



**The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Board Meeting
Denver, Colorado
Thursday, December 10th, 2015**

Board Members Present: Jason Brinkley, Tom Burke, Heather Carroll, Katie Cattanach, Jenn Dice, Hollie Velasquez Horvath, John Howard, Tony Lewis, Dave Palenchar, Chana Reed, Jacy Rock, Alan Schwartz, Jim Spaanstra, Linda Strand, Bill Kane(Via phone)

Board Members Not present: Mike King, Jody Rogers

GOCO Staff Present: Lise Aangeenbrug, Madison Brannigan, Laura Cardon, Todd Cohen, Andrea Conrad, Joe Davidson, Peter Ericson, Michele Frishman, Jacqueline Grantz, Amanda Hill, Jake Houston, Jackie Miller, Emily Orbanek, Jim Ott

Public Present: Madeliene West(DNR), Laura Solano (Colorado Lottery), Adam Eichberg (Headwaters Strategy), Mary Marchun (Capstone Group), Justin Spring (TPL), Scott Segerstrom (CYCA), Abraham Meza (CYCA), Tabbi Kinion (CPW), Wendy Padilla (CPW),

Board Chair Heather Carroll called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

I. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Ms. Dice moved that the minutes from October be approved. Mr. Lewis seconded, motion carried unanimously.

II. Legislative Update

Mr. Eichberg began the legislative update.

III. Lottery Update

Ms. Solana provided the lottery update.

IV. Spending Plans

Mr. Ericson presented the FY16 and 5 year spending plans.

V. Finance and Audit Review

Ms. Conrad provided an update on the audit and finances.

VI. Communications and Marketing Research

Mr. Cohen presented the communications update.

VII. Youth Corps Update

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

VIII. Youth Corps Grants

Ms. Brannigan presented the Youth Corps grants. Staff received 42 applications requesting a total of \$1,027,800. The Local Government and Open Space Committees recommend full funding to the top ranking 18 projects.

Ms. Strand moved Resolution 2015-24 to accept the committee's recommendation. Mr. Schwartz seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. School Play Yard Grants

Mr. Davidson presented the school play yard grants. Staff received 18 applications requesting a total of \$126,000. The Local Government Committee recommends full funding to the top ranking 5 projects.

Mr. Schwartz moved Resolution 2015-23 to accept the committee's recommendation. Ms. Reed seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

X. Overdue Grants

Grantee: Estes Valley Comprehensive Trails Master Plan

Award Date: December 2013

Amount Funded: \$35,000

Original Completion Date: December 2015

Extension Request: June 30th, 2016

Comments: The project is delayed due to 2013 floods.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends extending the project to June 30th, 2016. 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: Lower Little Salt Wash Trail Construction

Award Date: April 2011

Amount Funded: \$200,000

Original Completion Date: December 2014

Board Extension: December 31st 2015

Extension Request: August 31st, 2016

Comments: The project is delayed due to continued negotiations over a strip of privately owned land.

Staff recommendation: Staff recommends extending the project to August 31st, 2016. 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 Pueblo- Youth, families and the Outdoors; Gap and Opportunity Analysis

Award Date: June 2013

Amount Funded: \$45,000

Original Completion Date: June 11th, 2015

Board Extension: October 23rd, 2015

Extension Request: December 31st, 2015

Comments: The project is delayed due to a modified final report in order to include Inspire initiative goals in which the grantee is a level 2 community.

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. Howard moved to approve overdue grants. Mr. Burke seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

XI. CPW Scope Change

Ms. Orbanek presented the CPW scope change request. The request will shift \$8 million to a trail between Lyons and Boulder, an important part of the Rocky Mountain Greenway Trail that will eventually connect DIA to Rocky Mountain National Park. Originally the money was allocated for a trail between Lyons and Estes Park, but a feasibility study has determined that the trail is geographically infeasible and cost prohibitive.

Mr. Howard moved Resolution 2015-24 to approve the Scope Change request, seconded by Ms. Strand. Motion passed unanimously.

XII. Open Space Grants

Ms. Frishman presented the open space grants. Staff received 13 applications requesting just over \$4.3 million. The Open Space Committee is recommending full funding for the top ranking 10 projects and partial funding for 2 projects.

Ms. Cattanach moved Resolution 2015-25, Ms. Rock seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lewis moved Resolution 2015-26, Ms. Strand seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brinkley moved Resolution 2015 -27, Ms. Reed seconded and Mr. Kane abstained. Motion passed.

XIII. Upcoming Grant Cycles

Mr. Ericson outlined the timeline and nature of the upcoming large open space grant cycle, the Protect Initiative.

XIV. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:12p.m.