



MEETING OF THE PARKS & OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BOULDER COUNTY, COLORADO

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 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
Drew Adams
Jackson Moller

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes

Paula noted a correction in the minutes from "burn" to "berm" in the Director's Update section. Minutes were approved as amended.

Moved by Janet George

Seconded by Trace Baker

APPROVED

4. Public Comment Period for Items Not on Agenda

None

5. POSAC Members Comment Period for Items Not on Agenda

Janet George asked for staff to present an update on the Toll property and related trail later in the season.

Paula Fitzgerald encouraged POSAC members to attend the COSA conference in September.

6. Presentations

6.1 Staff Recommendation for POSAC to Authorize an Executive Session at a Future Date

Staff is requesting an executive session for POSAC to receive legal advice on an offer received from Extraction Oil & Gas, Inc., to lease County-owned mineral rights.

Staff Presenters: Tina Burghardt, Janis Whisman

Action Requested: Approval

Janis Whisman, Tina Burghardt, and Kate Burke were all in attendance.

Moved by Tony Lewis

Seconded by Jenn Archuleta

APPROVED

6.2 Study of Distribution, Habitat Use, Reproductive Ecology, and Reproductive Success in Sceloporus lizards in Boulder County Open Space Properties

Presenter: Matt Rand, Department of Biology, Carleton College

Action Requested: Information Only

Staff present: Susan Spaulding

6.3 Update on Rocky Mountain Greenway and Coalton Trail

Staff Presenter: Jeff Moline, Senior Planner

Action Requested: Information Only

Staff present: Jeff Moline, Heidi Wagner, Jarret Roberts, and Stefan Reinold.

7. Director's Update

- COSA (Colorado Open Space Alliance) conference will be Sept. 19-21 in Crested Butte. POSAC members are encouraged to attend.
- Boulder County Parks & Open Space has been awarding small research grants for 23 years. One of the presenters tonight, Matt Rand, was awarded a grant in 2013 and again this year for his research.
- BCPOS has received three NACo Achievement Awards, in 2021 for the Redbelly Dace project and the Tucker acquisition and in 2022 for Cal-Wood Fire restoration.
- We are renewing 29 agricultural leases this year. These leases cover about 3,700 acres.
- Boulder County Public Works department is working on Sugarloaf Road and they will periodically close the road Aug. 12-Sep 9, which impacts travel to Betasso Preserve. We'll send alerts out on social media.
- The BOCC is considering which sales tax measures to put on November's ballot. One topic being considered is for improvements to wildfire management. The BOCC will have a public hearing on this topic on Aug. 4 at 3 p.m.
- BCPOS received a \$1m forest restoration grant for the Hall Ranch area. We partnered with City of Longmont, Lefthand Water Shed District, Boulder Valley and Longmont Conservation District in this effort.
- Our new Senior Forester is Devon Oesterling.
- POSAC will attend a site visit on August 25 to see the Sherwood Forestry Project.
- There is a newly remodeled Volunteer Naturalist Center at Walden Ponds Wildlife Habitat.
- After the 2013 flood, 44 properties were entered into a flood buyout program. Some of those became county open space. Others are planned to be transferred neighboring municipalities. One property was just transferred to the Salida community.

- Boulder County CPP will hold a hearing on Aug. 17 at 2 p.m. on the CEMEX Dowe Flats Mining and Reclamation Extension topic that came before POSAC in June.

8. Adjournment