

Land Water Trust Fund Board (LWTFB)  
Report to the Park County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)

LWTFB is pleased to present the April 2022 report to the BOCC.

The following recommendations are for Park County’s consideration:

Project Number	Project Name	Amount Requested	LWTFB Ranking	LWTFB Recommendation to Approve Application	LWTFB Recommendation to Approve Amount	Amount Recommended
	The National Forest Foundation: South Platte Conservation Corps. 2 Positions	\$ 34,000.00	7	0	0%	\$ -
	Platte Canyon Fire Protection District: Bailey Outdoor Education and Recreation Area (BOERA) Forest Fire	\$ 123,750.00	2	0	100%	\$ 123,750.00
	Shawnee Water Consumers Association: Price Ditch Pipeline	\$ 2,500.00	3	0	100%	\$ 2,500.00
	Wildlands Restoration Volunteers: Beaver Creek Trail	\$ 6,450.00	1	0	100%	\$ 6,450.00
			0	0	0%	\$ -
Total Project Funding Request:		\$ 166,700.00				
LWTFB Project Funding Recommendation:		\$ 132,700.00				

**Platte Canyon Fire Protection District: Bailey Outdoor Education and Recreation Area (BOERA) Forest Fire Mitigation**

- LWTFB recommends the BOCC approve this project.
- 7 members unanimously approve the project with 6 members commenting:
  - Price per acre seems high compared to other forestry treatments.
  - Good project. Would like to see future project leveraged with federal grants. If project is awarded, please place recognition on the property to the citizens of P.C.
  - \$2500 per acre may be high for this property.
  - Would like to see alternative bids.
  - This application fits into multiple areas of the grant program, from maintaining open space and public recreation areas, to water shed and water quality. Fire mitigation on open space is extremely important to maintaining that area as well as the water shed to the Deer Creek.
  - The pricing ( \$2.5K / Acre ) is overpriced. Recommend that two or three bids should be presented to justify this pricing.

**Shawnee Water Consumers Association: Price Ditch Pipeline**

- LWTFB recommends the BOCC approve this project.
- 7 members unanimously approve the project with 6 members commenting:
  - Good water project for Shawnee. Public use still questionable and minimal.
  - I hope to see this applicant at the USPRT.
  - Good project, we should follow up and make sure that public access to the water will become available.

- Long term funding strategies should be developed by all communities for water maintenance projects. If one community is funded, then is a precedent set?
- Great project that fits our scope, thank you for applying! I hope we can assist more in the future!
- Project needed for very small community. Questionable public access to water source.

#### **Wildlands Restoration Volunteers: Beaver Creek Trail Connector**

- LWTFB recommends the BOCC approve this project.
- 7 members unanimously approve the project with 6 members commenting:
  - Recreation project - Still believe trail should be on already disturb area (the road). Erosion from road would be minimal, compared to construction of a new trail above the creek.
  - Good project.
  - Great project.
  - Would like to see existing road used to avoid further forest damage.
  - Thank you for this project!
  - Project compatible with LW&TF missions. The public level of usage seems limited.

#### **Administrative Items**

- The National Forest Foundation: South Platte Conservation Corps. 2 Positions submitted an application for review however it has been pulled by the applicant and will be resubmitted next year.
- Open Item: Park County Admin Staff Reports and Future Funding
  - Scheduled finish date/closeout and 11 month review be added to reporting.
  - Review of Fiscal Year 2019, 2020, and 2021 for projects not in compliance with closeout requirements.
    - Provide discreet notification to applicants out of that are out of compliance and request updates.
- Open Item: Park County Admin Staff review Memo of Understanding (MOU)
  - Review and update MOU language
  - Coordinate MOU with the LWTF Application including project schedule, requiring monthly updates, yearend invoicing, as well as other possible updates to the application.
  - Review internal staff access to both the MOU and application for efficient project management.
  - Review existing processes for notice of award to applicants
- Open Item: Development of potential "Opportunities" from existing studies.
- In progress: Park County Admin Staff Data migration from off line spreadsheets to Park County's enterprise system
  - Review internal staff processes and procedures to insure timely and accurate reports are published.

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- Consider different reports or reporting for different stakeholders.
  - Park County Admin Staff should have access to greater detail and greater frequency to better manage the fund through “Work Product” reports.
  - Roll up public reports, delivered to LWTFB for Public access, should be sent once, error free, prior to the meeting with enough lead time for LWTFB members to adequately review, prior to the meeting.
- Consider differentiating between Forecasted Available Funds at the end of the year, and the Current Unencumbered Fund Balance to better understand remaining funds available to fund projects prior to approval of project(s).
- Consider adopting a Contingency Management Plan that all stakeholders may better understand available funds and strategies being used to fund projects yet maintain a legal “War Chest”.