

**The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Board Meeting
Aurora, Colorado
Thursday, April 16th, 2015**

Board Members Present: Jason Brinkley, Tom Burke, Heather Carroll, Joh Howard, Mike King, Dave Palenchar, Chana Reed, Jody Rogers, Alan Schwartz, Jim Smith, Jim Spaanstra, Linda Strand, Matt Sugar, Tom Swanson

Board Members Not present: Bill Kane, Peggy Montano, Jacy Rock

GOCO Staff Present: Lise Aangeenbrug, Laura Cardon, Todd Cohen, Julie Coutant, Joe Davidson, Peter Ericson, Jacqueline Grantz, Jake Houston, Jackie Miller, Emily Orbanek, Josh Tenneson, Chris Yuan-Farrell

Public Present: Diana Pratt Wilson (CPW), Lisa Dale (DNR), Gail Schwarz (), Chris Schooler (play yard designer), Dawna Callahan (CO Lottery), Missy Davis (TNC), Westgate Elementary School Student Task Force

Board Chair Heather Carroll called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m.

I. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Mr. Schwartz moved that the minutes from December 2014 be approved. Mr. Swanson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Legislative Update

Mr. Eichberg presented the legislative update. With one month left in the session there has been no discussion concerning redirecting lottery funds at the legislative level.

III. School Play Yard Grants

Ms. Miller presented the School Play Yard grants recommendations. We received 6 applications requesting a total of \$675,709. 6 different counties are represented and 4 projects have financial contributions from their local governments. Staff recommends full funding to the top ranking 6 projects.

Westgate Elementary presented their School Play Yard design process and Mr. King presented the students with a framed proclamation.

Mr. Spaanstra moved Resolution 2015-05, seconded by Ms. Reed. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Finance Review

Ms. Coutant presented the finance update. The audit was approved for a final time in late October; the delay was due to an administrative error between the state auditor and the contract auditor, not GOCO. Lottery sales are still a little below what they were last year, \$5.3million is needed monthly in order to reach the constitutional cap. Grant expenditures continue to be low due to a change in the state's accounting system and because Flood Grant recipients are waiting for FEMA reimbursements before they

request GOCO payments. Current projections put GOCO at 14 to 14.5 months ahead of lottery at the end of this fiscal year.

V. Cash Policy

Ms. Coutant presented the cash policy. The State Auditor recommended in the last audit that GOCO should adopt a formal policy around cash management. GOCO historically manages an appropriate cash balance by managing the amount and expected timing of payment of awards. Staff utilizes a cash flow model to project out quarterly cash utilizing aggressive assumptions for grant expenditures. Based on the analysis of the past four to five years, the historic payouts from year to year produce wildly varying percentages. The Finance Committee recommends the Board adopt a cash policy to consider adjusting months ahead of lottery assumption when GOCO's cash balance is greater than 60% of outstanding grants.

Mr. Brinkley moved Resolution 2015-01, Mr. Palenchar seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Lottery Update

Ms. Callahan gave the lottery update. While proceeds are currently lower than expected, a few of the new scratch games are generating larger than anticipated earnings.

VII. Strategic Plan

Ms. Miller presented the Strategic Plan. GOCO's 2015 Strategic Plan presents opportunities to work with stakeholders and partners to mobilize around common agendas to: protect more land and wildlife; connect people to the outdoors and connect trails parks and open spaces; inspire Coloradans to take care of our great outdoors. Once the plan is approved, staff will develop the five year funding framework to be adopted in June.

Mr. Schwartz moved to accept the Strategic Plan and Mr. Sugar seconded, motion carried unanimously.

VIII. RFP Project Review

Ms. Orbanek presented projects in the RFP process for wildlife funds. Colorado Parks and Wildlife received 42 applications requesting approximately \$70,839,672.00

Mr. Burke moved Resolution 2015-04, Mr. Swanson seconded, motion carried unanimously.

IX. CPW Investment Proposal

Ms. Orbanek presented the 2015-2016 CPW Investment Proposal. The 15-16 Investment Proposal looks similar to the previous year; the most significant changes include the School and Outdoor Learning Environments (SOLE), now being funded equally by both purposes, and an increase in parks capital projects that were deferred last year due to flood projects.

The Parks and Wildlife Committee's recommendation is to approve the full proposal: \$19,011,044 for parks purpose investments, including \$10.4 million for additional capital projects and \$11.8 million for wildlife purpose investments, including \$3.2 million for additional capital projects.

X. Policy Changes

GOCO staff recommends slight changes to improve the accuracy of the condemnation policy.

Mr. Sugar moved to accept the changes and Mr. Swanson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Overdue Grants

Grantee: Aspen Valley Land Trust

Award Date: June 2013

Amount Funded: \$398,200

Original Completion Date: December 11th, 2014

Board Extension: December 15, 2015

Comments: The project is delayed due to two issues. A small parcel had to be excluded from the easement due to environmental issues. Second, a minor boundary issue is being worked out but is causing delays.

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

Grantee: Palmer Land Trust

Award Date: December 2012

Amount Funded: \$75,000

Original Completion Date: December 11th, 2014

Board Extension: December 31st, 2015

Comments: The project is delayed due to two issues. It took longer than expected to secure a space and to find eligible employees.

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

Ms. Rogers moved to approve overdue grants. Mr. Palenchar seconded, motion passed unanimously.

XII. Executive Session

Mr. Spaanstra moved to enter executive session, Mr. Sugar seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Board and Staff Recognition

Ms. Aangeenbrug recognized the departing Board members and staff.

XIV. Adjourn