



**The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Board Meeting
Ridgway, Colorado
Thursday, June 18th, 2015**

Board Members Present: Jason Brinkley, Heather Carroll, Katie Cattanach, Jenn Dice, John Howard, Bill Kane, Peggy Montano, Jacy Rock, Jody Rogers, Alan Schwartz, Jim Spaanstra, Linda Strand,

Board Members Not present: Tom Burke, Tony Lewis, Mike King, Chana Reed, Dave Palenchar

GOCO Staff Present: Lise Aangeenbrug, Peter Ericson, Jacqueline Grantz, Jake Houston, Amanda Hill, Jackie Miller, Emily Orbanek

Public Present: Rick Akers (Lamar), Connie Akers (Lamar), Justin Spring (TPL), Patt Dorsey (CPW), Lucy Waldo (LTUA) Pat Schuler (Aurora), Ken Coleman (Gunnison), Steve Westbay (Gunnison)

Board Chair Heather Carroll called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Mr. Spaanstra and seconded by Mr. Palenchar. Motion carried unanimously.

II. Parks and Wildlife Update

Patt Dorsey presented an update on Parks and Wildlife projects in the area.

III. TPL Update

Mr. Spring presented an update on future projects that the Trust for Public Lands will be involved in.

IV. Finance Review

Mr. Ericson presented the finance update. The auditors have not offered specific feedback on the cash policy that the board approved on April 16th. Lottery sales are down from last year by \$10.5 million and proceeds in February were good, \$7.3 million and GOCO is predicted to reach the constitutional cap, \$62 million. Grant expenditures are lower than anticipated. \$18 million below budgeted amounts due still to flood recovery grants working with FEMA. Operating budget is currently 7% under budget and are anticipated to be on budget by the end of the fiscal year. Cash balance continues to be high, close to \$60 million.

V. De-Authorization Policy

Ms. Aangeenbrug presented policy exception for the use of de-authorized funds. The policy that was adopted in May 2011 stated the Board would not consider re-authorizing or re-granting funds from a de-authorized grant immediately but would consider the total of de-authorized grants the following year. The special circumstance we are working with today is a large de-authorization from the open space purpose, a river corridor project. Due to the unusually competitive open space round the Executive Committee recommends the Board make an exception to the current de-authorization policy on a one-time basis.

Mr. Spaanstra moved to accept the one-time exception and Mr. Brinkley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. FY 2016 Operating Budget

Mr. Ericson presented the Finance Committees' operating budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2016 of \$2,224,000. The one time initiatives planned for FY2016 include moving towards a paperless system, strategic planning consultants, and costs associated with the planning and implementation of the Inspire Initiative. The proposed budget is a \$1.7 million increase from FY 2015.

Mr. Brinkley moved to accept Resolution 2015-06, Ms. Montano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. FY 2016 Spending Plan.

Mr. Ericson presented the proposed spending plan for fiscal year 2016. The proposed plan specifies amounts and timing for Open Space, Local Government, and Planning grants for the Inspire/Cornerstone Initiative for FY2016. Staff recommended the following to the Finance Committee in May; if necessary, amendments be made to the FY2-16 plan in October in order to account for Parks and Wildlife purposes. The Finance Committee recommends approval of the preliminary Spending Plan with intent to revisit the plan in October.

Ms. Rogers moves to accept resolution 2015-07, Mr. Kane seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Open Space Grants

Ms. Hill presented the Open Space grants. Staff received 18 applications requesting just under \$13 million. The Open Space Committee is recommending full funding for the top ranking 10 projects.

Ms. Montano moved Resolution 2015-12, Ms. Strand seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Spaanstra moved Resolution 2015-13, Mr. Schwartz seconded, and Ms. Rogers abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Spaanstra moved Resolution 2015-17, Ms. Rogers seconded. Ms. Strand abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Riparian Restoration Grants

Ms. Hill presented the Riparian Restoration Grants. Staff received 3 applications requesting \$59,900. The Open Space Committee is recommending full funding to the top ranking 3 projects.

Ms. Montano moved Resolution 2015-14, Ms. Strand seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Local Government Grants

Mr. Houston presented the Local Government grants. Staff received 35 grant applications requesting a total of \$8.9 million. Six projects are resubmittals. The Local Government Committee recommends full funding for the top ranked 8.

Mr. Brinkley moved Resolution 2015-10, Ms. Montano seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. Mini Grants

Mr. Houston presented the Mini grants. Staff received 17 applications requesting a total of \$615,103. Seven counties are represented and 2 projects are resubmittals. The Local Government Committee recommends full funding for the top ranking 7 projects.

Ms. Strand moved Resolution 2015-08, seconded by Ms. Rogers. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Planning Grants

Mr. Houston presented the Planning grants. Staff received 8 applications requesting a total of \$421,137. Four Counties are represented. The Local Government Committee recommends full funding to the top ranking 4 projects.

Mr. Schwartz moved Resolution 2015-15, seconded by Ms. Montano. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brinkley moved Resolution 2015-09, seconded by Ms. Cattnach, Ms. Strand abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. Paths to Parks Grants

Mr. Houston presented the Paths to Parks grants. Staff received 9 applications requesting a total of \$7.9 million. Five counties are represented. The Local Government Committee recommends full funding to the top ranking 3 projects and partial funding for the 4th and 5th ranked projects.

Mr. Brinkley moved Resolution 2015-11, seconded by Mr. Kane. Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. Overdue Grants

Grantee: City of Lakewood – Bear Creek Trail Reconstruction Project

Award Date: April 2013

Amount Funded: \$200,000.00

Original Completion Date: April 2015

Extension Request: September 30th, 2015

Comments: The project is delayed due to an unforeseeable wet spring stalling construction.

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 and County of Denver – Genesee Mountain Trail Project

Award Date: April 2013

Amount Funded: \$154,840.00

Original Completion Date: April 2015

Extension Request: December 1, 2015

Comments: The project is delayed due to a change in city personnel assigned to the project.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends extending the project to December 1st, 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. Kane seconded, motion passed unanimously

XV. CPW Re-Authorization

Ms. Orbanek presented the re-authorization. CPW is requesting the 19 de-authorized grants be re-authorized into the Chatfield Phase 5B road paving project. The Parks and Wildlife Committee recommend the Board approve the request for re-authorization.

Mr. Spaanstra moved to approve Resolution 2015-16, Ms. Strand seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:17a.m.