

V. Audit Review

Ms. Coutant outlined the status of the audit.

VI. Lottery Update

Ms. Solano presented the Lottery update.

VII. Communications Update

Mr. Cohen presented the communications update.

VIII. Open Space Grants

Mr. Tenneson presented the Open Space grants. Staff received 15 applications requesting just over \$7.5 million. The Open Space Committee is recommending full funding for the top ranking 7 projects and partial funding for the 8th ranking project.

Mr. Schwartz moved Resolution 2014-22, Mr. Swanson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brinkley moved Resolution 2014-23, Mr. Sugar seconded, and Mr. Smith abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Conservation Excellence Grants

Mr. Tenneson presented the Conservation Excellence Grants. Staff received 5 applications requesting \$187,488. The Open Space committee is recommending full funding to all 5 projects.

Ms. Strand moved Resolution 2014-24, Ms. Reed seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Local Government Grants

Mr. Houston presented the Local Government grants. Staff received 44 grant applications requesting a total of \$12.6 million. Five projects are resubmittals. The Local Government Committee recommends full funding for the top ranked 7 projects and partial funding for the 8th ranking project.

Mr. Spaanstra moved Resolution 2014-26, Mr. Palenchar seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Spaanstra moved Resolution 2014-30, Ms. Strand seconded and Ms. Rock abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Mini Grants

Mr. Houston presented the Mini grants. Staff received 9 applications requesting a total of \$353,616. Four counties are represented and 1 project is a resubmittal. The Local Government Committee recommends full funding for the top ranking 4 projects.

Mr. Brinkley moved Resolution 2014-27, seconded by Mr. Sugar. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Planning Grants

Mr. Houston presented the Planning grants. Staff received 6 applications requesting a total of \$280,605. Four Counties are represented and 2 projects are resubmittals. The Local Government Committee recommends full funding to the top ranking 4 projects.

Ms. Strand moved Resolution 2014-28, seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Paths to Parks Concept Papers

Mr. Houston presented the concept papers for the Paths to Parks Initiative. Staff received 15 concept paper proposal requesting \$12.7 million. Staff identified the projects that fit the initiative and recommend inviting 9 applicants to submit full applications

Mr. Schwartz made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Spaanstra. Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Overdue Grants

Grantee: Costilla County – Outdoor Fitness and Exercise Park

Award Date: December 2012

Amount Funded: \$166,030.40

Original Completion Date: December 2014

Extension Request: September 30th, 2015

Comments: The project is delayed due to a delay with engineering documents and updates to the drainage site.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends extending the project to September 30th, 2015. Staff further recommends that if the project is not closed by its extension date, the funds allocated to it will be automatically de-authorized with no further action by the Board being necessary.

Grantee: City of Fruita – Lower Little Salt Wash Trail Construction

Award Date: April 2011

Amount Funded: \$200,000

Original Completion Date: April 2013

Board Extension: December 13th, 2014

Extension Request: December 31st, 2015

Comments: The project is delayed due to a 10 foot easement that was missing in original title work and that is now in foreclosure. The City plans to acquire the easement and can do so in the given amount of time.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends extending the project to December 31st, 2015. Staff further recommends that if the project is not closed by its extension date, the funds allocated to it will be automatically de-authorized with no further action by the Board being necessary.

Mr. Brinkley moved to approve overdue grants. Mr. Sugar seconded, motion passed unanimously.

XV. Youth Corps Update

Mr. Segerstrom provided an update on the Colorado Youth Corps Association.

XVI. Youth Corps Grants

Mr. Yuan-Farrell presented the Youth Corps grants. Staff received 27 applications requesting a total of \$1,188,600. The Local Government and Open Space Committees recommend full funding to the top ranking 15 projects and partial funding for the 16th and 17th ranking projects.

Mr. Brinkley moved Resolution 2013- 29, seconded by Mr. Sugar and Mr. Swanson abstained. Motion passed.

XVII. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:58a.m.