

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**GRAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**GRAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH**  
**GRAND COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY**

February 7, 2023

Present: Commissioner Richard D. Cimino, Commissioner District 1  
Commissioner Merrit S. Linke, Commissioner District 2  
Commissioner Randal F. George, Commissioner District 3

Also Present: County Clerk and Recorder Jolene S. Linke  
County Manager Ed Moyer  
Assistant County Manager Micah Benson  
County Attorney Maxine LaBarre-Krostue

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

General Public Comments

Marriette McGrath spoke on the benefits, goals, and fundraiser for the Pregnancy Resource Connection. Susan Volk from Tabernash asking about today's agenda on Red Hawk Ranch. Also asked questions about the Colorado Sewer Fund. Appreciate the County decisions previously, and asks that community get notice about the happenings regarding the system and the financial document annually. There are taps allocated for the community, not the growth areas. Public participation, and information access should happen.

Finance

Commissioner George moves to approve the renewal for OPENGOV Contract and authorizes the Chairman of the board to sign. Motion passes unanimously.

Public Health

Commissioner George moves to approve and authorize the signature of the MOU Resolution No. 2023-02-01 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A COLLABORATIVE MANAGEMENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING PURSUANT TO HB04-1451 BY AND BETWEEN MULTIPLE AGENCIES AND APPOINTING MOUNTAIN FAMILY CENTER AS FISCAL AGENT. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Director Curtis Lange presented the Warrant Register and Expenditure List to be paid on February 8, 2023, for Vendor payments. The list for this period was verified for the Board's approval.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve checks presented on February 7, 2023, for payment on February 8, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner George moved to approve vouchers, wire payments and interfund transfers presented on Tuesday, February 7, for payment on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, for Grand County and the Department of Human Services and vouchers for the Grand County Housing Authority. The motion passed unanimously.

Airports

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the Assignment on the Rocky Mountain Triangle Hanger. Motion passed unanimously.

Judicial Services

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the Letter of support for Opioid Funds for region 1, Northwest Colorado Region 1 Youth Prevention Mind Springs Health Grant. Motion passed unanimously.

Human Services

Board sitting as the Board of Human Services

Commissioner George moves to approve the amendment to the consulting agreement with MGT OF AMERICA CONSULTING, LLC and Department of Human Services, Grand County Cost allocation plan contract amendment for this year and authorize the chair to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

Sitting as Board of County Commissioners

Commissioner George moved to approve the Out of State Travel Request for Nichole Fuqua on 2/26-2/28/2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Department of Water Protection

Commissioner Linke moves to approve the Letter regarding the Uinta Basin Railway presented by Kaly Folke. This after the Colorado Headwaters Land Trust Conservation Easement Presentation in January. The motion passed unanimously.

Grand County Public Health

Commissioner George moves to approve the CDPHE Task Order related to HB22-1326 and authorize the chair to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner George moves to approve the Colorado Interactive PayPort Payment Agreement application dated 2.07.2023, though the State of Colorado and authorize the chair to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

Board sitting as Housing Authority

Grand County Housing Authority Board-

Commissioner Linke moves to approve the Black Bear Apartments Management and Tenant Plans. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner George moves to approve the Black Bear Apartments for conveyance and Donation of Real with the Grand Foundation.

Closing requires the Chairman's attendance, hopefully next Wednesday, February 15. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Development

Commissioner George moves to approve the RESOLUTION NO. 2023-1-20 Dewey Special Use Permit as presented realizing the missing exhibit. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner George moves to approve RESOLUTION No. 2023-2-2 A RESOLUTION CORRECTING

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-5-20 RECORDED AT RECEPTION NO. 2022008429 AND AUTHORIZING THE RECORDING OF A CORRECTION QUITCLAIM DEED WHICH APPROVED THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF GRAND COUNTY ROAD 4811 AND CONVEYED THAT AREA TO THE TOWN OF GRAND LAKE, THAT PORTION BEING LOCATED WHOOLLY WITHIN LAND OWNED BY THE TOWN OF GRAND LAKE, IN THE COUNTY OF GRAND, STATE OF COLORADO. Motion passed unanimously.

The 2023-3 Sketch Plan One-year extension request for Red Hawk and other issues were continued to another meeting.

### Manager and Attorney Items

Commissioner George moves to approve the CPW impact assistance grant application and authorize the chair to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

Manager Moyer

Sheriff Schroetlin and Paul Bruchez are guests of Senator of Arizona and Senator Bennet at the State of the Union Address tonight.

CR 522 update-meeting about RAZE Grant, preparing to submit by end of month. Christine Travis is taking the lead for the first phase of CR 522. Core of Engineers info sent last Friday.

There's a lot of Colorado Rivers information from the Water Conference. The six-state plan, the State of California did not sign onto the proposed agreement. Lower basin states just made a 10-million-acre order. Grand County has 350,000-acre feet diverted out of our headwaters.

Commissioner Linke moves to approve the HTA Grand County GO CO grant and reimbursement requests, and authorize the chair to sign. The motion passed unanimously.

Micah Benson Update-New Extension director Brianna Osborne from Bennett, Colorado. Congratulations!

### Correspondence

Attorney presents documents for signing.

Commissioner Linke moves to approve all the Department of Human Services building documents in box to be signed by the chair. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board adjourned at 10:00 and reconvened at 10:18 am

Commissioner Linke moves to approve the Technical Assistance Grant letter as drafted and discussed by Board of Commissioners. The Trust for Public Land clarifications. The motion passed unanimously.

### Calendar

Manager presents Letter regarding the Meeting with OLRT requesting Technical Public Assistance. Tourism Board relayed their sustainability efforts. Commissioners need to update Master Plan and Strategic Plan. Consider tourism more holistically. Next meeting is on March 7th at the Commissioner Meeting.

Commissioner Linke moves to approve the OLRT Letter as discussed and approve Chair to sign. Motion passed unanimously.

Randy George is now the official representative on NWCCOG. Jonathan Godes, Mayor of

Glenwood, is going to help with pairing communities with grants. Mental health program available for elected officials-1 ½ days at Breckenridge, and the Leaders Collective, Mike “Skippy” Mesirow of Aspen is providing his services without cost.

Congressional earmarks are still going to be available.

Airport Advisory Committee meeting February. 8 at 1 pm., Commissioner’s office.

Commissioner Cimino updates:

WP Transit hired Charles McCarthy for Assistant Manager. He formerly worked for NWCCOG. Bus barn scheduled to open in June. Staffing has improved.

CCI Legislative Breakfast was a great meeting.

Traveling to NAcO Legislative conference Friday-Tuesday, so Commissioner Cimino will Webex in on Tuesday meeting, 2/14.

Commissioner Linke-updates from Voices of Rural Colorado. Annual event. 59 counties. Last Thursday. Executive Director of Club 20 is going to work at CU, and be the Western Community outreach director. Club 20 discussed their legislative actions. It helps that Representative Julie McCluskie, a west slope resident, is the Speaker of the House.

Update from Basin Roundtable on Monday, January 30, 2023: Snow observatory. Jason Turner received the Basin Water Hero award. All state basins are up except one.

Update from CCI for the land use working group: CTI Friday by zoom regarding land use issues continues every week.

### Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Fisheries Update, Colorado Parks and Wildlife-John Ewert, with the Kemp-Breeze State Wildlife Area Habitat Project update west of Parshall. In 2007, the water users’ common theme was how bug hatches weren’t like they used to be. Giant Stone Flies were the issue. In May 1951 a report happened for Granby Dam, and a trout diet study was done then. The Stone Fly was the preferred diet then. In 1983-1984, Dr. Bob Erickson study for Northern, repeated study in 2009-2010 showed decrease. Proof the river community changed, and Mild Sculpin, a very good trout food, has increased in all upstream creeks and rivers, but entirely absent from the downstream River, except down near the Blue river. Rainbow trout have decreased.

### Windy Gap Firming Project Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Plan

Put \$6 million into habitat work for the 17 miles of the Colorado River. Sediment issue interrupted by reservoirs. Channel was formed by a different river flow. Two hundred feet wide with less water makes the power too little to effect sediment. River needs to access its floodplain every two years. Last time here was 2011. Helps the ecology of the river be productive.

### Goals and Objectives in the -Kemp-Breeze State Wildlife Area.

L4 Construction built first phase last fall. Harvested the willows for later planting. Henderson Mill helped from their forestry management work.

Split the river into three channels. Built banks to innervate with current flows. Added 9000 pounds of Cobble. Total cost just under \$1.3 million.

Next year Phase 2 will be downstream from this one.

Private land stretches will take different funding. Partnering with Learning by Doing is in the Works.

Denver Water mitigated below the Williams Fork and the brown trout increased. There has been a lack of production since the fire upstream.

Grand County Assessor-Tom Weydert

Ceiling established by Commissioners as refund greater than \$5,000 requiring permission. Commissioner Linke moves to approve the tax roll correction, a refund for Capstone Property Group (former Grand River Ranch). Motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing-Grand County Housing Authority

Commissioner George moved to approve the Single-Family Owner-occupied Rehab Program Grant. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner George moved to close the public hearing. The motion passed unanimously, and adjourned until 1:10 pm.

1:12 the Board resumes the meeting:

State Land Board, Milk Creek State Trust Land Stewardship Trust Nomination

Lindsey Brandt, Stewardship Trust Manager and Mindy Gottsegen, Conservation Services Manager, and Jerad Smith the Northwest Center were guests explaining what a Stewardship trust is. In 1876 the Federal Government granted land to the state for the use of public education. Created by the constitution. The State Land Board owns 2.8 million surface acres. They are the second largest land-owner in the state. Our land is not publicly accessible without a lease. The State Land Board donated \$2.3 million to schools in Grand County. All lands are working lands. The lessees are in charge of stewardship. A Stewardship trust began in Amendment 16, 1996, five volunteer commissioners, and established the Stewardship Trust, to protect the natural beauty, natural values, and open space of the land. Need 300,000 acres in the program. Does not end existing uses. Does not prohibit new uses. Not a permanent protection. Does not prevent disposal either. Management parameters in Constitution, Board policy, and

1. Rare Plants
2. Wildlife
3. Beauty
4. Open Space
5. Cultural & Geologic
6. Hydrology
7. Potential Conservation Areas

Interesting article by Charles Bedford.

Management over the Stewardship Trust is different than normal State Trust land, because we do a survey about the property at the beginning. Baseline inventories. Many properties are subject to other agencies plans too. Lessee's are day to day managers. No new use can be approved unless it meets the natural values of the County. Even though part of a property has protected animals, we try to work with lessees to have win/win with everybody.

Lessee Kelly Farrell – how can everything stay the same with endangered species there? Lessee Mark Davison- leased since 1957. How will this affect our access to fences, ponds, ditches, etc.

Response that improvements are owned by lessee, and we would make a new lessee pay for those.

Haven't had problems in the last 25 years of Stewardship Trusts. District managers set the Animals per Unit Mile but we support grazing. The Continental Divide trail has been scouted for on the northwest part of this property on the Forest Service Right of Way on the North end. There are 17,800 acres in this parcel, and four prime species for CPW. It is already State Land. We inspect our Stewardship

Trust properties every three years. If lessees apply for our cost sharing program, we prioritize those. Funds can also go for wildlife habitat.

protect the current lessees is our number one goal. The motion passed unanimously.

Grand County Natural Resources- Amy Sidener presented the Greater Sage-Grouse Update.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

The minutes were prepared by Clerk and Recorder Jolene S. Linke.

Approved this 14th day of February, 2023.

Richard D. Cimino, Chair

Attest:

Jolene S. Linke, Clerk and Recorder