

Park County Land and Water Trust Fund (LWTF) board
Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2016
Shawnee Community Center, CO

1. Lynda James called the meeting to order at 1:43 PM and noted attendance of board members as follows:

District 1	John Woodward
District 2	Tom Eisenman (not present)
District 3	Jim Fagerstrom
At large	Lynda James
At Large	Dan Drucker
At Large	Ramon Castro
At Large	Dave Wissel

Guests present: Peter Barkmann & Lesley Sebol - CO Geological Survey, Carol Ekarius - Coalition Upper South Platte (CUSP), Mark Beardsley EcoMetrics, Charlotte Bumgarner Gold Belt Tour Scenic & Historical Byway , Linda Skinner BLM, Jim Lockhart and Misi Ballard Wild Connections, Joseph Carlson USFS South Park Ranger, Pam Jacobus and Debbie Elsner – public
2. Everyone introduced themselves -
3. Administrative matters.
 - a. Agenda - Dave made a motion to approve the agenda. Jim seconded and the agenda passed unanimously.
 - b. Minutes - John made a motion to approve February minutes. Dave seconded and the motion passed unanimously approving the May minutes.
 - c. Financial – The sales tax collected for 2015 was the largest amount ever collected. The January 2016 sales tax is larger than what was collected in January 2015. After reviewing the financial paperwork, Dave made a motion to accept the financials as presented. John seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - d. Website Update - Working on updating current and past projects. Continued to have trouble updating the website because of increased security on server. Worked on suppling data for the Conservation Almanac.
4. Updates and/or Decisions on Projects
 - a. Stream Temperature Monitoring – Mark Beardsley EcoMetrics They want to expand stream data collection across the county. The North Fork, South Platte Main Stem, and Tarry will be added to those already being monitored. It is important to monitor the stream temperature because temperature regulates biochemical factors in stream. The state has standards. Some streams even at high altitude get too hot in the summer. This will help expand the knowledge of streams that get too hot and help determine remediation. They will coordinate with Parks and Wildlife. A lot of riparian and shady areas were lost when land use in the 1800s changed streams. They will be able to create a large database with the five-year project. LWTF funding will vary each year based on other partners. Each year EcoMetrics will provide a yearly update and proposed costs for the next year. Dave made a motion to continue funding for 2016 stream temperature monitoring of \$7,300. Dan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Long term effectiveness of stream improvement projects – EcoMetrics will also study stream effectiveness by looking at past restoration projects and learn how big events affected stream profiles. Mark will be working with Gary Nichols. Dave made a motion to provide funding to study stream effectiveness of \$19,998. Dan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
 - c. Guffey Gorge Improvements - One mile off a byway there is a small swimming hole located on BLM land that is being loved to death. This land is located near the Park County and Teller county lines. This site has up to 400 visitors/day. If you google cliff jumping, Guffey Gorge will show up. Currently there are no facilities and not enough parking. The BLM has funds to maintain the site but no funds to build the site. Paving the parking lot will help reduce the sediment load on the water source. The swimming hole is located on Four Mile Creek which flows into the Arkansas River. Jim made a motion to fund trash receptacles, improve parking areas and administration for \$23,216. Dan seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Several suggestions were made as to where to find more funds.

- d. Selkirk Restoration Project- Wild Connections and USFS are working together to close illegal trails near Hoosier Pass. This project will protect and improve the Tarryall Creek headwaters. They will establish cabling along designated roads to prevent vehicles from going off road. They will also install seasonal gates. They figure the project will take 6 days and 20 volunteers per day. The benefits of this project will protect the headwaters and restore vegetation. They are anxious to start before the summer season starts. Ramon made a motion to fund \$22,591. Dave seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- e. Groundwater Quality Data Compilation Phase 2- CUSP/CGS Lynda turned the meeting over to John as she recused herself because she is a CUSP board member. Colorado Geological Survey have identified data gaps and want to do additional monitoring of the 5 aquifers that are not represented in the current data collected. Once completed, a report of groundwater quality and interactive maps will be on CGS's website. This will give Park County a great groundwater quality baseline. Ramon made a motion to fund the further data collection for \$62,000. Jim seconded and the motion passed with Lynda and Dan recusing themselves.
5. Public Comment – Lynda resumed the meeting and there were no public comments.
6. Directors Comments. Dan mentioned that he hasn't seen any fish in the Smelter Pipeline Reservoir for quite a while, indicating that Mosquito Creek may be too contaminated from past mining for fish to live in the creek.
- The next meeting is August 3, 2016. The meeting adjourned at 4:21 pm.

Respectively Submitted by Michelle Barry –Secretary

Moved Accepted by second and passed by vote on day , 2016.