



**The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Board Meeting
Denver, Colorado
Tuesday, August 2nd, 2016**

Board Members Present: Jason Brinkley, Tom Burke, Heather Carroll, Tony Lewis, Dave Palenchar, Karma Giulianelli, Chana Reed, Jacy Rock, Jody Rogers, Linda Strand, Hollie Velasquez Horvath

Board Members Not Present: Katie Cattanach, Jenn Dice, John Howard, Bill Kane, Bob Randall, Alan Schwartz, Madeleine West

GOCO Staff Present: Matt Brady, Andrea Conrad, Peter Ericson, Michele Frishman, Amanda Hill, Jake Houston, Jackie Miller, Emily Orbanek, Jim Ott, Jim Spaanstra, Chris Yuan-Farrell

Public Present: None present

GOCO Board Chair Heather Carroll called the meeting to order at 8:18AM, welcomed GOCO's newest board member, Karma Giulianelli, as well as outlined the agenda for the meeting.

I. Governance

Mr. Ericson opened by laying the groundwork behind this project to update, document, and collate GOCO's policies and procedures. He facilitated discussion around recommended governance changes as outlined in the framework summary table found in the board memorandum. Much of this discussion revolved around subsuming a set of high level GOCO policies created throughout the course of GOCO's existence into an updated version of GOCO's bylaws.

During this conversation, Ms. Carroll and Mr. Brinkley initiated discussion around establishing proxy voting rules with agency partners. The board recommended that GOCO look into proxy voting language consistent with boards of similar institutions.

Further discussion arose around extinguishing GOCO's policy to prohibit adoption of resolutions on local issues not within the board's purview. The board recommended to retain the policy.

Lastly, Mr. Spaanstra proposed that GOCO evaluate the term limit for executive committee officers. Where it stands, officers hold a single year term with the option to reelect. Mr. Spaanstra recommended looking into extending this term to two years. Mr. Lewis agreed. Ms. Carroll recommended that GOCO further flesh out this topic prior to October.

Ms. Carroll called for a motion to authorize staff and executive committee to draft amendments to GOCO's bylaws and policies as proposed. Finalized versions are to be presented at the October board meeting; Ms. Strand moved; Mr. Lewis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Finance/Operations

Mr. Ericson opened by giving an update on GOCO's upcoming move, sharing that plans and budgets are still on track for a late September completion and move-in.

Mr. Ericson then outlined recommended personnel, administration, and finance changes as outlined in the framework summary table found in the board memorandum.

Specifically, discussion arose around solicitation and award of professional services. GOCO currently caps this use at \$10,000; above which a competitive bid process is required. Mr. Ericson recommended that this cap be increased to \$25,000. Mr. Burke remarked that in his experience, \$25,000 mimics state and federal standards. The board recommended further researching similar agency standards around this topic to justify the increase.

Further discussion arose around substitution of funds, particularly as it relates to GOCO's agency partners. Mr. Ericson and Mr. Spaanstra gave an overview of the topic, citing that they've kept the language of the original policy and recommended investing time during the October meeting to delve into this topic as clarity may become increasingly important in years to come. Ms. Carroll agreed, noting that there will be greater representation from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) in October.

Lastly, Mr. Ott spoke briefly on the expanding of grant purpose funding to direct support and due diligence costs. These expenses will be charged to the same funding categories from which the grants were allocated. The board tasked staff to draft policy language that is both clear and flexible to create a better consistency of cost allocation.

III. Programs

Mr. Ericson outlined recommended competitive grant and parks and wildlife policy changes as outlined in the framework summary table found in the board memorandum. Ms. Miller, Mr. Houston, Ms. Frishman, and Ms. Orbanek provided support as comments and questions arose.

Specifically, the board sought clarity on the eligibility of condemned property, project scope as it pertains to restroom/facility eligibility, required supporting documentation in applications that may disqualify projects, as well as spending of wildlife purpose funding on access easements. Staff and board resolved to further delve into each aforementioned topic during program committee meetings in September.

Mr. Ericson and Ms. Carroll concluded by laying out the process of taking the feedback from the meeting to final product, citing there will be opportunity at the meetings in September and October to flesh out any other concerns.

IV. Executive Session

Ms. Carroll called for a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute §24-6-402(3)(a)(III) to discuss a legal matter; Mr. Burke moved; Ms. Rogers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Room was cleared and the board entered Executive Session.

Board votes to come out of Executive Session.

V. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 11:43PM.