

# LARIMER COUNTY | DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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*The mission of Larimer County Department of Natural Resources is to establish, protect and manage significant regional parks and open lands providing quality outdoor recreational opportunities and stewardship of natural resource values. We are committed to fostering a sense of community and appreciation for the natural and agricultural heritage of Larimer County for present and future generations.*

## LARIMER COUNTY OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD

### MINUTES

**Date:** February 28, 2019

**Time:** 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Larimer County Loveland Campus Building, 200 Peridot Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537, Poudre River Room

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Members			Staff			Guests	
Carl Sorrentino	x		Daylan Figgs	x			
David Marvin			Meegan Flenniken	x			
Gerry Horak	x		Ken Brink	x			
Jason Brothers			Charlie Johnson	x			
Paul Alaback	x		Justin Core	x			
K-Lynn Cameron	x		Chris Fleming				
Marilyn Hilgenberg	x		Steve Gibson	x			
Nancy Wallace	x		*Thomas Donnelly				
Peter Kelly	x		Emmy Ellison (minutes)	x			
Sherri Valentine	x		Zac Wiebe	x			
Suzan Fritchel	x						
Ken Zornes	x						

x = present

\*commissioner

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS – 5:06 p.m.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT – none
3. AGENDA REVIEW

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES
  - a. Nancy moves to approve last meeting minutes, Carl seconds, motion passed unanimously.
  
5. INFORMATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - a. Natural Resource events for this month: See <http://www.larimer.org/naturalresources>.
  - b. To sign up for Open Lands Advisory Board minutes, go to <http://larimer.org/subscriptions.cfm>, enter your email, click 'Subscribe,' and then check the 'Open Lands Advisory Board' box.
  - c. Nominated 2 additional creeks (Fonken CE & HTMOS) to the CO Water Conservation Board for instream flow designations. CPW will measure flows later this spring – Meegan
  - d. HistoriCorps historic preservation work on the Soderberg buildings is set for 9/11-10/12 – Meegan
  - e. RBOS board tour date – Meegan
    - i. Set for April 22<sup>nd</sup>, Earth Day
  - f. Small Grants Program budget – Meegan
  
6. UPDATES & REPORTS
  - a. Open Space District Reports – Steve/Chris
  - b. Discussion of mountain lion incident at HTMOS – teamwork between natural resource partners was invaluable. The park was closed for safety, maintaining balance of recreation and conservation. All grateful for careful communication.
  - c. Devil's Backbone Fees update – Daylan
    - i. Daylan met with Elizabeth Kayl (City of Loveland) to discuss cooperative funding options for DBB. Plan to gather 2-3 people each from LC and City of Loveland for further discussions. May propose further DBB surveys but not at same level as Visitor Study surveys.
    - ii. K-Lynn supported notion of re-examining DBB fees based on high numbers of non-Larimer County visitors. Gerry commented that partnerships need to be considered as FC has no costs for the DBB area. It was noted that phased-style fees are still an option.
    - iii. LC has set up meetings with municipal staff for regular, regional planning conversations and cooperation.
  
7. DISCUSSION ITEMS
  - a. OLAB bylaws
    - i. Discussion of language changes from ballot language and a few other changes (removal of repetitive language, formatting). K-Lynn asked how the Commissioners plan on adjusting to new ballot language making all member at-large. It was noted that the goal is to get through April when some terms end, will discuss reappointments, decisions will be made in April, not perfectly clear yet what will happen.

- ii. Members' roles have changed as they are no longer representing municipalities and are representing the general public and Larimer County interests instead. Marilyn voiced the importance of representing municipalities. Gerry noted that the staff-level regional conversations referenced earlier would provide the venue for coordination between the county and cities.
- iii. Sherri brought up elections of Chair and Vice Chair, Nancy suggested holding elections in July so that new members who start in June can participate. It was noted that LC will discuss that option and come back in March with an update, possible vote on changes then.

8. ACTION ITEMS

9. OTHER BUSINESS

10. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: March 28, 2019 at the Larimer County Loveland Campus Building, 200 Peridot Avenue, Loveland, CO 80537, Poudre River Room

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to C.R.S. (24-6-402(4)(a)) for discussion pertaining to the purchase, acquisition, lease, transfer or sale of any real, personal or other property interest. Nancy moves to enter Executive Session, Sherri seconds, motion passed unanimously.

12. ADJOURN – 6:27 p.m.