

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

June 14, 2022

Present: Commissioner Richard D. Cimino, Commissioner District 1 - Absent  
Commissioner Merrit S. Linke, Commissioner District 2  
Commissioner Kristen Manguso, Commissioner District 3  
Also Present: County Clerk and Recorder Sara L. Rosene (joined remotely)  
County Manager Ed Moyer  
Assistant County Manager Micah Benson  
County Attorney Maxine LaBarre-Krostue

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

General Public Comments

Mariette McGrath stated Judicial Watch has a case against Colorado regarding cleaning up voter rolls. Ms. McGrath stated that she would like to offer assistance on cleaning up the rolls.

Daniela Gossalva would like to have a conversation regarding drought preparedness. Water is being diverted and not being used as intended.

Finance

Finance Director Curtis Lange presented the Warrant Register and Expenditure List to be paid on June 15, 2022, for vendor payments. The list for this period was verified for the Board's approval.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the checks presented on June 14, 2022, for payment on June 15, 2022, for the Grand County Housing Authority.  
The motion passed.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the vouchers presented on June 14, 2022, for payment on June 15, 2022, for the Grand County Department of Human Services.  
The motion passed.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve wire payment, interfund transfers and vouchers presented on June 14, 2022, for payment on June 15, 2022, for Grand County.  
The motion passed.

County Manager Moyer congratulated the Finance team for their excellent work on the CAFR report and for receiving the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2020 CAFR from the Government Finance Officers Association. (The department received this for 30 consecutive years)

Departmental Contracts, Comments, Issues

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the Grand County Road and Bridge Mine Land Reclamation Damage Reimbursement Agreement with Esco Sand and Gravel to Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Companies as presented.

Discussion: Grand County is party to this to reimburse the County for any damage to County Road 60.  
The motion passed.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the MOU Modification letter of the June 2021 Modification of Grand Lake Clarity Stakeholders' Memorandum of Understanding, dated January 2016.  
The motion passed.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the Drowsy Water Ranch Retail Liquor Store License renewal.  
The motion passed.

The Board reviewed the Clerk fees collected in May 2022.

Commissioner Manguso announced the Board is sitting as the Board of Human Services.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the Collaborative Management Memorandum of Understanding as presented and authorize the Chair to sign via docusign.

The motion passed.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the Colorado Child Care Assistance Program between the Office of Early Childhood, Division of Early Learning Access and Quality and the Grand County Department of Human Services from June 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.

The motion passed.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Colorado Department of Human Services and Grand County Department of Human Services for the Colorado Works Program with a timeframe of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025.

The motion passed.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program which is part of the American Rescue Plan Act for Fiscal Year 22 in the amount of \$800.76.

The motion passed.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program which is part of the American Rescue Plan Act for Fiscal Year 23 in the amount of \$1,256.79.

The motion passed.

Commissioner Manguso announced the Board is sitting as the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the 2022-23 JBBS contract between Grand County and the Department of Human Service, Office of Behavioral Health in the amount of \$172,500 for a period of time from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

The motion passed.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the grant funded position for a case management position for jail services for fiscal year 2022 – 23 for a full-time term position which is benefit eligible. This will be for one year.

The motion passed.

Commissioner Manguso announced the Board is sitting as the Housing Authority Board.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the exemption from the Restrictive Covenants for Lot 21, Units 40-49 Coyote Creek at Winter Park Subdivision for Vistas at Pole Creek LLC as presented.

The motion passed.

Commissioner Manguso announced the Board is sitting as the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve Resolution No. 2021-5-29, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HICKAM SUBDIVISION EXEMPTION, LOCATED IN NORTHWEST ¼ OF THE NORTHEAST ¼ OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4, PART OF SECTION 27, TOWNSHIP 1 SOUTH, RANGE 75 WEST OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup> P.M., GRAND COUNTY, COLORADO" and authorize the Chair to sign applicable documents.

The motion passed.

#### Treasurer's Monthly Report

County Treasurer Marcy Wheatley presented the monthly Treasurer's Report.

#### Manager & Attorney Items

County Manager Moyer stated that the Peak Asphalt Plant on County Road 5 is having an open house on June 22, 2022 from 11 am to 1 pm. The Community Development Department provided Peak with a mailing list of property owners and interested parties. Mr. Moyer continues to get citizen complaints regarding the opacity. Mr. Moyer has passed the complaints onto the state and has asked for compliance inspection. He has heard nothing from the state.

Grand County received the \$26,500 Veteran's Assistance Grant.

#### Consent Agenda

Resolution No. 2022-06-02 - AUTHORIZING THE GRAND COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR TO SIGN AGREEMENTS TO PURCHASE OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENT SERVICES

Resolution No. 2022HA-06-03 - APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRANSFER FEE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS FOR THE RANCHES AT DEVILS THUMB LOT / HOMESITE 15

Resolution No. 2022HA-06-04 - APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRANSFER FEE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS FOR COYOTE CREEK AT WINTER PARK SUBDIVISION AS TO LOT 21, UNIT 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, AND LOT MF-2, UNIT 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 AND 20

Resolution No. 2022HA-06-05 - APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRANSFER FEE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THE RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS FOR COYOTE CREEK AT WINTER PARK SUBDIVISION AS TO LOT 21, UNIT 15

Resolution No. 2022-06-06 - APPROVING AN AWARD OF CONSERVATION TRUST FUND MONIES TO THE TOWN OF WINTER PARK TO ASSIST WITH ROLLINS PASS ROAD / GCR 80 SNOW REMOVAL

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the Consent Agenda.  
The motion passed.

Commissioner Linke moved to appoint Tamara Miller to the Fair Board.  
The motion passed.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve reducing the insurance requirement for the Middle Park Fair meat processing to \$1 million.  
The motion passed.

#### Grand County Library District Annual Update

Presented by Polly Gallagher.

Libraries connect. This was the tag line of National Library Week in April of 2022. Whether it be broadband, computers, programs, books, movies, games, or classes, libraries act as not just a forum for ideas and information but also as a place to gather, celebrate, and socialize.

During 2021, Grand County Library District expanded its digital spaces throughout the pandemic and fully opened its physical spaces by May of 2021.

#### MISSION

Grand County Libraries: linking people to boundless opportunities

#### VISION

Create valuable resources and services for every user to foster lifelong connections to the library.  
Make our diverse collections, expertise, and services available when, where, and how users need them.  
Be an essential service for our community.

#### QUICK STATS

15, 114 Registered Patrons (12,512 Resident Registered Users)  
112,519 Visitors in the Library and 101, 501 Website Visits  
5 Facilities + District Office with Apartment  
16 Full-time and 9 Part-time Staff  
3 Employees with Masters of Library Sciences degrees and 1 in progress

#### DIVERSE SERVICES & COLLECTIONS

Grand County Library District is nimble and responsive.

#### Connection

When our doors opened, we continued to offer curbside pickup and recognized that we needed to meet people where they were rather than requiring Library connection to happen solely in our libraries. By diversifying our services & collections, we continue to grow our usage of our libraries.

#### Innovation

We expanded our makerspace collection with 5 new STEAM kits that rotate monthly to our libraries. Our Library of Things collection expanded based on community interest. You can check out crochet hooks, games, and hot spots. Our Access Grand program continued to see use with people checking out passes to Headwaters River Journey, Winter Park Ski Resort, Middle Park Wellness Center, and other locations.

#### Early Literacy

For the second year, GCLD was part of the Growing Readers Together Grant Program. Through this grant, our librarian staff have undergone early literacy training as well as supplied Grand County residents with resources. This work has been greatly aided by our relationship with Grand Beginnings.

#### Resources

We streamed Colorado Ballet performances, signed people up for legal help clinics, and distributed KN-95 masks as well as COVID-19 home test kits.

Additionally, we are proud to have added 2 additional high school graduates, adults who obtained their diploma through our Career Online High School Program.

#### ACCESS

##### Open Hours

We increased hours of service at our Hot Sulphur Springs Library (June 2021) and Juniper Library at Grand Lake (September 2021).

#### Teens

A result of our Community Needs Assessment completed in 2020 demonstrated a need to better connect with teens. We now have a teen volunteer pool at all our branches. Teen volunteers go through process similar to our employment process. In the Fall of 2021, GCLD developed a Teen Advisory Group (TAG) to provide input, expertise, and marketing engagement for teen programming.

#### User Centered

We've expanded our traditional program times to include weekends and evenings including a Saturday science and math based school readiness program plus evening story times. Popup story time took place on the beach in Grand Lake as well as various programs on the trail or at various sites around the county.

We recognize that comfort and flexibility are important to our patrons. In 2021, we added iPads to each of our libraries to allow internet access from anywhere in our facilities. Additionally, due to a need for easily sanitizable surfaces at Fraser Valley Library, we rearranged the space to capitalize on the outdoors.

#### Experience

Thanks to grants from the Grand Foundation, Bessie Minor Swift Foundation, Growing Readers Together, and Grand County Library Foundation, we've updated and modified our children's spaces to address the needs of 0-3 year olds with interactive sensory walls and furniture made for reading together.

#### Awareness

A recurring comment from community members is GCLD offers so much but people don't know. To resolve this we developed cohesive marketing plan that coordinates the GCLD brand as well as a solidifies messaging

#### CARD HOLDERS

15,114 TOTAL CARD HOLDERS

12,512 RESIDENTS

2,602 NON-RESIDENTS

#### ANNUAL VISITS

112, 519 VISITORS

#### WEBSITE VISITS

101,501 USERS

#### OPEN HOURS

8,049 HOURS

#### EVENINGS & WEEKENDS

28% AFTER 5 P.M. AND

#### WEEKENDS HOURS

#### FACILITIES FUNDING

\$243,919 FACILITIES & MAINTENANCE

\$29,862 CAPITAL

#### COMMUNITY RESOURCE

Community Hub

In 2021, GCLD was able to capitalize upon our multiple locations and positive relationship with our communities to be a sources for community engagement.

Grand Beginnings, Grand County Rural Health, Mountain Family, and Mind Springs are just some of the entities that we've shared expertise and provided space. Be it the Community Baby Shower, helping people get signed up for health insurance, or a teen summer camp connecting art and mental wellness.

Additionally, we've been able to distribute NOAA Weather Radios through the Grand County Office of Emergency Management as well as other emergency needs items.

#### Continuous Improvement

Year 2 of our updated job analysis and salary schedule saw the full implementation of pay scale changes and verification that the job being asked to do is the job described.

Development of an internal staff training program including Librarianship, Supervisor 101, and cybersecurity (Know Be 4).

During 2021, GCLD presented at a variety of state conferences including the Colorado Association of Libraries, Colorado Municipal League, and Colorado Library Consortium.

Topics shared included professional development, disaster planning and community response, and strategic planning.

#### Honors

James T. Walker Leadership Scholarship for the Special District Association Leadership Academy Colorado Association of Libraries Distinction in Library Services

#### FUNDING

##### Financial Highlights

The assets and deferred outflow of resources of the District exceeded its liabilities and deferred inflow of resources by \$7,213,684 at the close of the most recent fiscal year end. Of this amount, \$4,097,249 may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to patrons.

At the end of the current fiscal year, total spendable fund balance for the General Fund was \$4,073,023 or 160% of total General Fund expenditures. The District paid an additional \$380,000 on their COP obligations in 2021.

#### Cabins at Porcupine Ridge, Amended Final Plat

PROJECT NAME	The Cabins at Porcupine Ridge Amended Final Plat
APPLICANT	Cabins at Porcupine Ridge Homeowner Association
LOCATION	Cabins at Porcupine Ridge Open Space and Common Elements on County Road 8331
ZONING	Residential (R)
APPLICABLE REGULATIONS	Grand County Zoning Regulations; Grand County Subdivision Exemption Regulations; Road and Bridge Standards
ATTACHMENTS	
A. Development Application	
B. Project Narrative/HOA Meeting Minutes	
C. Cabins at Porcupine Ridge Homeowner Association Ballot Results	
D. Vicinity Map	
E. Proposed Amended Final Plat	
F. Planning Commission Resolution No. 2022-6-2	
STAFF	Jorune Klisauskaite, Planner I
REQUEST	Approval of an Amended Final Plat to change location of snow storage to allow space for a dumpster enclosure.

#### PURPOSE OF REQUEST

The Cabins at Porcupine Ridge Homeowner Association is requesting approval of an Amended Final Plat to change the location of snow storage to accommodate for a dumpster enclosure near at the intersection of County Road 8331 and County Road 8331. The Cabins at Porcupine Ridge is a 32-unit subdivision of which was originally platted in 2004 at Reception No. 2004015121. The purpose of this request is to relocate a portion of the originally platted snow storage to allow room for a dumpster enclosure.

## BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

It has been a long-term goal for the Cabins at Porcupine Ridge to have a dumpster enclosure built around the existing dumpsters on Porcupine Ridge Road, which are in a designated snow storage area. Staff recommended moving the dumpsters south of the platted snow storage in order to simplify the subdivisions needs, however, many owners brought up concerns that the location of the dumpster enclosure would block views and be more challenging for the trash company to service. On January 22nd, 2022 the HOA held a vote to change the current location of the dumpster enclosure. In order to relocate the dumpster, a vote of 67% of ownership approval was required. Following this meeting, 74% of ownership approved of amending common elements to accommodate for the new dumpster location.

## ROAD AND BRIDGE STANDARDS, SECTION 3-SNOW OPERATIONS

Current Road and Bridge Standards require that all sites have 30% of total area designated for snow storage and shall be a minimum of four feet (4') away from the edge of the road. However, the subdivision, originally accepted in 2004, had approval of several variances from Grand County Road and Bridge, and therefore County Roads within this subdivision shall never be accepted for County maintenance including County Road 8331 and 8332 where the snow storage change is proposed. The proposed Amended Final Plat would solely relocate the platted snow storage and would not reduce snow storage of the original Final Plat. Staff has also discussed with Grand County Road and Bridge about this proposal and they have no issues.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Cabins at Porcupine Ridge Amended Final Plat. The following conditions shall be met prior to recording of the Amended Final Plat:

1. All recording fees are to be paid by the Applicant.
2. A 14" x 18" black-line Mylar with approved addresses and road numbers shall be provided.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the Cabins at Porcupine Ridge, Amended Final Plat as presented with staff recommendations.

The motion passed.

## Simmons Minor Subdivision, Final Plat

PROJECT NAME	Simmons Minor Subdivision – Final Plat
APPLICANT	SIMMONS STEVE T. & SIMMONS HANNA S.
LOCATION	Sixteenth: SW Quarter: NE S: 26 T: 3N R: 76W 17.28 AC +/- SW4NE4 & NW4SE4 SEC 26 T3N R76W Sixteenth: NW Quarter: SE S: 26 T: 3N R: 76W
ZONING APPLICABLE	Residential (R)
REGULATIONS	Grand County Zoning Regulations, Section 14.5 Three Lakes Design Review Area; Grand County Minor Subdivision Regulations; Grand County Master Plan

## ATTACHMENTS

- A. Development Application
- B. Project Narrative Letter
- C. Proposed Preliminary Plan
- D. Vicinity and Detail Maps
- E. Title Commitment
- F. Proof of Taxes Due – 2022
- G. Warranty Deed Rec. No. 2021012272
- H. Proof of Water
- I. Letter from CPW dated May 14, 2022
- J. Letter from DWR dated May 19, 2022
- K. Letter from Xcel dated April 29, 2022
- L. Planning Commission Resolution 2022-6-1

STAFF	Taylor Schlueter, County Planner
REQUEST	Approval of Minor Subdivision to divide a 17.38 acre, metes and bounds parcel, into three new lots.

## PURPOSE OF REQUEST

The Applicant has requested a Minor Subdivision to divide their 17.38 acre property into three parcels of 12.98, 2.04, and 2.16 acres each. Each parcel will be restricted to a single family residence.

## BACKGROUND & HISTORY

The oldest record of ownership on file is a 1972 warranty deed showing a W. W. Lininger selling the land to Green Acres Construction. Green Acres then sold the property in 2004 to Hagerdon Grand Lake Properties, which then sold to the Simmons' in October 2021.

## PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission recommended approval of this Minor Subdivision on June 8th, 2022, with the conditions outlined in Resolution No. 2022-6-1.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Simmons Minor Subdivision Final Plat. The following conditions shall be met prior to the recording of the Minor Subdivision:

1. All recording fees are to be paid by the Applicant.
2. Quit Claim Deeds to describe the amended legal description of the lots shall be completed and recorded with the Grand County Clerk and Recorder's Office.
3. School fees as outlined above shall be provided prior to recording of the Final Plat.
4. Applicant will be required to provide \$500.00 per lot for a total of three (3) lots at the sale of the lot to be held either by Grand County or turned over to a properly formed Sanitation District for future water quality measures. Applicant will also be required to enter into a Water Quality Agreement with the county prior to recording of this plat.
5. An electronic copy of the Final Plat shall be submitted (see (y) above).
6. Names of abutting subdivisions shall be shown on the Final Plat.

Commissioner Linke moved to approve the Simmons Minor Subdivision Final Plat as presented with staff recommendations.

The motion passed.

## Calendar

June 15	Northwest Colorado Council of Governments (NWCCOG) Water Quality / Quantity Committee Meeting in Gunnison County, starting at 9 am
June 15	Technical Working Group for Wolf introduction via Zoom
June 16	AGNC Legislative Call via Zoom, 8:30 to 9:30 am
June 16	National Association of Counties (NACo) West Regular Conference Call, 2 to 3:30 pm
June 17	Health Insurance Affordability Enterprise Board Meeting via Zoom, 8 to 10 am

## Himebaugh Ridge Subdivision Exemption, Final Plat

PROJECT NAME	Himebaugh Ridge Subdivision Exemption –Final Plat
APPLICANT	Webel, Max and Kathryn
LOCATION	METES & BOUNDS 77 ALL PT W2SW4 AND SW4NW4 SEC 7 AND W2NW4 SEC 18 T1N Subd: METES & BOUNDS 78 ALL E2SE4 AND THAT PORTION OF THE S2NE4 LYING SOUTHWESTERLY OF GCR 55 SEC 12 T1NAKA 1618 GCR 55 Hot Sulphur Springs CO, 80451
ZONING APPLICABLE REGULATIONS	Forestry and Open District (F) Grand County Zoning Regulations; Grand County Subdivision Exemption Regulations; Grand County Master Plan

## ATTACHMENTS

- A. Development Application
- B. Project Narrative
- C. Proposed Final Plat
- D. Vicinity and Detail Maps
- E. Title Commitment
- F. Warranty Deed Reception No. 2007002070
- G. Proof of Taxes Due –2022
- H. Planning Commission Resolution No.2022-5-2

STAFF REQUEST	Jorune Klisauskaite, Planner I Approval of Subdivision Exemption to divide a portion of Jones Creek Ranch, a 293.42 acre, Metes and Bounds parcel, into three (3) lots.
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## PURPOSE OF REQUEST

Jones Creek Ranch, LLC, the Applicant, represented by Max and Kathryn Webel, is proposing a subdivision of a 293.42 acre, Metes and Bounds parcel by process of Subdivision Exemption to create three (3) separate lots for single family dwellings. The proposal would consist of Lots 1 and 2 being 11.50 acres each and Lot 3 being 12.0 acres, resulting in a total thirty five (35) acre division off of the Jones Creek Ranch property. There will remain 258.42 acres of the parent property, Jones Creek Ranch, as a Metes and Bounds parcel.

## BACKGROUND & HISTORY

Cottonwood Pass was part of the Stagecoach route in the late 1800's. Homestead certificates for the subject property date back to 1893. In 2000, Max L. Webel Declaration of Trust dated April, 2nd, 1987 and Kathryn M. Webel Declaration of Trust dated December 14, 1995 obtained the land from Malcolm D. Young (Reception No. 2000008782 and Reception No. 2000-008783). In 2007 a warranty deed shows Max L. Webel Declaration of Trust dated April, 2nd, 1987 and Kathryn M. Webel Declaration of Trust dated December 14, 1995 selling the land to Jones Creek Ranch, LLC (Rec. No. 2007001566 and Rec. No. 2007002070).

Jones Creek Ranch LLC is located east of the town of Hot Sulphur Springs and is currently zoned as Forestry and Open District (Figure 1). The property has USFS land south of the property, CR 55 north of the property, and agricultural land use east and west of the property. The proposed project is outside of any Growth Area as defined by the Grand County Master plan and construction is expected to stay more than thirty feet (30') away from Jones Creek.

## STAFF ANALYSIS

The subject property is not located in any growth area as defined in the Grand County Master Plan and is currently zoned as Forestry & Open. The proposed three (3) lots fulfil the requirements for minimum lot size and will be served by GCR 55 (aka Cottonwood Road). While proof of water was not provided by the applicant, staff believes there will be no issue in regards to water given the size of the parent property and resulting sizes of the new lots. Additionally the proposal is in line with the Grand County Master Plan and will not diminish the sustained rural character of the area.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of the Himebaugh Ridge Subdivision Exemption Final Plat. The following conditions shall be met prior to recording of the Subdivision Exemption:

1. Addresses as outlined above shall be updated prior to recording of the Final Plat. Lot 2 shall be corrected to read "1740 GCR 55".
2. School fees as outlined above shall be paid prior to recording of the Final Plat.
3. Certificate of notice to mineral estate owners shall be provided by the Applicant prior to any hearing by the Board of County Commissioners. The name and addresses of the mineral estates owner(s) shall be provided.
4. The Applicant will be required to provide \$1000.00 per lot for a total of three (3) lots before the sale of the lot to be held either by Grand County or turned over to a properly formed Sanitation District for future water quality measure. Applicant will also be required to enter into a Water Quality Agreement with the county prior to recording of this plat.
5. All recording fees are to be paid by the Applicant.
6. A Quit Claim Deed for abutting Grand County Road 55 shall be completed and recorded with the Grand County Clerk and Recorder's Office.
7. A Quit Claim Deed to describe the amended legal description of the lots shall be completed and recorded with the Grand County Clerk and Recorder's Office.
8. A note stating "If ditch crossings are necessary, the rules outlined in Article II of the Grand County Subdivision Exemption Regulations shall apply".

The Board would like to make notification to the neighbors of this subdivision exemption.

The Board would like the applicant to provide something in writing regarding the ditch.

Commissioner Linke moved to table the Himebaugh Ridge Subdivision Exemption Final plat to address the concern the ditch.

The motion passed.

## Water Protection – State 1 Drought Update

Water Quality Specialist Kayli Foulk presented:

On May 26, 2022 the Drought Preparedness Committee declared Grand County in Stage 1 – Drought Warning. Snow water equivalent (SWE) and year-to-date precipitation were fairly close to the median however due to persistent poor soil moisture conditions this wasn't enough snow to fully recover from the ongoing drought, leaving less water in our streams and reservoirs. The standardized precipitation and evapotranspiration index (SPEI) has also indicated intensifying drought conditions due to a dry and windy April. Rapid snowmelt in early May means water was absorbed quickly by the soils or evaporated. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) three-month summer outlook points to above average air temperatures and below average precipitation for our region.



- **Stage 1 – Drought Warning.** Information includes specific recommendations for various sectors on outdoor water use. These recommendations are voluntary and not regulatory in nature. Nevertheless, let’s all do our part and be proactive instead of reactive – **HELP OUT DURING DROUGHT!**
- The Drought Education and Outreach Committee kindly asks that you please share this information with your contacts and the public via email, social media channels, and any other means readily available to you. If you manage a short-term rental, we ask you to consider posting this information in the residences you manage for visitors to see.
- If your water is supplied by a water provider (water district) please be aware that they may enact watering restrictions within their jurisdiction in accordance with the given drought stage. Inquire with your specific water provider with questions or concerns.
- About the Grand County Drought Preparedness Plan and Committee  
 The Grand County Drought Preparedness Plan (“plan”) was initially developed in 2019 through a series of stakeholder meetings involving water districts, agricultural interests, environmental organizations, fire districts, town representatives, and Grand County government. The plan is intended to mitigate the drought crisis through drought preparedness efforts, reduce the hardships caused by water shortages, create a county-wide approach to drought preparedness, and raise public confidence in the actions taken to address water supply shortages. It is meant to be used as an educational tool and not a regulatory document. The Drought Preparedness Committee consists of members representing Grand County, water districts, towns, agricultural interests, golf courses, and environmental groups who look at indicators and triggers and make recommendations to its members about which level of response they feel is most appropriate.

Element	Water Conservation Recommendations
<b>Outdoor watering and irrigation</b>	
Lawn grass (residential, HOA, commercial, industrial, institutional)	No more than 2 days per week watering from 6:00 pm to 10:00 am. Follow best management practices for Watering a Home Landscape During Drought as recommended in Appendix C of Final Drought Preparedness Plan: <a href="https://www.co.grand.co.us/1341/Drought-Preparedness-Program">https://www.co.grand.co.us/1341/Drought-Preparedness-Program</a>
Agricultural water, golf courses, and vegetable gardens	Voluntary reductions.
Water wise landscapes, native/adaptive, Trees, shrubs, and perennials (private)	Handheld watering or drip irrigation no more than 2 days per week between 6:00 pm and 10:00 am.
New landscape establishment	Not recommended.
Municipal streetscape	Handheld watering or drip irrigation no more than 2 days/ week before 10:00 am.
Flowers gardens (private)	Water efficiently no more than two days per week using handheld and drip irrigation only between 6:00 pm and 10:00 am.
Sport fields and parks	Irrigated per mandatory scheduling or water budget restrictions to achieve a 10% reduction.
<b>Water Features</b>	
Swimming pools, hot tubs & water features	Discourage frequent refilling.
<b>Washing / Events</b>	
Cars – washing at home and charity events	With bucket or handheld hose with a nozzle that shuts off when not in use. If possible, ensure water runs off into landscape features
Fleet vehicle washing	Once every 2 weeks.
Street cleaning	Reduce water used for street sweeping.
Driveway and sidewalk washing	Use dry clean methods and high-efficiency equipment.
<b>Commercial-Institutional Processes</b>	
Restaurants	Water served only on request.
Lodging	Change linens and towels only on request.
Mag chloride application / grading	Grade only after rain events.
Bulk water / Construction water	No waste of water.
Hydrants	Utilize restrictive gated devices. Minimize water main flushing.

This is not regulatory in nature.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m. The minutes were prepared by Clerk and Recorder Sara L. Rosene. Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 2022.

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 Merrit Linke, Chair

Attest:

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 Sara L. Rosene, Clerk and Recorder