

Grand County Open Lands, Rivers, and Trails Advisory Committee (OLRTAC)
Regular Meeting Agenda
April 7, 2022 at 3:00pm

BOCC Boardroom, 308 Byers Ave., Hot Sulphur Springs, CO 80451
Zoom option: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86492776825>

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Guest speaker (20 minute presentation, 10 minute Q&A): Kate Ryan from Colorado Water Trust, “Colorado Water Trust: Partnering on Water Right Acquisitions for Streamflow Restoration”
- III. Conflict of Interest Disclosures
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 24, 2022 (Attachment #1)
- V. Financial report – January 31, 2022 (Attachment #2)
- VI. Items of Business
 - A. Vice-Chair position
 - B. Spring 2022 Grant Cycle – recommendations to BOCC on trail grants (Attachment #3)
 - i. HTA: Fraser Valley Trail Smart Sizing 2022
 - ii. HTA: National Public Lands Day 2022
 - iii. HTA: AAT Program and Youth Corps
 - iv. HTA: Jim Creek Phase II 2022
 - v. Continental Divide Trail Coalition: Grand County CDT Restoration and Erosion Control
 - vi. HTA: Challenger/Discovery Loop Trail Maintenance
 - vii. Town of Hot Sulphur Springs: Himebaugh Gulch Trail Improvement
 - viii. Grand Lake Metro Rec District: Trails and Weed Control
 - ix. HTA: BLM Projects 2022
 - C. Other topics
- VII. Next meetings and important dates
 - A. April 19, 2022 @ 9:30am: Spring 2022 recommendations to BOCC
- VIII. Adjournment

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Regular Meeting Minutes

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Committee Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Morgan Anderson, Continental Divide Land Trust
Anna Drexler-Dreis, OLRTAC, Administrator
Merrit Linke, Board of County Commissioners
Ryan Lokteff, Grand Lake Metro Rec District
Meara McQuain, Headwaters Trails Alliance
Dan Nolan, Hot Sulphur Springs
Kate Ryan, Colorado Water Trust
Paula Stewart, Colorado Headwaters Land Trust

- I. Mr. Crosby called the meeting to order at 3:03pm.
- II. Guest speaker: Kate Ryan from Colorado Water Trust (CWT), "Partnering on Water Right Acquisitions for Streamflow Restoration"
 - A. CWT pays for costs to determine fair market value of purchasing water rights for instream flows.
 - B. Then, CWT fundraises to acquire water rights for instream flows purposes. OLRT Fund could be a source of these funds
 - C. Ecosystem Investment Partners is interested in helping CWT purchase the water rights at Slash J Slash Ranch (west of Lake Granby).
- III. Conflict of Interest Disclosures
 - A. None reported.
- IV. *Ms. Goodman made a motion to approve the March 24, 2022 meeting minutes (Attachment #1) seconded by Ms. Thompson, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*

V. Financial report – January 31, 2022 (Attachment #2)

- A. Funding available for open lands/rivers projects - \$3,847,066.27
- B. Funding available for trails - \$275,302.35

VI. Items of Business

A. Vice-Chair position

- i. Decision tabled until next OLRTAC meeting.

B. Spring 2022 grant cycle – recommendations to BOCC on trail grants (Attachment #3)

- i. All HTA grant recommendations are conditional on receiving final Spring 2021 grant reports.

ii. HTA: Fraser Valley Trail Smart Sizing 2022

- 1. Average score of 92.8.
- 2. *Mr. Crosby makes a motion to recommend funding the Fraser Valley Trail Smart Sizing 2022 grant application in full, seconded by Mr. Miller, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*

iii. HTA: National Public Lands Day 2022

- 1. Average score of 91.4.
- 2. *Mr. Crosby makes a motion recommend funding the National Public Lands Day 2022 grant application in full, seconded by Mr. Bruchez, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*

iv. HTA: AAT Program and Youth Corps

- 1. Average score of 91.3.
- 2. *Ms. Thompson makes a motion to recommend funding the AAT Program and Youth Corps grant application in full, seconded by Mr. Crosby, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*

v. HTA: Jim Creek Phase II 2022

- 1. Average score of 91.0.
- 2. *Mr. Miller makes a motion to recommend funding the Jim Creek Phase II 2022 grant application in full, seconded by Ms. Thompson, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*

vi. Continental Divide Trail Coalition: Grand County CDT Restoration and Erosion Control

- 1. Average score of 88.4.

2. *Mr. Crosby makes a motion to recommend funding the Grand County CDT Restoration and Erosion Control grant application in full, seconded by Ms. Thompson, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- vii. HTA: Challenger/Discovery Loop Trail Maintenance
1. Average score of 85.6. Strong support due to adaptive trail use.
 2. *Ms. Thompson makes a motion to recommend funding the Challenger/Discovery Loop Trail Maintenance project in full, seconded by Ms. McKnight, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- viii. Town of Hot Sulphur Springs: Himebaugh Gulch Trail Improvement
1. Average score of 84.3. Lower score due to high percentage of OLRT funds requested related to total project cost.
 2. *Mr. Crosby makes a motion to recommend funding the Himebaugh Gulch Trail Improvement grant application in full, seconded by Ms. Southway, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- ix. Grand Lake Metro Rec District: Trails and Weed Control
1. Average score of 84.0. Total project cost reduced to \$20,000 due to Rotary funding \$5,000.
 2. *Mr. Bruchez motions to recommend funding the Trails and Weed Control grant application in full, seconded by Ms. Starr, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- x. HTA: BLM Projects 2022
1. Average score of 82.9.
 2. Jacques Trail is a reroute due to unsustainable grade.
 3. Education regarding following rules and sustainability is critical in these areas. Potential use of the Trail Ambassador Program.
 4. *Mr. Miller makes a motion to recommend funding the BLM Projects 2022 grant application in full, seconded by Mr. Bruchez, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*

VII. Next meetings and important dates

- A. April 19, 2022 @ 9:30am: Spring 2022 recommendations to BOCC

VIII. Adjournment at 4:00pm. *Mr. Crosby makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Miler, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*