

**Grand County Open Lands, Rivers, and Trails Advisory Committee (OLRTAC)**  
**Regular Meeting Agenda**  
**March 24, 2021 at 3pm**

**Zoom Based Conference Call**

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85388535182>

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 11, 2021 (Attachment #1)
- III. Conflict of Interest Disclosures
- IV. Financial Report (Attachment #2)
- V. Items of Business
  - A. Spring 2021 Grant Cycle Recommendations (Attachment #3), [all grant applications can be accessed by clicking here](#)
    - i. Open Lands/Rivers – Town of Winter Park: Fraser River Corridor Preservation & comments from Town of Winter Park (Attachment #4)
    - ii. Trails – HTA: Jim Creek Trail Recovery
    - iii. Trails – HTA: Wolford Area Trail Maintenance
    - iv. Trails – HTA: National Public Lands Day 2021
    - v. Trails – CDT: Grand County CDT Corridor Clearance & Fire Rehab
    - vi. Trails – HTA: Pinball Ridge Trail Maintenance
    - vii. Trails – HTA: Winter Trail Grooming 2021
    - viii. Trails – Town of Fraser: Lunch Loop Trail Reroute and Culvert Replacement
    - ix. Trails – Town of Fraser: Fraser River Trail Maintenance
    - x. Trails – GLMRD: Trails Restoration
- VI. Other topics
- VII. Next meetings and important dates
  - A. April 13 @ 11:30am: Present to BOCC
  - B. August 9 – September 10: Fall 2021 Grant Cycle
  - C. September 16 & 29: OLRTAC meetings
- VIII. Adjournment

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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:

Morgan Anderson	CDTC, Fields Program Manager
Michael Brack	Town of Fraser, Town Manager
Anna Drexler-Dreis	OLRTAC, Administrator
Jeremy Krones	CHLT, Executive Director
Ryan Lokteff	Grand Lake Metro Rec District, Trails Manager
Meara McQuain	HTA, Executive Director
Keith Reisberg	Town of Winter Park, Town Manager
Maire Sullivan	HTA, Administrator

- I. Mr. Bruchez called the meeting to order at 3:01pm.
- II. *Mr. Saint made a motion to approve the March 11, 2021 meeting minutes (Attachment #1), seconded by Mr. Crosby, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- III. Conflict of Interest Disclosures
  - A. None reported.
- IV. Financial Report (Attachment #2)
  - A. Trails funding available - \$126,086
  - B. Open Lands/Rivers funding available – \$1,779,403
  - C. Renegade Ranch (\$300,000 awarded to CPW in Spring 2020) is under contract to sell to a private buyer with a closing of April 1. If the sale goes through the funds allocated to this project will go back into the unallocated open lands/rivers portion of the fund.

- D. *Mr. Crosby made a motion to accept the January 31, 2021 financials as presented, seconded by Ms. Starr, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*

V. Items of Business

A. Spring 2021 Grant Cycle Recommendations (Attachment #3)

- i. Open Lands/Rivers – Town of Winter Park: Fraser River Corridor Preservation & comments from Town of Winter Park (Attachment #4)
1. Advisory Committee members want assurance that the 300' corridor will be protected in perpetuity. Mr. Reisberg replied that the Town is talking with CHLT regarding a potential MOU for preserving the corridor with a conservation easement.
  2. The 300' buffer is recommended by CPW. The Town is looking to require a 15'-30' setback.
  3. *Mr. Crosby made a motion to fund this grant request from Town of Winter Park in the amount of \$800,000 to be used to protect the approximate 4.87 acres in the 300' corridor along the Fraser River in perpetuity for public access, seconded by Ms. Starr, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- ii. Trails – HTA: Jim Creek Trail Recovery
1. *Ms. Starr made a motion to fund this grant request from HTA in the amount of \$12,250, seconded by Ms. Thompson, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- iii. Trails – HTA: Wolford Area Trail Maintenance
1. *Ms. McKnight made a motion to fund this grant request from HTA in the amount of \$5,500, seconded by Mr. Bruchez, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- iv. Trails – HTA: National Public Lands Day 2021
1. Ms. Southway would like to see this become an annual funding award.
  2. *Mr. Saint made a motion to fund this grant request from HTA in the amount of \$7,500, seconded by Ms. Southway, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- v. Trails – CDTC: Grand County CDT Corridor Clearance & Fire Rehab
1. OLRT funds being 60% of project budget is a concern, but there is a very high volunteer labor component.
  2. *Mr. Crosby made a motion to fund this grant request from CDTC in the amount of \$5,630, recognizing that 60% of total project cost*

*does not include human resource power, seconded by Ms. Starr, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*

vi. Trails – HTA: Pinball Ridge Trail Maintenance

1. Winter Park Resort partners with HTA on trails that are not part of their downhill system. Pinball Ridge Trail will be connecting Winter Park and Fraser. Annually the Towns of Winter Park and Fraser contribute to HTA.
2. *Ms. McKnight made a motion to fund this grant request from HTA in the amount of \$19,840, seconded by Ms. Goodman, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*

vii. Trails – HTA: Winter Trail Grooming 2021

1. Funding request is for 100% of the snowmobile.
2. \$13,350 of OLRT funds awarded to this project during the Fall 2020 grant cycle.
3. HTA is talking with Town of Granby to have them contribute to the program; HTA has been approached by Town of Hot Sulphur Springs to help groom.
4. The next capital item HTA would need is the groomer.
5. *Ms. Goodman made a motion to fund this grant request from HTA in the amount of \$15,000, seconded by Mr. Crosby, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*

viii. Trails – Town of Fraser: Lunch Loop Trail Reroute and Culvert Replacement

1. Advisory Committee concern about wildlife fragmentation in converting this to a four season trail.
2. Town of Fraser reported that after surveying a secondary option was proposed which would address the steep grade and alleviate the issues with the culvert by bringing the trail closer to the existing parking lot. Bringing the trail closer to the parking lot would result in additional costs in benching up the trail to address erosion and reduced costs in repair to the culvert. This would also alleviate fragmentation concerns.
3. *Mr. Crosby made a motion to fund this grant request from Town of Fraser in the amount of \$14,385.50 with the requirement to keep the trail reroute closer to the parking lot, seconded by Ms. McKnight, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*

- ix. Trails – Town of Fraser: Fraser River Trail Maintenance
  - 1. OLRT funds being 79% of total project budget is high.
  - 2. Town of Fraser has applied for a DOLA grant for construction of bathrooms, which could have been included in the total project cost to decrease the total project budget percentage.
  - 3. Colorado Weed Management Association and County may have funds available for the weed sprayer (cost of \$2,700).
  - 4. *Mr. Crosby made a motion to fund this grant request from Town of Fraser in the amount of \$14,400 with the condition that if Town of Fraser finds other sources of funding for the weed sprayer that the funding awarded would be reduced, seconded by Ms. Starr, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- x. Trails – GLMRD: Trails Restoration
  - 1. The budget is vague and if GLMRD requests future funds from OLRT a more detailed budget is requested.
  - 2. *Mr. Crosby made a motion to fund this grant request from GLMRD in the amount of \$25,000, seconded by Mr. Saint, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*

VI. Other topics

- A. Ms. Drexler-Dreis will schedule a socially distant summer field trip.
- B. On May 12 from 12pm-5pm the Windy Gap Connectivity Channel project partners will meet in person; Mr. Bruchez will keep the Advisory Committee updated.

VII. Next meetings and important dates

- A. April 13, 2021: Present to BOCC at 11:30am
- B. August 9 – September 10: Fall 2021 Grant Cycle
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- VIII. Adjournment. *Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn at 5:02pm, seconded by Ms. McKnight, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*