



MEETING OF THE PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BOULDER COUNTY, COLORADO

Regular Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Virtual POSAC Meeting

Members Present: Jenn Archuleta
Janet George
Ann Obenchain
Tony Lewis
Heather Williams
Trace Baker
Paula Fitzgerald
Jackson Moller

Members Excused: Drew Adams

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes

Jenn Archuleta moved and Trace Baker seconded. Approved Unanimously.

4. Public Comment Period for Items Not on Agenda

None

5. POSAC Members Comment Period for Items Not on Agenda

Tony asked about the dry and windy conditions and if BCPOS has its own fire restrictions. Therese Glowacki answered that BCPOS follows the Sheriff's Office restrictions.

6. Presentations

6.1 Acquisition Deal-Making Overview

Staff Presenter: Janis Whisman, Real Estate Division Manager

Action Requested: Information Item

6.2 Conservation Easement Program Overview

Staff Presenter: Melissa Arnold, Conservation Easement Program Manager

Action Requested: Information Item

6.3 Overview of BCPOS Two-Year Wetland Assessment

Staff Presenter: David Hirt, Senior Plant Ecologist

Action Requested: Information Item

6.4 Five Year Visitor Study

Staff Presenters: Michelle Marotti, Education and Outreach Specialist and Tori Guesman, Park Visitor Study Intern

Action Requested: Information Item

7. Director's Update

- The Boulder County Commissioners have approved all the real estate deals recommended by POSAC, including Wallace and Plum acquisitions and the Camp Tahosa CE.
- Sherwood forestry contract is wrapping up with summer participation of Youth Corps and the Sheriff's Office Fire Crew.
- We hope to reopen Heil Valley Ranch the end of May. We'll soon start planting 4,000 trees using volunteers. BCPOS Grounds crew are working to finish up work on the structures and trailheads at Heil Valley Ranch.
- Agricultural ditches will turn on this spring. Staff and volunteers are monitoring those ditches that are Preble's Jumping Mouse habitat.

- Spring Break Adventure for families has launched. bouldercounty.org/open-space/activities/spring-adventure/
- Agricultural Heritage Center opens for the season on April 1.
- There will be a third release of Redbelly Dace.
- Our wildlife staff will be recognized for their collaborative efforts to reintroduce the Redbelly Dace at the Denver Zoo on May 20 which is Endangered Species Day.
- Trail closures due to muddy conditions are frequent this time of year – Know Before You Go, so please check to make sure trails are open before venturing out.
- Artist-in-Residence program uses the historic barn at Caribou Ranch. We have a mouse problem this year, so our Buildings and Historic Preservation staff is improving and reinforcing the doors.
- BCPOS applied for a grant for the 104th Street Trail as part of the CHP/RCF Management Plan Update, but we didn't receive any grant money for the project. We are moving forward with a slightly modified plan.

8. Adjournment