

**Grand County Open Lands, Rivers, and Trails Advisory Committee  
Regular Meeting Agenda; January 28, 2021 at 3:00 pm**

**Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82674647932>**

**Call in: 669 900 6833; Meeting ID: 826 7464 7932**

**AGENDA**

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 1, 2020 (*Attachment #1*) and December 16, 2020 (*Attachment #2*)
- III. Conflict of Interest Disclosures
- IV. Financial Report (*Attachment #3*) and update
- V. Items of Business
  - a. Officer Elections (*Attachment #4*)
  - b. Review documentation for Elk Mountain Ranch Conservation Easement, Fall 2019 grant award to Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust, (*Attachment #5*)
    - i. Recommendation made to and accepted by BOCC November 4, 2019: OLRTAC recommends \$580,000 to be allocated to this project with the requirement that the funding shall not exceed the appraised value of the conservation easement.
  - c. Review extension letter from Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Spring 2020 – Renegade Ranch (*Attachment #6*)
  - d. Review extension letter from Colorado Headwaters Land Trust, Spring 2020 – Granby Trails Highlands Conservation Easement (*Attachment #7*)
  - e. Review end-of-year advertorial (*Attachment #8*)
  - f. 2021 Schedule (*Attachment #9*)
  - g. Discussion on OLRT funding throughout County
- VI. Other topics
- VII. Next meetings and important dates:
  - a. February 1, 2021: Spring grant cycle opens
  - b. March 5, 2021: Spring grant cycle closes
  - c. March 11 & March 24: OLRTAC meetings to review Spring grant cycle applications
  - d. April 13, 2021: Present to BOCC
- VI. Adjournment

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**Zoom Based Conference Call**

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Committee Members Present:

Paul Bruchez	District 2 Rep
Mike Crosby	Hot Sulphur Springs Rep, Chair
Joanna Goodman	Winter Park Rep
Maura McKnight	Fraser Rep
Jeff Miller	Kremmling Rep
Bob Saint	Granby Rep
Cindy Southway	Grand Lake Rep
Stacy Starr	District 1 Rep
Wendy Thompson	District 3 Rep

Others Present:

Bradford Cory	Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust, Conservation Manager
Anna Drexler-Dreis	OLRTAC, Administrator

- I. Mr. Crosby called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.
- II. *Mr. Saint made a motion to approve the December 1, 2020 meeting minutes (Attachment #1), seconded by Ms. Starr, unanimously approved by all Committee members present. Ms. Thompson made a motion to approve the December 16, 2020 meeting minutes (Attachment #2), seconded by Mr. Bruchez, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- III. Conflict of Interest Disclosures
  - A. None reported.
- IV. Financial Report (Attachment #3) and update
  - A. Trails funding available less Fall 2020 grant cycle committed funds: \$238,478.82-  
\$169,975= \$68,503.82
  - B. Open lands/rivers funding available less Fall 2020 grant cycle committed funds:  
\$1,696,991.58-\$254,000= \$1,451,991.58
  - C. Ms. Drexler-Dreis will review the County financials and prepare the financial statement as presented in Attachment #3 instead of going through QuickBooks.
  - D. *Ms. McKnight made a motion to accept the November 30, 2020 financials as presented, seconded by Mr. Crosby, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*

V. Items of Business

- A. Officer elections (Attachment #4)
  - i. *Mr. Saint made a motion to retain the Officers as the same for 2021 – Mike Crosby (Chair), Paul Bruchez (Vice-Chair), Joanna Goodman (Secretary), Cindy Southway (Treasurer) – seconded by Mr. Miller, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- B. Review documentation for Elk Mountain Ranch Conservation Easement, Fall 2019 grant to Colorado Cattlemen’s Agricultural Land Trust (Attachment #5)
  - i. Boundary was adjusted when it was discovered that a neighbor built a cabin on property owned by Elk Mountain Ranch, which resulted in a positive conservation outcome and the same acreage.
  - ii. CCALT leveraged OLRT funds with USFWS.
  - iii. Conservation easement is scheduled to close on February 5, 2021.
  - iv. *Mr. Crosby made a motion to approve the final documentation for the Elk Mountain Ranch conservation easement, seconded by Ms. Goodman, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
  - v. *Mr. Crosby made a motion to approve the final grant report extension request until February 28, 2021, seconded by Ms. Goodman, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- C. Review extension letter from Colorado Parks & Wildlife, Spring 2020 – Renegade Ranch (Attachment #6)
  - i. *Ms. McKnight made a motion to approve the final grant report extension request until March 1, 2022, seconded by Mr. Saint, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- D. Review extension letter from Colorado Headwaters Land Trust, Spring 2020 – Granby Trails Highlands Conservation Easement (Attachment #7)
  - i. *Mr. Saint made a motion to approve the final grant report extension request until March 15, 2022 with a project update by October 15, 2021, seconded by Ms. Thompson, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- E. Review end-of-year advertorial (Attachment #8)
  - i. Committee members reviewed the advertorial and associated costs: \$150 for Firebird Design Works design fee, \$514.08 for full page ad in Sky Hi News, and \$320 for full page ad in Grand Gazette.
  - ii. *Mr. Crosby made a motion to promote the advertorial in Sky Hi News and Grand Gazette, seconded by Ms. Starr, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*

- F. 2021 schedule (Attachment #9)
  - i. The work session with all grantees will be postponed until it can be held in-person indoors or outdoors at a project location.
  - ii. Ms. Drexler-Dreis will help organize educational session(s) with a panel of experts.
  - iii. Ms. Drexler-Dreis and Town representatives will give presentations to Towns.
- G. Discussion on OLRT funding throughout County
  - i. Will move forward with the understanding that there are more opportunities for open lands/rivers projects in District 2 & 3 and more opportunities for trail projects in District 1 instead of comparing funds awarded in eastern Grand County vs. western Grand County.
  - ii. Mr. Miller and Ms. Thompson have spoken with Kremmling Town Manager and Mayor regarding use of OLRT Fund.
  - iii. Town of Winter Park reached out to Ms. Goodman regarding a land acquisition project within Winter Park town boundaries.

VI. Other topics

- A. Adjust final grant report deadlines for open lands/rivers projects as these projects typically take longer than 12 months. Ms. Starr will send Ms. Drexler-Dreis sample language for the MOU and Ms. Drexler-Dreis will work with Chris Leahy on acceptable language.
- B. Windy Gap Connectivity Update – project budget continues to increase, 40% design complete, and 90% design is the next phase to be completed. Colorado River District awarded \$1,000,000 from 7A funds. NRCS has granted 1 year extension to the RCPP (funding guaranteed until 2023). Construction of connectivity channel will most likely occur 2022-2023.

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- VIII. Adjournment. *Ms. Starr made a motion to adjourn at 4:11pm, seconded by Ms. Southway, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*