

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

LWTFB is pleased to present the August 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
	Trout Unlimited Inc.: Initial Design of Orphan Boy Mine Reclamation Project	\$ 41,343.84	1	Yes	100%	\$ 41,343.84
Total Project Funding Request:		\$ 41,343.84				
LWTFB Project Funding Recommendation:		\$ 41,343.84				

Trout Unlimited Inc.: Initial Design of Orphan Boy Mine Reclamation Project

- LWTFB recommends the BOCC approve this project.
- 6 members approve the project.
- 6 members commenting:
 - This project has been identified as a priority project, recommended in the 9-Element plan developed by CUSP in 2019. The project will help to improve the water quality downstream of the Orphan Boy Mine Site.
 - Full grant request appropriate for water quality preservation.
 - Great project, look forward to helping with construction in 2023.
 - I hope to see more applications from Trout unlimited. Working to clean Park County water sheds is vital to land wildlife and the rivers. I do have a question about the archeology review. I thought this has already been done from past grant funding on Orphan Boy.

Administrative Items

- Open Item: The LWTFB and County Manager could benefit from the BOCC’s review and confirmation of BOCC’s expectations regarding staff presence and ability to answer questions during LWTFB Regular Sessions.
- Open Item: Park County Admin Staff Data migration from off line spreadsheets to Park County’s enterprise system could benefit from the BOCC’s review and confirmation of BOCC’s expectations
 - Financial Reporting was received in advance of the meeting and appeared to be error free. The LWTFB appreciates the attentiveness of Park County Admin. The LWTFB recommends the BOCC continue to monitor:
 - Internal staff processes and procedures to insure timely and accurate reports are published.

- 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 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.
 - 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”.
- 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: Development of potential "Opportunities" from existing studies.
- InProgress Item: Park County Admin Staff review Memo of Understanding (MOU)
 - LWTFB received documents from the County Manager. LWTFB will review and comment as follows
 - Review and comment on MOU language
 - Review coordination of the 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.