

Park County Land and Water Trust Fund (LWTF) board
Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2019
Shawnee Community Center, CO

1. Call to order: 1:30pm

2. Introductions

Board members:

District 1	John Woodward	At Large	Dan Drucker
District 2	Tom Eisenman - Absent	At Large	Jim Fagerstrom - Excused
District 3	Ramon Castro	At large	Vacant
At Large	Vacant	Secretary/Treasurer	Lynda James Excused

Guests present – See sign-in sheet for 21 guests

3. Administrative matters -

a. **Agenda** – Feb.’s meeting was postponed to March due to weather.

b. **Minutes** – Tabled until May meeting

c. **Financial** – Reviewed spreadsheets Lynda sent

d. **Proposed change in funding criteria** – Tabled until May

e. **Election of officers** – Tabled until May

4. Updates or Final Reports –

a. **Riparian Reconnect** (Colorado Open Lands)

COL has completed two projects, DM Ranch and Upper Meier Ridge, in the fall of 2018. COL anticipates constructing habitat improvements on Lone Rock Ranch in April 2019. COL also completed assessments on three additional projects, 12-Mile Ranch, Elk Creek Highlands POA and Tarryall Notch Ranch. These projects can only be completed if COL can raise additional funds, including two applications to the Colorado Water Conservation Board’s Water Plan grant program. A summary of each stream project is in the update. Balance \$16,676

b. **Boreas Pass Ranch Conservation Easement** – Colorado Parks and Wildlife grant for \$884,000 was received by COL to purchase a conservation easement on the ranch. LWTF recommended \$334,000 be approved by BOCC as a match for the CPW grant. Landowner’s match is \$500,000. Total project costs are \$1,730,000.

c. **Sand Creek Restoration** – \$3,200 remaining

d. **Middle Fork Mine Water Quality Study** – Two stakeholder meetings and a meeting with the BOCC were held to discuss results and large data gaps in project area. Mercury levels did not exceed standards, but sampling sites north of Alma contained the highest levels. More sampling is needed to pinpoint the location of the mercury. BOCC asked that CUSP continue to sampling sites between Alma and Fairplay. Balance \$16,676

e. **North Tarryall, Sheep Creek and Beaver Creek Restoration** – \$65,910 remaining

h. **Stream Temperature Monitoring** – Complete No update

i. **Deer Creek Assessment and Recommendations** – Complete - balance of \$11,860 recommended transfer to Riparian Reconnect.

j. **SPCFPD storage and augmentation water** – BOCC increased grant to \$77,000

k. **Old County Landfill Cleanup** – No update \$262,000 remaining

l. **Bailey Main Street Drainage**- No update \$70,000 remaining

5. New Project Proposals

a. Repairs on Harris Park Lake #1 Dam – Harris Park Metro District is in the headwaters of Elk Creek. The district has repaired one of two dams it owns and uses to operate their augmentation plan and provide recreation. This work was completed with the district's funds. The district is asking for funds to complete Phase 4 of repairs. It includes: Repair of outlet pipe, installation of flume and slide gate, installation of automatic water measuring device/software, permitting, construction, restoration, dewatering and drawdown. Total cost of project is \$341,575. The district is requesting \$205,500 from the LWTF. Matching funds provided by the district include \$100,000 in cash and \$62,925 volunteer labor who will complete the work. Approved \$205,500

b. Riparian Reconnect Phase II – Colorado Open Lands - In 2016, EcoMetrics completed an extensive inventory and functional assessment of all the streams and wetland habitat in Park County. Colorado Open Lands Riparian Reconnect priority streams and habitat are having hydraulic connectivity between streams and riparian wetland restored. Working with beaver to protect and restore naturally functioning headwaters streams is an ideal way to promote watershed health and resiliency in the face of Colorado's changing climate and increasing water supply demands. Phase II funding will be spent on a beaver study, ecological assessments, restoration designs, permitting, construction, monitoring, and project administration on four separate projects, 12-Mile Ranch, Elk Creek Highlands POA and Tarryall Notch Ranch and Lower 4-Mile Creek . COL is requesting \$340,150 from LWTF. Matching cash is \$126,790 and in-kind is \$140,000. Approved \$340,150.

c. Alma Sawmill Collection project – Alma's Sawmill collection system is located on the flanks of Mount Bross approximately 1-mile north of the Town of Alma. Water is diverted from Dolly Varden Creek through the Alma Water Works Supplemental Ditch and pipeline system across numerous private parcels to the diversion along Sawmill Creek where it is turned into the Alma Water Works Reservoir aka Sawmill Reservoir. This grant will pay for repairing the collection system where needed, and provide access to parts of the system that are on private land. The system is a backup to Alma's main water system on Buckskin Creek. Request is \$17,248 with Alma matching cash of \$7,392. Request approved.

d. Alma River Walk – The project included construction of a river walk, riparian ecosystem interpretation on both sides of the Middle Fork of the South Platte and an outdoor learning center. This is Phase 4 of the river walk with total expenses of \$499,688. Request to LWTF is \$242,000. That amount was approved. Alma Foundation will contribute \$123,688 in cash and in-kind work. Other funders' cash match is \$134,000.

6. Public Comment – None

7. Directors Comments. None

8. The next meeting is May 6, 2019. The meeting adjourned

Respectively Submitted by Lynda James –Secretary