

Grand County Open Lands, Rivers, and Trails Advisory Committee (OLRTAC)
Regular Meeting Agenda
January 28, 2021 at 3pm

Zoom Based Conference Call

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

Committee Members Present:

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| 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:

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| 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.

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

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

Grand County Open Lands, Rivers, and Trails Advisory Committee (OLRTAC)
Regular Meeting Agenda
March 11, 2021 at 3pm

Zoom Based Conference Call

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Committee Members Present:

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| Paul Bruchez | District 2 Rep |
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| Jeff Miller | Kremmling Rep |
| Bob Saint | Granby Rep |
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Others Present:

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| Michael Brack | Town of Fraser, Town Manager |
| Anna Drexler-Dreis | OLRTAC, Administrator |
| Gabe Etengoff | CDTC, Field Programs Manager |
| Ryan Lokteff | Grand Lake Metro Rec District, Trails Manager |
| Meara McQuain | HTA, Executive Director |
| Lauren Murray | CDTC, Director of Development |
| Russel Pennington | Town of Fraser, Public Works |
| Keith Reisberg | Town of Winter Park, Town Manager |
| Catherine Trotter | Town of Fraser, Town Planner |

- I. Mr. Crosby called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.
- II. *Ms. Goodman made a motion to approve the January 28, 2021 meeting minutes (Attachment #1), seconded by Mr. Saint, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- III. Conflict of Interest Disclosures
 - A. None reported.
- IV. Financial Report (Attachment #2)
 - A. Trails funding available - \$102,625.84
 - B. Open Lands/Rivers funding available - \$1,646,460.22
 - C. Grand County estimates \$160,000 in sales tax for January 2021.
 - D. *Mr. Crosby made a motion to accept the December 31, 2020 financials as presented, seconded by Ms. Thompson, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*

V. Items of Business

A. Term limits (Attachment #3)

- i. *Mr. Crosby made a motion to accept Ms. Thompson (District 3), Mr. Bruchez (District 2), and Ms. McKnight (Fraser) for their final four year term on the OLRTAC, seconded by Ms. Starr, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*

B. Spring 2021: Review open lands/rivers grant received (Attachment #4)

i. Town of Winter Park: Fraser River Corridor Preservation

1. There is no appraisal yet. The parcel is on the market for \$3.5M. Winter Park is trying to secure the property at a lower cost. VZF is requiring the Town to acquire the entire tract.
2. Town of Winter Park will preserve a 300' corridor adjacent to the Fraser River, which will be open to the public and potential extension of Fraser River Trail. Mr. Reisberg will have conversation with Town Council if a deed restriction is necessary to provide assurance that the 300' buffer would never be developed.
3. The water production facility (peaking plant) would be a facility for 10-15 years down the road that would be close to Vasquez Creek.

C. Spring 2021: Review trail grants received (Attachment #5-13)

i. HTA: National Public Lands Day 2021

1. Structures will need to be replaced due to wildfire so the amount increased from NPLD 2020 by \$2,000.
2. There will be significant federal funding (BAER) but those funds can only replace structures involved in human safety.
3. In late Spring/early Summer HTA will have a better idea on project locations.

ii. HTA: Winter Trail Grooming 2021

1. HTA has expanded their grooming operations and their current machines are overused. Their main grooming machine has over 14k miles on it. The new machine would be a super wide tract which is critical for where they groom.
2. HTA is grooming 40 miles several times a week. A new snowmobile should last 4-5 years before serious repair or made a backup sled.
3. Important to purchase this snowmobile now to secure funding estimate.

- iii. HTA: Wolford Area Trail Maintenance
 - 1. Goal is to bring this trail system to a level of sustainability and to improve drainage on all trails. Mitigate critical areas that have environmental damage while NEPA occurs.
 - 2. Most trails are multi-use and there is some desire from BLM to separate uses, but an EA will be required.
- iv. HTA: Pinball Ridge Trail Maintenance
 - 1. This trail is not sustainable and is a social trail that will be adopted by USFS and will be connected to existing trail system to support a stacked loop system.
 - 2. This funds will be used on the 1 mile of existing trail only.
 - 3. Due to remoteness of this trail, the cost per linear foot it more expensive.
 - 4. Matching support from CPW State Trails, Town of Winter Park & Fraser.
 - 5. Could potentially defer to Fall grant cycle, but unknown at this time.
- v. HTA: Jim Creek Trail Recovery
 - 1. Huge blowdown from the derecho. HTA was able to get the trail open with OLRT's Emergency funding grant; the trail in in serious need to improve trail tread, address drainage issues, and address human safety concerns.
- vi. GLMRD: Trails Restoration
 - 1. Trails were hit hard by the East Troublesome Fire; want to clear and chip the hazard trees to reopen the trail system.
 - 2. Mini excavator expense is for a two month rental; GLMRD would use staff on site to operate it.
 - 3. The \$200,000 total project budget on page 1 is a rough estimate.
 - 4. GLMRD received an estimate of \$3,000/acre to do all the tree work. Estimating that 79 acres will need treatment.
 - 5. Chipping/erosion control cost is for labor and renting a heavier duty chipper.
- vii. CDTC: Grand County CDT Corridor Clearance & Fire Rehab
 - 1. Funding for three projects along CDT in between Devil's Thumb and Monarch Lake and on Willow Pass.
 - 2. This work will be very labor intensive as the work is located in wilderness areas and crosscut saws will need to be used.

3. 15,000 trees/mile estimated.

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

1. Make this a four season trail with a goal to tie this into the Fraser River Trail master plan (near Lions Pond).
2. Working with 2 contractors on wetland permitting.
3. Lunch Loop has been successful in moving people off Fraser River Trail

ix. Town of Fraser: Fraser River Trail Maintenance

1. Maintenance of 2.5 miles within the Town of Fraser to replace fencing, picnic table, bear proof trashcan, rip rap, and weed sprayer that attached to an existing bobcat.
2. Town of Fraser committing \$3,800 and not planning to request additional funds from other groups.

D. Letter from Colorado Headwaters Land Trust (Attachment #14)

- i. CHLT is expecting to submit a grant application during Fall 2021 grant cycle.
- ii. CHLT did not receive GOCO funding for the Granby Trails Highlands project.

VI. Other topics

- A. Grand County is discussing purchasing a chipper for the Grand Lake area.
- B. Grants that score lower or have low matching funds could perhaps receive partial funding.
- C. HTA's Outdoor Recreation Impact Study showed that outdoor recreation contributes 73% to economy; HTA will release next week and present to BOCC.

VII. Next meetings and important dates

- A. March 19: Grant ranking due to Anna
- B. March 24: OLRTAC meetings to recommend Spring grant cycle funding to BOCC
- C. April 13, 2021: Present to BOCC at 11:30am

VIII. Adjournment. *Mr. Crosby made a motion to adjourn at 5:21pm, seconded by Mr. Saint, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*

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

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Committee Members Present:

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| 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:

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| 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
- C. September 16 & 29: OLRTAC meetings

- VIII. Adjournment. *Mr. Miller made a motion to adjourn at 5:02pm, seconded by Ms. McKnight, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*

Grand County Open Lands, Rivers, and Trails Advisory Committee (OLRTAC)
Regular Meeting Agenda
September 16, 2021 at 3:00pm

BOCC Boardroom, Grand County Courthouse
308 Byers Ave., Hot Sulphur Springs, CO 80451

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Conflict of Interest Disclosures
- III. Approval of Meeting Minutes from June 16, 2021 (Attachment #1)
- IV. Financial report – June 30, 2021 (Attachment #2)
- V. Items of Business
 - A. Fall 2021 – Open Lands & Rivers grant applications
 - i. Elk’s Vista Conservation Easement, Colorado Headwaters Land Trust (Attachment #3)
 - ii. Running Wilder Ranch conservation easement, Colorado Open Lands (Attachment #4)
 - B. Fall 2021 – Trail grant applications
 - i. Fraser to Granby Trail Maintenance Project, Headwaters Trails Alliance (Attachment #5)
 - ii. Winter Trail Grooming, HTA (Attachment #6)
 - iii. Wilderness Trail Maintenance Project, HTA (Attachment #7)
 - C. Current project updates (Attachment #8)
 - i. Spring 2021 – Lunch Loop, Town of Fraser
 - ii. Spring 2021 – CDT Corridor Clearance & Fire Rehab, CDTC
 - iii. Spring 2021 – Fraser River Corridor Preservation, Town of Winter Park
 - D. Information for 9/23 Trails field trip
- VI. Other topics
- VII. Next meetings and important dates
 - A. September 23, 2021: Grant ranking scores due
 - B. September 23, 2021 @ 3pm: Field trip to Jim Creek Trail
 - C. September 29, 3-5pm: OLRTAC meeting
 - D. October 12, 2021 @ 11:30am: Present Fall 2021 recommendations to BOCC
- VIII. Adjournment

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| Bob Saint | Granby Rep |
| Cindy Southway | Grand Lake Rep |
| Stacy Starr | District 1 Rep |
| Wendy Thompson | District 3 Rep |

Others Present:

Anna Drexler-Dreis OLRTAC, Administrator
Ben Lenth, Colorado Open Lands, Community Conservation Manager
Stewart McNab, Colorado Headwaters Land Trust, Land Conservation Committee Chair
Meara McQuain, Headwaters Trails Alliance, Executive Director
Maire Sullivan, Headwaters Trails Alliance, Administrator

- I. Mr. Crosby called the meeting to order at 3:05pm.
- II. Conflict of Interest Disclosures
 - A. None reported.
- III. *Ms. McKnight made a motion to approve the June 16, 2021 meeting minutes (Attachment #1), seconded by Mr. Bruchez, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- IV. Financial Report – July 31, 2021 (Attachment #2). *Mr. Saint made a motion to accept the July 31, 2021 financial report, seconded by Ms. Starr, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
 - A. Funding available for open lands/rivers projects - \$2,170,753.00.
 - B. Funding available for trails - \$170,000.39.
 - C. Larger than normal monthly revenue for June and July.
 - D. At a future OLRTAC meeting we will discuss the administrative portion of the OLRT fund with County legal.
- V. Items of Business
 - A. Fall 2021 – Open Lands & Rivers grant applications

- i. Elk's Vista Conservation Easement, Colorado Headwaters Land Trust (Attachment #3)
 - 1. Property is located west of Kremmling, adjacent to BLM, and ½ mile from USFS. Similar to Enter property with wildlife conservation values.
 - 2. Asking for \$54,500 to cover the transaction costs, CHLT project fees, and CHLT stewardship fees. Landowner will contribute \$25,000 and will donate the value of the conservation easement (estimated at \$125,000).
 - 3. Baseline Documentation Report and appraisal are underway. Next step is to draft the deed of conservation easement. It's possible this will close before the end of the year.
 - 4. CHLT is not contributing any of their own organization's funds, but they are undertaking a perpetual obligation to monitor and defend the conservation easement.
 - 5. The easement will include one two-acre building envelope.
 - ii. Running Wilder Ranch conservation easement, Colorado Open Lands (Attachment #4)
 - 1. Property will maintain water rights, grazing lease, and trail riding.
 - 2. Located between BLM lands and connects public land to the Williams Fork mountains to enhance land connectivity.
 - 3. COL is working with the buyer (Rosie Sherman) and feel confident that this purchase will go through.
 - 4. Asking for \$64,700 to pay for transaction costs. Landowner will donate the conservation easement (unknown value, expected to exceed \$3.5M).
 - 5. Still figuring out building envelopes, most likely will identify 3 of which 2 (each with restrictions on the number and size of residences) can be used. COL will consider wildlife corridors in creation of the building envelopes.
 - 6. Landowner is providing \$25,000 for expenses and \$7,143 for stewardship endowment.
- B. Fall 2021 – Trail grant applications
- i. Fraser to Granby Trail Maintenance Project, Headwaters Trails Alliance (Attachment #5)
 - 1. HTA is requesting \$54,820 with matching funds requested from ROSH and others.

2. Trail easement is held by the Town of Granby, but this trail is not within Town of Granby's town limits.
 3. Granby Ranch charges for their trails, but the Fraser-to-Granby trail is exempt from this fee structure.
 4. The Granby Ranch section of the Fraser-to-Granby Trail is the only intermediate section. This maintenance project will allow more user access.
- ii. Winter Trail Grooming, HTA (Attachment #6)
 1. Labor and snowmobile fuel.
 - iii. Wilderness Trail Maintenance Project, HTA (Attachment #7)
 1. To replace 5 existing bridges that are rotting (Vasquez Pass, St. Louis Lake, High Lonesome). Would allow HTA to do part 2 of the wilderness maintenance that HTA started this summer because the USFS was short staffed and dealing with wildfire recovery.
- C. Current project updates (Attachment #8)
- i. Spring 2021 – Lunch Loop, Town of Fraser
 1. Ms. Drexler-Dreis gave an update to the BOCC on 9/14 regarding this project change. The reroute will be moved farther from the Fraser River, which will not require replacement of the culvert. This has resulted in reduced cost from \$14,385.50 to \$8,263. Percentage of OLRT funds requested to total project cost remains similar. A new MOU will be prepared.
 2. *Mr. Crosby made a motion to execute an amended MOU with the reduced cost of \$8,263, seconded by Ms. McKnight, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
 - ii. Spring 2021 – CDT Corridor Clearance & Fire Rehab, CDTC
 1. CDTC and HTA changed the project location due to access issues from Hwy 125. Instead, they will work on the CDT that runs through Bowen Gulch into the Never Summer Wilderness.
 - iii. Spring 2021 – Fraser River Corridor Preservation, Town of Winter Park
 1. Ms. Drexler-Dreis received an update from Mr. Riesberg that the property was purchased by a developer. The Town of Winter Park will be working with the developer to preserve the option for a trail extension through the property and public access to the river. Mr. Riesberg asked if there is a potential that the \$800,000 in awarded funds could be used to accomplish this new objective.

2. *Mr. Crosby made a motion to void the original grant request for \$800,000 due to a change in the project scope and Town of Winter Park can apply again during a future grant cycle, seconded by Ms. Thompson, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*

D. Information for 9/23 Trails field trip

- i. We will meet at the Jim Creek Trailhead (CR-128) at 3pm on 9/23 to hike 4 miles round trip. After (5pm) we will meet at Wolf Park for a potluck. BOCC and County Management have been invited.

VI. Other topics

A. Noxious weeds

- i. There is a noxious weed issue around Winter Park area; native seed needs to be placed when dirt is turned. Weeds are bad everywhere in Grand County. HTA reported that the Four Seasons Trail got sprayed twice, it took longer to get done due to employee shortage. HTA applied for GOCO funds for a RMYC saw crew to use for one month and they also have a noxious weed certification.

VII. Next meetings and important dates

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- C. September 29, 3-5pm: OLR TAC meeting
- D. October 12, 2021 @ 11:30am: Present Fall 2021 recommendations to BOCC

VIII. Adjournment. *Ms. Thompson made a motion to adjourn at 4:15pm, seconded by Ms. Starr, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*

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| Wendy Thompson | District 3 Rep |

Others Present:

Anna Drexler-Dreis, OLRTAC, Administrator
Jeremy Krones, Colorado Headwaters Land Trust, Executive Director
Ben Lenth, Colorado Open Lands, Community Conservation Manager

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 - B. Funding available for trails - \$170,000.39.
- V. Items of Business
 - A. Recommendations, Fall 2021 – Open Lands & Rivers grant (Attachment #3)
 - i. Running Wilder Ranch conservation easement, Colorado Open Lands (Attachment #4)
 1. Average score of 87.6/100.
 2. Potential buyer is drafting the title documents and conveyance deed with an early-October deadline to complete the contract; hoping to have the sale finalized by the October 12 BOCC meeting.

3. For building envelope consideration: From a wildlife standpoint, the saddle between Lawson Ridge and Copper Mountain is a sensitive wildlife movement corridor.
 4. For open land grant applications, the Advisory Committee would like to see matching funds from either the land trust or other granting entities.
 5. *Mr. Crosby makes a motion to fully fund the grant application, seconded by Ms. Thompson. After discussion regarding lack of matching funds from the land trust or other granting entities, Mr. Crosby amends his motion to fund the project in the amount of \$63,700 to encourage matching funds, Ms. Thompson amends her second to support the amended motion, unanimously approved by all committee members present.*
- ii. Elk's Vista Conservation Easement, Colorado Headwaters Land Trust (Attachment #3)
1. Average score of 77.5/100.
 2. The one building envelope will be two acres in size.
 3. The lower score was due to smaller acreage, less wildlife conservation values, and not being directly adjacent to as much public land.
 4. For open land grant applications, the Advisory Committee would like to see matching funds. Mr. Krones said CHLT may not have the capacity to give \$1,000 or \$500 to this project.
 5. *Mr. Crosby makes a motion to fully fund the grant application with the understanding that in the future we would like to see contributions from the land trust or other funding entity, seconded by Ms. McKnight, unanimously approved by all committee members present.*
 6. The Advisory Committee is being consistent in asking for matching funds for open lands and trail maintenance projects.
- B. Fall 2021 – Trail grant applications
- i. Winter Trail Grooming, HTA (Attachment #6)
1. Average score of 91.0/100.
 2. HTA continues to groom more miles for a longer season and the grooming is much appreciated by users in Grand County.
 3. Would like to see the grooming program spread to western Grand County.

4. The loop behind Rendezvous was a popular trail, how will they groom that with the construction? Ms. Drexler-Dreis will follow up with HTA.
 5. *Ms. Southway makes a motion to fully fund this grant application, seconded by Ms. Starr, unanimously approved by all committee members present.*
- ii. Wilderness Trail Maintenance Project, HTA (Attachment #7)
 1. Average score of 90.8/100.
 2. Advisory Committee members are happy to see projects in wilderness areas.
 3. *Mr. Saint makes a motion to fully fund this grant application, seconded by Ms. Southway, unanimously approved by all committee members present.*
 - iii. Fraser to Granby Trail Maintenance Project, Headwaters Trails Alliance (Attachment #5)
 1. Average score of 86.8/100.
 2. Some concern with lack of funds from adjacent beneficiaries (i.e., Silver Creek, Snow Mountain Ranch).
 3. HTA has requested matching funds from ROSH, which is through Granby Ranch.
 4. *Mr. Crosby makes a motion to fully fund this grant application, seconded by Mr. Saint, unanimously approved by all committee members present.*
- C. Update on projects (Attachment #4)
- i. Lunch Loop (Spring 2021): Work is starting 10/4 and will finish in two weeks.
 - ii. Fraser River Trail (Spring 2021): Work is ongoing and will be complete this fall.
 - iii. Windy Gap (Spring 2018): Total project budget is \$25.5M and committed funding is \$22.3M. Reservoir is drawn down in anticipation of 2022 construction.
 - iv. Granby Highlands (Spring 2020): CHLT is working on securing grant funding (CPW, Gates Family Foundation, public dollars, Muley Foundation, etc.) because the GOCO grant was not received. The contract with CHLT and Town of Granby will likely be extended this December for another year.
- D. 2022 Grant Cycle dates, proposed

- i. Spring: Applications posted February 7; Applications due March 11; Recommendations to BOCC April 19
- ii. Fall: Applications posted August 15; Applications due September 16; Recommendations to BOCC October 18
- iii. *Ms. Starr makes a motion to accept the 2022 grant cycle dates, seconded by Ms. Southway, unanimously approved by all committee members.*

E. 2022 Meeting Schedule, proposed

- i. January 6, 3-5pm
- ii. March 24, 3-5pm
- iii. April 7, 3-5pm, no Bob
- iv. September 29, 3-5pm
- v. October 6, 3-5pm
- vi. *Mr. Crosby makes a motion to accept the 2022 meeting schedule, seconded by Ms. Thompson, unanimously approved by all committee members.*

F. Term cycle dates, reminder (Attachment #5)

- i. All Advisory Committee members are on their final term. Kremmling, Granby, and Winter Park representatives have terms that end in March 2023.
- ii. Ms. Drexler-Dreis will talk with the BOCC about an official onboarding process.

VI. Other topics

- A. There is no formal recommendation for percentage required for grant matching, although it is recommended and considered in grant ranking.
- B. *Ms. McKnight makes a motion to require an annual P&L and current balance sheet to be attached to the grant application, seconded by Mr. Crosby, unanimously approved by all committee members present.*

VII. Next meetings and important dates

- A. October 12, 2021 @ 11:30am: Present Fall 2021 recommendations to BOCC

VIII. Adjournment. *Ms. Thompson made a motion to adjourn at 4:14pm, seconded by Ms. Starr, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*