

**Grand County Open Lands, Rivers, and Trails Advisory Committee (OLRTAC)**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**April 13, 2023 at 3:00pm**

Zoom meeting

Committee Members Present:

Paul Bruchez	District 2 Rep
Mike Crosby	Hot Sulphur Springs Rep
Lauren Huber	Granby Rep – arrived at 3:15pm
Maura McKnight	Fraser Rep
Laurie Pope	Kremmling Rep
George Sharpe	Winter Park Rep
Cindy Southway	Grand Lake Rep
Stacy Starr	District 1 Rep
Wendy Thompson	District 3 Rep

Others Present:

Ted Cherry, Town of Granby  
Anna Drexler-Dreis, OLRTAC, Administrator  
Maire Sullivan, Headwaters Trails Alliance

- I. Mr. Crosby called the meeting to order at 3:04pm.
- II. Conflict of Interest Disclosures
  - A. None reported.
- III. *Ms. Thompson made a motion to approve the March 16, 2023 meeting minutes as corrected, seconded by Ms. Starr, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- IV. Financial report – January 31, 2023
  - A. Funding available for open lands/rivers projects - \$6,181,191.83
  - B. Funding available for trails - \$279,503.48
  - C. *Ms. Thompson made a motion to approve the January 31, 2023 financial report, seconded by Ms. Southway, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- V. Items of Business
  - A. Recommendations, Spring 2023 – Trails (Attachment #3)
    - i. Headwaters Trails Alliance – HTA Volunteer Projects
      1. Average score of 89.2/100.

2. Volunteer projects include: Rocky Mountain National Park, 1-2 BLM projects, 2-4 projects with USFS, 1 on the Colorado River, and several with municipalities.
  3. *Ms. McKnight makes a motion to approve \$26,950 for HTA's 2023 Volunteer Projects grant application, seconded by Mr. Bruchez., unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*
- ii. Headwaters Trails Alliance – Grand County Trail Maintenance Projects 2023
1. Average score of 82.0/100.
  2. No specific trail projects identified in the grant application.
  3. Ms. Sullivan: At a minimum, there will be six bridge projects and trail maintenance work in wilderness areas to address USFS staff shortages. Before the trail projects can be identified, HTA's trail crew will assess the trails to determine which trails need maintenance work.
  4. HTA will provide a list of all trails that received maintenance work with the final grant reporting.
  5. Trail maintenance will be county-wide with more trail work in Kremmling in May and then HTA will shift their focus to where land managers prioritize trail work.
  6. Ms. Sullivan will provide Ms. Drexler-Dreis with a list of 2023 potential trail projects.
  7. HTA's grant applications in the Fall cycle are project specific while Spring cycle grant applications are vaguer due to unknowns with weather.
  8. *Mr. Bruchez makes a motion to approve \$65,250 to HTA for Grand County Trail Maintenance Projects 2023, seconded by Ms. Starr, unanimously approved by all committee members present. Mr. Bruchez moves to amend the motion by adding that the specific trails maintained will be included in the final grant report and that HTA will keep the OLRTAC up to speed with their ongoing maintenance projects as necessary, seconded by Ms. Starr, unanimously approved by all committee members present.*
- iii. Town of Granby – Highway 40 and Granby Trails maintenance equipment
1. Average score of 73.4/100.

2. Lower score due to the large ask with no matching funds for the equipment and concern that the equipment could be used for trail construction.
  3. Mr. Cherry – the equipment will not be used for the creation of trails. Town staff will provide the continued labor for the project.
  4. The project will provide an important year-round community walking trail from Kaibab Park to City Market. This trail connector has been needed for a long time and is in the comprehensive plan.
  5. *Mr. Bruchez makes a motion to fund \$131,796 for Town of Granby for Highway 40 and Granby Trails maintenance equipment, seconded by Ms. Pope, unanimously approved by all committee members present.*
- B. Spring 2022 grant extension request from Town of Hot Sulphur Springs for Himebaugh Gulch Trail Improvement (Attachment #4)
- i. Extension requested because the location of the planned trail reroute had to be moved and contractor's work got cut short by winter.
  - ii. Extension requested through October 31, 2023.
  - iii. *Ms. McKnight makes a motion to approve the extension request for Town of Hot Sulphur Springs, seconded by Ms. Thompson, unanimously approved by all committee members present.*
- C. Marking & Outreach
- i. Grand County Trail Guide and Explore Grand ad (Attachment #5)
    1. Edits: change from ¼ page ad to ½ page ad, add protection of water resources to fourth bullet, change header to “Grand County’s Open Lands, Rivers, and Trails Fund.”
    2. *Mr. Crosby makes a motion to place the ads with the edits as proposed, seconded by Ms. Starr, unanimously approved by all committee members present.*
  - ii. OLRT Fund Reauthorization Update
    1. The public opinion survey will be fielded with the community in early May. The next public meeting with the BOCC will be to review the results of the poll and revise the ballot question language.
    2. The ballot question language as proposed includes the following changes:
      - a. Wildfire mitigation and prevention

b. Water quality and river restoration projects

c. Maintaining and creating multi-use trails

3. Wildfire mitigation and prevention

a. Grand Foundation already supports Grand County Wildfire Council.

b. BOCC supports a cap on wildfire mitigation and prevention.

D. Other topics

i. Ms. Drexler-Dreis will be out on maternity leave from early July thru the end of August.

ii. Ms. Drexler-Dreis sent out an incorrect Attachment #1, March 16, 2023 meeting minutes. Ms. Drexler-Dreis will send out the correct meeting minutes and they will be approved at the next OLRTAC meeting.

VI. Next meetings and important dates

A. April 25 @ TBD: OLRTAC makes recommendations to BOCC.

B. August 14: Fall 2023 grant cycle opens

C. September 15: Fall 2023 grant cycle closes

D. September 28 @ 3pm: next OLRTAC meeting

VII. Adjournment at 4:38pm. *Ms. Starr makes a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Bruchez, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.*