

Park County Land and Water Trust Fund (LWTF) board
Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2018
Shawnee Community Center, CO

1. John Woodward called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM and noted attendance of board members as follows:
 - District 1 John Woodward
 - District 2 Tom Eisenman
 - District 3 Jim Fagerstrom (not present)
 - At large Lynda James (not present)
 - At Large Dan Drucker
 - At Large Ramon Castro
 - At Large Dave Wissel

Guests present: Wendie Warner, Carol Ekarius (CUSP); Josh Voorchis (USFS); Misi Ballard, John & Carol Stansfield (Wild Connections); Jan McCabe, Cara Doyle (MRHI); Eugene Farmer, Danny Gibeson, Mike Parish (Southern Park County Fire Protection District SPCFPD); John Kessel (Bison Peak Resort); Kevin Shuck (Wildland Restoration Volunteers); Bob Slagle (Guffey Resident)
2. Everyone introduced themselves -
3. Administrative matters.
 - a. Agenda – Dave made a motion to approve the agenda by going through administrative issues last and Ramon seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The following Administration issues were presented at the end of the meeting.
 - b. Minutes - Tom made a motion to approve November minutes. Dan seconded and the motion passed unanimously approving the November minutes.
 - c. Financial – Ramon presented the 2018 financial paperwork. Dave made a motion to approve the financials and Tom seconded. The motion passed.
 - d. Website Update – Over the holidays the website was not completed. John contacted a web designer located in Bailey about updating the website. He will redo the website for \$2000 and \$50 per quarter. Ramon made a motion to change the webmaster not to exceed the \$3500 budget for website upgrade. Dave seconded and the motion passed.
 - e. Ballot question – This was tabled until the next meeting
- f. Election of officers for LWTF board. This was tabled until the next meeting.

The following meeting dates were established for next year February 7, May 2, August 1, and November 7.
4. Updates and/or Decisions on Projects
 - a. Guffey Gorge Project. The project is completed and the report is final.
 - b. Badger Basin Watershed project The final bill has been paid.
 - c. Landis Ranch - They will provide and update in May.
 - d. Riparian Reconnect – There is nothing to report at this time.
 - e. Indian Mountain is funded. They will start in the spring. They need to submit a new budget because it will not be a multi-year project.
5. New Projects/Proposals –
 - a. N. Tarryall (or Selkirk), Sheep and Beaver Creek Protection- All areas have illegal motorized trail activities affecting water quality. They also have social trails impacting wetlands. Sheep Creek has an illegal trail of 1.7 miles and 600 feet of the illegal trail runs through the creek bed. In other areas the trail is eroding into the creek harming water sources. All three areas will have trails replaced and repaired. Wildlands Restoration Volunteers will remove motorized and social trails with heavy equipment, and add reseeding mats. Posts and cables will be added where needed to prevent off road traffic. N Tarryall Creek has a 1500 foot section of illegal trail. Beaver creek also needs a boardwalk over a wetland area. The boardwalk will protect the wetlands. The wetland area has been created by beaver dams. This work will preserve, protect, improve and maintain water resources. This project will take 2 years to complete. The boardwalk will be completed in 2019. The total cost for the project is \$154,382. They have \$88,050 in

matching funds already, they are asking for a grant of \$67,518 from the LWTF. Beaver Creek is a water supply source for Fairplay. It will take about 3 years to reprogram people's minds to stay on designated trails. Dave made a motion to approve project as presented and Dan seconded. The motion passed.

b. Southern Park County Fire Protection District (SPCFPD) They need augmentation water from HASP because the well they currently use is a residential well. They need funds to purchase the augmentation water and storage tanks plus metering equipment to meter the amount of water the district uses from its well. The district will be trucking the water from the South Platte Basin to the Arkansas Basin to a storage facility. Luckily they haven't had a structure or wildland fire since the State Engineers' office informed them that their well needs augmented or it will be shut down by the state. Total grant requested **\$67,000**: \$42,000 for state mandated water augmentation, plus 50% of the cost of installing the district's storage system (LWTF's share not to exceed \$25,000). They are a fire department without water. Dan made a motion to provide funding for the water purchase and storage, totaling \$67,000. Dave seconded and the motion passed.

c. Sand Creek Restoration CUSP Sand Creek is a headwater stream of the Tarryall. The 2015 flood damaged the diversion structure and destroyed riparian habitat. The project will remove the current diversion structure and replace it with a less impactful in-stream structure. Stabilize the stream channel above and below the new structure and revegetate the stream banks. Palmer Land Trust owns the conservation easement on the property and has GOCO funds and other funds available. CUSP is asking for a grant of \$20,500 from LWTF. They have worked in the Pikes Peak gravel successfully before. Ramon made a motion to approve \$20,500 and Dave seconded. The motion passed.

d. Park County Abandoned Mine Study CUSP They will be compiling data on water quality at abandoned mines in Park County from several sources. They will produce a plan to implement improving the water quality from these abandoned mines. This data compilation will allow them to seek other sources of funds to improve the water quality. The total cost of the project is \$145,250. They are seeking a grant of \$42,250 from LWTF. Dave made a motion to provide the funds requested and Tom seconded. The motion passed with John voting no.

6. Public Comment – John Kessel gave a presentation on Bison Peak Resort. The resort is located on 37 acres in the Tarryall area. They hope to obtain permitting from the county to run the resort year round. They will be allowing wounded warriors and their families to stay for free. There is a pond for fishing and hiking trails. They hope to improve the facilities for handicap.

7. Directors Comments. None.

8. The next meeting is May 2, 2018. Ramon made a motion to adjourn and Tom seconded. The meeting adjourned at 4:20pm.

Approved May 2, 2018

Respectively Submitted by Michelle Barry –Secretary