



THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
BOARD MEETING
March 15, 2024

<u>ACTION ITEM INDEX</u>	<u>RESOLUTION</u>	<u>ATTACHMENT</u>	<u>PAGE</u>
Consent Agenda			
Spending Plan Amendment	2024-05		
Base Programs	2024-02		
RESTORE	2024-04		
CPW Investment Proposal	2024-06		
CPW Extensions	2024-07		
CPW Centennial	2024-08		
Winter 2023 Board Meeting Minutes			



*A meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at **8:35 AM on Friday, March 15, 2024***

<u>Board Present</u>	<p>In-person: Pam Denahy (CD3), Tom Lee (CD6), Mina Liebert (CD5), Turk Montepare (CD2)</p> <p>Virtual: Tim Brass (DNR), Mara Brosy-Wiwchar (CD8), Carrie Curtiss (CD7), Charley Garcia (CD1), Marie Haskett (CPW), Patty Imhoff (CD6), Leticia Martinez (CD1), Brenda May (CD4), Krithika Prashant (CD5), Jahi Simbai (CD7), Ray Tschillard (CD8), Jay Tutchton (CPW)</p>
<u>Board Absent</u>	Craig Hughes (CD3), Mo Siegel (CD2)
<u>Staff Present</u>	<p>In-Person: Chris Aaby, Liz Bowen, Matt Brady, Rosemary Dempsey, Leah Kahler, Tilah Larson, Diane Metzger, Jackie Miller, Katie Smith, Josh Tenneson, Chris Yuan-Farrell, Dan Zimmerer</p> <p>Virtual: Madison Brannigan, Alex Castino, Keli Cavaleri, Erika Montes, Dan Omasta Christy Reeves, Emily Robinson, Sammie Trotter, Mike Wight</p>
<u>Staff Absent</u>	Crystal Medrano
<u>Public Present</u>	<p>In-person: n/a</p> <p>Virtual: Martha Beavers (CPW), Robert Evans (City of Lamar), Mike Suple (Suple Advertising), Leigh Ann Bauer (Suple Advertising), Tess Camp, Adrian Varney (Lottery), Andrew de Sugny, Cody Smith, Debbie Phillips (Town of Cheraw, Henry Pollock (Southern Plains Land Trust), Jim Petterson (Trust for Public Land), Christine Fischer (Town of Rico), Anthony LaTour (Lamar Parks and Rec), Kevin Sharkey (Eagle Valley Trail Project), Stacey Milenski (City of Rocky Ford), Cindy Keating (City of Woodland), Karen O'Donnell (City of Wheat Ridge), Jennifer Fenwick (National Forest Foundation), Joe Lavorini (National Forest Foundation), Josh Voorhis (14ers, National Forest Foundation), Adam Beh (Lake County), Brian Green (High Line Canal Conservancy), Cynthia Abramson (14ers Project), Dale Will (Pitkin County Open Space), David Anderson (CNHP), Daylan Figgs (Heaven's Door, Larimer County), Dirk McDermott (14ers Project), Harriet LaMair (High Lince Canal Conservancy), Jenn Almstead (Heaven's Door), Larry Pardee (Town of Eagle), M. Danielle Young (), Melissa Daruna (Town of Eagle), Michael Menefee (CNHP), Rachel Hutchens (Bluff Lake Nature Center), Matt Robbins (JeffCo Open Space), Robin Thompson (Eagle Valley Trail Project), Scot Grossman (Peaks to Plains Project), Scott Schlosser (Eagle Valley Trail Project), Sherri-Jo Stowell, Suzanne White (High Line Canal Project), Steve Coffin (High Line Canal Conservancy), Tom Hoby (JeffCo Open Space), Paula Herzmark, Randall Wheelock (CNHP), Sam Wilber, Suzanna Fry Jones (HLCC), Kathy Chandler-Henry (Eagle County), Jeff Hoge (JeffCo Open Space), Jim Lochhead, Hillary Merrit (JeffCo Open Space), Gemara Gifford (CNHP), Elisabeth Lawrence (High Line Canal Conservancy), Breana Winters (High Line Canal Conservancy), Alonsa Aguirre (CNHP),</p>
<u>Welcome & Introductions</u>	Ms. Denahy invited board members, staff, and guests to introduce themselves to the group.
<u>December Minutes</u>	Ms. Denahy introduced the December board meeting minutes for a vote:



	<p><i>Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the December board minutes; Ms. Liebert seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (16-0; two members absent)</i></p>
<u>Generation Wild Update</u>	<p>Ms. Dempsey introduced the Sukle Advertising team who presented on the results of the winter Say Hi with a Snowman campaign and on the upcoming summer season campaign called Wilderflowers. Wilderflowers involves distributing wildflower seeds to encourage Coloradans and Generation Wild children to spread seeds to help make the state more diverse and beautiful to pollinators; the campaign will create billboards for promotion and distribute the Wilderflower packets at partner locations and local libraries.</p>
<u>Finance Update</u>	<p>Ms. Reeves updated the board on GOCO's finances as of December: current balance sheet, as well as the revenue and grant expenditures, lottery proceeds and projections, operating budget versus actuals, grants by purpose, and cash versus outstanding grants ratio for FY24 and FY25.</p>
<u>CPW Committee</u>	<p>Ms. Miller introduced the proposal to create a CPW Committee to be able to discuss CPW business and strategic planning.</p> <p><i>Ms. Brosy-Wiwchar made a motion to approve the CPW Committee as presented; Mr. Lee seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (16-0; two members absent)</i></p>
<u>Strategic Plan Topics: Trails, Urban & Rural Investments</u>	<p>Mr. Tenneson introduced two strategic plan situation analyses for discussion – Trails and Urban & Rural Investments. He showed the timeline of the strategic plan update process. GOCO has hired Collaborative Decision Resources (CDR) and Consensus Building Institute (CBI) to guide us through conversations and surveys with stakeholders. An additional request for proposals is currently outstanding for brand awareness.</p> <p>Ms. Kahler presented the Trails situation assessment, needs and future investments through the strategic plan. Mr. Yuan-Farrell discussed a partnership with Outside 285 Initiative, and how we can come together to protect trails for recreation and wildlife.</p> <p>Mr. Yuan-Farrell presented the situation assessment on urban versus rural investments: funding by geography, allocations between local government, open space, and parks & wildlife, and the key takeaways.</p>
<u>Grant & Investment Recommendations</u>	<p>Mr. Yuan-Farrell introduced the 17 grant recommendations of base programs: Colorado Native Land Trust Research & Planning with First Nations Development Institute, Recreation Master Plan in the City of Lamar, Charting a New Course for Water Smart Land Conservation with Colorado Open Lands, Accelerating & Expanding Conservation Impact in Pueblo County with Palmer Land Conservancy, Climate Resiliency & Watershed Health in Upper Arkansas Basin with Central Colorado Conservancy, Watershed Stewards Program Manager in Lake County, CCLTA's Enabling More Conservation & Greater Community Engagement in Southern Colorado in Alamosa Valley, Cheraw Community Complex in the Town of Cheraw, Making Nature Universally Accessible through a New Nature Center at Bluff Lake with the City & County of Denver, The Green at 38th in the City of Wheat Ridge, Community Park Renovation Project in</p>



	<p>the Town of Silt, Rico Town Park & Outdoor Recreation Hub in the Town of Rico, Haymaker Recreation Hub Enhancement in the Town of Eagle, Las Animas-Purgatoire River Project with the Southern Plains Land Trust, Snowmass Falls Ranch in Pitkin County, Phase 4 of the Arkansas River Community Preserve with Central Colorado Conservancy, Avenger Open Space in the City of Woodland Park.</p> <p>Mr. Omasta presented RESTORE investment projects over the last five years, results through collaborations, future plans, and the twelve RESTORE Colorado project recommendations.</p> <p>Mr. Zimmerer presented the CPW Investment Plan and Centennial program recommendations. The CPW Investment Plan highlights include outdoor recreation and wildlife purpose funds for Parks Capital Program, Education & Youth Programs, State Trails Program, and Acquisition of High Priority Habitat.</p>
<p><u>Consent Agenda</u></p>	<p>Mr. Garcia presented the Consent Agenda and asked for a vote on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spending Plan Amendment • Base Programs • RESTORE • CPW Investment Proposal • CPW Extensions • CPW Centennial <p><i>Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Ms. Liebert seconded.</i> <i>Jay Tutchton abstains from SPLT within the Base Programs and RESTORE; Motion Carried Unanimously (15-0, 2 members absent)</i></p>
<p><u>Centennial Program Recommendations</u></p>	<p>Mr. Yuan-Farrell introduced the regional officers and the partners of the Centennial program projects being recommended in their regions: Jefferson County’s Peaks to Plains Trail; City of Rocky Ford’s Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds & Crystal Lake; High Line Canal Conservancy, Arapahoe County, City & County of Denver, City & County of Aurora’s High Line Canal Community-Centered Improvements; Eagle County’s Eagle Valley Trail; Statewide Natural Heritage Survey with Colorado State University; National Forest Foundation & Chaffee County’s Colorado 14ers Centennial Project; and Larimer County’s Heaven’s Door Ranch Acquisition.</p> <p>The presentation also highlighted previously awarded Centennial projects: The Conservation Fund & Jefferson County’s Mt. Tom Conservation Corridor; City of Colorado Springs’ Wild Horse Ranch; and The Conservation Fund’s Lost Canyon Ranch.</p> <p>Ms. Denahy asked for a vote on the Centennial program projects as presented:</p> <p><i>Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the Centennial program projects as presented; Ms. Curtiss seconded.</i> <i>Motion Carried Unanimously (16-0, 2 members absent).</i></p>



<i>The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at 12:38 PM on Friday, March 15, 2024</i>	

DocuSigned by:
Turk Montepare
6B6177B7149641F...
Turk Montepare, GOCO Board Secretary