

Grand County Open Lands, Rivers, and Trails Advisory Committee  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
October 25, 2018 at 3:00 pm

BOCC Board Room  
308 Byers Ave, Hot Sulphur Springs, CO 80451

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order and Role Call
- II. Approval of Meeting Minutes from 10/4/2018 (*handout #1*)
- III. Conflict of Interest Disclosures
- IV. Financial Report (*handout #2*)
- V. *Pending Guest Speaker*: Bob Franek, Grand County Legal Counsel
- VI. Items of Business
  - A. 2018 Fall funding cycle ranking (*handout #3*)
    1. Review and make recommendation on funding for Open Lands grant (1 received)
    2. Review and make recommendation on funding for Trails grants (5 received)
  - B. Other items
    1. Next meetings
      1. November 1, 2018, 12:30-2:30pm, BOCC Lunchroom, Grant Review Subcommittee Meeting—POSSIBLE cancellation if recommendation made at 10/25 meeting.
      2. November 1, 2018, 3-5pm, BOCC Boardroom, OLRTAC Meeting—POSSIBLE cancellation if recommendation made at 10/25 meeting.
      3. November 13, 2018, 1:00-2:30pm, BOCC Boardroom, OLRTAC make recommendations to BOCC
    2. Others?
- VI. Adjournment

MEETING MINUTES of  
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Committee Members Present:

Paul Bruchez	District 2 Rep
Mike Crosby	Hot Sulphur Springs Rep
Joanna Goodman	Winter Park Rep
Maura McKnight	Fraser Rep
Jeff Miller	Kremmling Rep
Bob Saint	Granby Rep
Steve Sears	District 1 Rep
Cindy Southway	Grand Lake Rep

Others Present:

Anna Drexler-Dreis, OLRTAC Administrator  
Bill Pierce, Nordic and Trails Director, Snow Mountain Ranch  
Jeremy Krones, Program Director, Colorado Headwaters Land Trust  
Meara McQuain, President/Director, HTA  
Erica Bean, Field Project Manager, HTA

- I. Call to Order made by Mr. Bruchez at 3:10pm.
- II. Motion to approve October 4, 2018 Meeting Minutes with the following edit: add amount requested for Grand Lake Metro Rec District Nordic trails (\$18,000) and wildlife mitigation (\$15,200), made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Sears, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.
- III. Conflict of Interest Disclosures
  - a. None.
- IV. Financial Report as of September 30, 2018 (*handout #2*)
  - a. Trails maintenance: \$118,848.28
  - b. Open lands/rivers: \$738,619.56
  - c. Ms. Drexler-Dreis will make the financial reports available online (<http://co.grand.co.us/851/Open-Lands-Rivers-and-Trails-Advisory-Co>).
- V. Pending Guest Speaker: Bob Franek, Grand County Legal Counsel

- a. Mr. Staab informed OLRTAC of a BOCC workshop on January 15, 2019 (date pending). Discussions with Mr. Franek will occur at that meeting. OLRTAC will continue to operate under the guidance given to us by BOCC and the bylaws.

## VI. Items of Business

- a. 2018 Fall funding cycle ranking (*handout #3*)
  - i. Review and make recommendation on funding for Open Lands grant (1 received)
    - 1. Colorado Headwaters Land Trust—Granby Trails Highlands
      - i. OLRTAC reason for support: This project is a high-quality property due to wildlife habitat for winter range and sage grouse, the proximity to the Colorado River corridor, and scenic value from preserving this property from development. The Grand County Open Space Plan identifies this property as the #1 piece of property to protect with a conservation easement.
      - ii. Motion to recommend funding the Granby Trails Highlands grant application for the full amount of \$16,400 with the requirement that any cost overruns be paid by the Colorado Headwaters Land Trust, made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Mr. Saint, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.
  - ii. Review and make recommendation on funding for Trails grants (5 received)
    - 1. Snow Mountain Ranch—Nine Mile Trail Reconstruction and Maintenance
      - i. OLRTAC reason for support: SMR gives back to the Grand County community and the school system, there is a significant match from the grantee, the trail is in need of maintenance and connects to the larger trail-system, and the request is only for trail materials.
      - ii. OLRTAC reason for no support: Fee based trails should not receive OLRT funds because it takes away funding available for free trails.
      - iii. Motion to recommend funding the Nine Mile Trail Reconstruction and Maintenance grant application for the full amount of \$17,980 made by Ms. Goodman, seconded by Ms. McKnight. Vote was 6-2 for; motion passes.

2. Grand Lake Rec District—Nordic trails
  - i. OLRTAC reason for support: The Nordic trails at the Grand Lake Metro Rec Center support the community, allow trail users to bring their dogs, and Nordic skiing is an important recreational sport for 6-months out of the year.
  - ii. OLRTAC reason for no support: Fee based trails should not receive OLRT funds because it takes away funding available for free trails and the grant application and maps were vague.
  - iii. Motion to recommend funding the Nordic portion of the grant application for the full amount of \$18,000, seconded by Mr. Sears. Vote was 6-2 for; motion passes.
3. Grand Lake Metro Rec District—Summer trails
  - i. OLRTAC reason for support: The Grand Lake Metro Rec District was affected by a 21-acre forest fire and the hiking and biking trails that were affected need maintenance.
  - ii. Motion to recommend funding the summer portion of the grant application for the full amount of \$15,200 with the requirement to receive an updated report on how the Spring and Fall trail projects work together, made by Mr. Saint, seconded by Ms. McKnight, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.
4. Headwaters Trails Alliance—Adopt a Trail Program
  - i. Vote on all three HTA projects together, made by Mr. Sears, motion not seconded; motion fails.
  - ii. OLRTAC reason for support: This project encourages community and youth involvement, is county-wide, creates environmental stewards, and is an important program that maintains many trails.
  - iii. Motion to recommend funding the Adopt a Trail Program grant application for the full amount of \$11,361 with the requirement that HTA provide a list of projects there are working on when their field schedule is set, made by Mr. Sears, seconded by Ms. McKnight, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.
5. Headwaters Trails Alliance—Idlewild Gateway Project

- i. OLRTAC reason for support: This project is an important gateway to high-usage trail systems, the community uses this trail to commute Fraser to/from Winter Park, and the trail will be rerouted around a sensitive wetland habitat.
    - ii. Motion to recommend funding the Idlewild Gateway Project for the full amount of \$15,440, made by Mr. Crosby motions, seconded by Ms. McKnight, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.
  - 6. Headwaters Trails Alliance—Fraser Valley Trail Smart Sizing Phase I - 2019
    - i. OLRTAC reason for support: This larger project will reduce future trail maintenance costs, reduce wildlife habitat fragmentation, and is needed because the trail system was adopted from old USFS extraction routes that were created in an unsustainable way.
    - ii. Motion to recommend funding the Fraser Valley Trail Smart Sizing Phase I – 2019 for the full amount of \$34,700, made by Ms. McKnight, seconded by Mr. Crosby unanimously approved by all Committee members present.
  - iii. Insights gained from two grant cycles
    - 1. This will be removed from the recommendation memo. Instead, Mr. Bruchez and Ms. Drexler-Dreis will work on a narrative which will be sent to the Advisory Committee in advance of the November 13<sup>th</sup> recommendation to the BOCC. Insights gained from two grant cycles will be shared verbally with the BOCC.
- b. Other items
  - i. Next meetings
    - 1. November 1, 2018, 12:30-2:30pm, BOCC Lunchroom, Grant Review Subcommittee Meeting
      - i. Cancelled.
    - 2. November 1, 2018, 3-5pm, BOCC Boardroom, OLRTAC Meeting
      - i. Cancelled.
    - 3. November 13, 2018, 1:00-2:30pm, BOCC Boardroom, OLRTAC make recommendations to BOCC
    - 4. Next meeting: December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 3-5pm.

VI. Adjournment. Ms. Southway made a motion to adjourn at 5:01pm, seconded by Ms. Goodman, unanimously approved by all Committee members present.