

LARIMER COUNTY OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD

The mission of Larimer County Department of Natural Resources is to establish, protect and manage significant regional parks and open lands providing quality outdoor recreational opportunities and stewardship of natural resource values. We are committed to fostering a sense of community and appreciation for the natural and agricultural heritage of Larimer County for present and future generations.

MINUTES

Date: March 25, 2021

Time: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Zoom Webinar

Contact: Please contact Sidney at smichl@larimer.org or 970-619-4462 if you are unable to attend

Members		Staff	Guests	
Bob Hewson	x	Daylan Figgs	x	
David Marvin		Meegan Flenniken	x	
Gale Bernhardt	x	Zac Wiebe	x	
Jason Brothers		Charlie Johnson	x	
K-Lynn Cameron	x	Justin Core	x	
Linda Stanley	x	Chris Fleming	x	
Mark DeGregorio	x	*Jody Shadduck-McNally	x	
Nancy Wallace	x	Sidney Michl (minutes)	x	
Peter Kelly	x			
Rick Brent	x			
Sherri Valentine				
Tom Shoemaker	x			

x = present

*commissioner

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS – 5:02 p.m.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT – none
3. AGENDA REVIEW
4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
 - a. Rick moved to approve the minutes from last meeting, Linda seconded, motion passed unanimously.

5. INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Natural Resources events for this month: larimer.org/naturalresources.
- b. To sign up for Open Lands Advisory Board updates, go to apps.larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm, enter your email, click "Subscribe," and check the "Open Lands Advisory Board" box.

6. UPDATES & REPORTS

- a. Staff are in the process of clearing snow from last weekend with several sites closed due to muddy conditions. Big T. Canyon parks reopen April 1st, weather permitting. Seasonal staff are being hired across the department. Newly replaced webcams are in place at Horsetooth Mountain and Devil's Backbone Open Spaces which allow the public to check parking lot/trail capacity conditions prior to arriving.

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. CIP Review
 - i. The CIP review will be provided at the May meeting.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- a. CDOT Big Thompson Canyon Parcels Final Review
 - i. Both action items (CDOT and Yeager parcels) are part of a long-term post-flood effort to expand and fill gaps in county ownership in the Cedar Cove and Forks Park areas of the Big Thompson River. The terms of the agreement provided CDOT to use portions of county parcels adjacent to Hwy 34 in the post-flood rebuild in exchange for parcels that build upon our existing land ownerships. Overall, the value difference in this exchange requires Larimer County to pay \$10,192.85 to CDOT for three parcels.
- b. Yeager Final Review
 - i. Two parcels totaling 0.27-ac to be acquired from the Yeager family will contribute to part of the county's goal of conserving a continuous block of land within Cedar Cove for a purchase price of \$10,000.
- c. Bob moved to recommend the approval of both projects to the BOCC, Pete seconded, motion passed unanimously.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Commissioner Shadduck-McNally provided an update that the BOCC is attending National Association of Counties meetings to determine how to use Rescue Act funds to support Larimer County, including DNR. We are home to the state's only mass vaccination site in partnership with FEMA, located at the Ranch Events Complex. Daylan has been providing department information at work sessions with plans to discuss fee structure and budget considerations on Monday.

10. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: April 22, 2021 via Zoom Webinar

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to C.R.S. (24-6-402(4)(a)) for discussion pertaining to the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal or other property interest.
12. ADJOURN – 5:36 p.m.

