



THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM
JUNE 9, 2021

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A meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at 8:00 am via Zoom on June 9, 2021:

- Board Present** David Cockrell, Carrie Curtiss, Pam Denahy (Secretary), Charles Garcia (Treasurer), Dan Gibbs, Carrie Besnette Hauser, Craig Hughes, Patty Imhoff, Tom Lee, Mina Liebert, Leticia Martinez, Brenda May, Turk Montepare (Vice-Chair), Rick Palacio, Antonio Rosendo, Mo Siegel (Chair), Jahi Simbai,
- Board Absent** None
- Staff Present** Tess Barton, Courtney Bennett, Matt Brady, Chris Castilian, Alex Castino, Rosemary Dempsey, Lauren Lecy, Crystal Medrano, Jackie Miller, Victoria Nava-Watson, Josh Tenneson, Adrian Varney, Zoe Wilhelmsen, Chris Yuan-Farrell
- Staff Absent** Erika Meyer, Dylan Lewan, Adrian Varney
- Public Present** Ruth Aponte, Aponte & Busam; Leigh Ann Bauer, Sukle Advertising; Dave Denovellis, Aponte & Busam; Jared Polis, Governor of Colorado; Kate Shimko, Colorado Governor's Office; Mike Sukle, Sukle Advertising; Doug Vilsack, DNR
- Welcome & Introductions** Mr. Siegel invited board members to introduce themselves to the group, serving as a roll call of the board for this meeting.
- Approval of the March 2021 Minutes** *Ms. Denahy moved to approve the minutes from the March 2021 board meeting. Ms. Liebert seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (17-0).** (See Attachment 1)*
- Governor Polis Welcomes New Board Members** Ms. Shimko introduced Governor Polis prior to his arrival. Governor Polis welcomed GOCO's seven new board members and outlined shared goals and priorities between the Governor's Office and GOCO.
- GOCO Year in Review** Ms. Miller shared a review of GOCO's grant programs and awards throughout FY '21, giving details about each program and number of projects awarded through each program.
- BoardSpot Discussion** Ms. Lecy shared a presentation on BoardSpot, a new board management portal that GOCO is implementing.
- Finance Update** Mr. Tenneson shared an update on GOCO's finances, including information on Lottery proceeds, expenditures and deauthorizations, FY '21 operating budget vs. actuals, and cash management metrics.
- Spending Plan Amendment** Mr. Tenneson proposed a spending plan for FY '22 for grant programs in GOCO's two competitive purposes: local government and open space. The foundation for the FY '22 spending plan is the five-year spending plan, which was updated to reflect that inflation this last year, which impacts GOCO's lottery cap, was greater than anticipated.



*Mr. Cockrell moved to approval of Resolution 2021-13 to approve the FY '22 spending plan and amended five-year spending plan as presented; Ms. Martinez seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (17-0).** (See Attachment 2).*

**Fiscal Year '22
Operating
Budget**

Mr. Tenneson presented the draft FY '22 operating budget for the board's approval, noting an 8.48% increase from the previous year largely due to staffing increases. The plan also proposed moving \$40,000 from the Generation Wild marketing campaign budget from FY '21 to '22.

*Mr. Montepare moved to approval of Resolution 2021-14 to approve the FY '22 operating budget as presented; Ms. Liebert seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (16-0).** (See Attachment 3).*

**Investment
Strategy**

Mr. Tenneson and Mr. Siegel led a discussion on GOCO's investment strategy and options for investments based on the rate of return from funds housed in the state treasury. The board decided to form an ad-hoc committee to explore this further.

**Communications
Update**

Ms. Dempsey and representatives from Sukle Advertising presented on the fifth phase of the Generation Wild communications campaign, including creative assets and strategy for the upcoming summer. They also presented background information on the campaign for new board members.

**Legislative
Update**

Ms. Aponte and Mr. Denovellis shared updates from the 2021 Legislative Session, including conservation and outdoor-related accomplishments that pertain to GOCO.

**GOCO Committee
Introductions**

Ms. Miller and the chairs of GOCO's standing board committees shared information for new board members on committee structures, the role of each committee (finance, communications, and programs), and information on how to sign up for a committee.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Liebert presented the recommended projects for approval included on the consent agenda. (See Attachment 4).

*Ms. Martinez moved the approval of the Consent Agenda; Mr. Montepare seconded. **Motion Carried Unanimously (17-0).***

**Grantee
Recognition**

Members of the public who were awarded grants with the passage of the consent agenda spoke to the board about the impact of the awards.

**Chris Castilian
Recognition**

GOCO board and staff members celebrated outgoing Executive Director Chris Castilian.

**Enter into
Executive
Session**

An executive session of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund Board was requested by Vice-Chair Mo Siegel pursuant to Colorado Open Meeting Law; Article III, Section L of the GOCO bylaws; C.R.S. §§ 24-6-402(3)(a)(I) and (II).

A motion was made and seconded to recess into Executive Session.

**Adjourn from
Executive
Session**

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn from Executive Session. A personnel matter was discussed. No formal action was taken.



Interim
Executive
Director
Appointment

*Upon returning to regular session, Ms. Hauser made a motion to name Ms. Miller the Interim Executive Director effective June 30, 2021; Ms. Liebert seconded. **Motion Carried Unanimously (17-0).***

The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm on June 9, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Pamela Denahy

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Pamela Denahy, Board Secretary



THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM
MARCH 11, 2021

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A meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at 8:30 am via Zoom on March 11, 2021:

Board Present Jason Brinkley, David Cockrell, Pamela Denahy, Charles Garcia (Treasurer), Carrie Besnette Hauser, Hollie Velasquez Horvath (Chair), Karma Giulianelli, Mina Liebert, Leticia Martinez, Turk Montepare, Jody Rogers (Secretary), Mo Siegel (Vice-Chair), Jahi Simbai, Linda Strand, Julie Thibodeau, Doug Vilsack (Deputy for Gibbs)*

* Votes where Mr. Gibbs is not present and Mr. Vilsack has voted as a proxy will reflect the vote count accordingly, but also have Mr. Gibbs listed as "not present for the vote."

Board Absent Warren Dean, Dan Gibbs

Staff Present Tess Barton, Courtney Bennett, Matt Brady, Chris Castilian, Alex Castino, Andrea Conrad, Rosemary Dempsey, Lauren Lecy, Erika Meyer, Jackie Miller, Victoria Nava-Watson, Emily Orbanek, Josh Tenneson, Adrian Varney, Chris Yuan-Farrell

Staff Absent Madison Brannigan, Dylan Lewan

Public Present Jessica Ansari, Nederland Parks, Recreation, Open-Space; Patrick Barker, La Plata Open Space Conservancy; Leigh Ann Bauer, Sukle; Martha Beavers, CPW; Adam Beh, Central Colorado Conservancy; Marcie Bidwell, Mountain Studies Institute; Rob Bleiberg, Colorado West Land Trust; Travis Custer, Montezuma Land Conservancy/Montezuma Inspire Coalition; Melissa Daruna, Keep It Colorado; Dave DeNovellis, Aponte & Busam Public Affairs; John Geerdes, Coalition for the Upper South Platte; J Kast, City of Westminster; Carlee Koutnik, CPW; Amanda Kuenzi, Mountain Studies Institute; Ryan Lokteff, Grand Lake Metro Rec; Jane Mannon, Coalition for the Upper South Platte; Kristen May, City of Westminster; Kim Mitchell, Town of Lyons - Lyons, CO; Scott Partan, Garfield County Outdoors; Emily Patterson, The Trust for Public Land; Jim Petterson, The Trust for Public Land; Justin Rutter, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Ernest Saeger, Vail Valley Mountain Trails Alliance; Emily Sanchez, Montrose County; Justin Scharton, City of Greeley Natural Areas & Trails Division; Heidi Sherk, TNC; Suzanne Stephens, Aspen Valley Land Trust; Mike Sukle, Sukle; Tucker Szymkowicz, Telluride Institute; Doug Vilsack, DNR; Kelly Zuniga, City of Loveland

GOCO Board Roll Call Ms. Varney completed the roll call for the GOCO Board by District. Additional meeting participant attendance, both GOCO staff as well as public guests, was recorded throughout the meeting by Ms. Varney and is reflected in these minutes.

Board Member Updates Board Members provided updates on activities since the last board meeting.

GOCO Staff Updates GOCO staff provided updates on activities since the last board meeting, upcoming discussion topics, current on-going initiatives.

Approval of the December 2020 Board Meeting Minutes Ms. Denahy moved to approve the minutes from the December 2020 board meeting. Ms. Rogers seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (16-0).** Mr. Dean and Mr. Gibbs were not present for the vote. (See Attachment 1).



**Spending Plan
Amendment**

Mr. Tenneson proposed amendments to the five-year spending plan to account for: 1) the creation of the GOCO Fellowship Program (Fellowship Program) and 2) a change requested by Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) as detailed in the presented materials.

*Mr. Siegel moved to approval of Resolution 2021-08 to approve the amended five-year spending plan as presented; Ms. Liebert seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (16-0).** Mr. Dean and Mr. Gibbs were not present for the vote. (See Attachment 2).*

**GOCO Finance
Update**

Ms. Conrad presented the Finance Update addressing proceeds, expenditures, outstanding grants, and de-authorizations, Fiscal Year 2021 operating budget vs. actual and management discussion and analysis, and cash management metrics.

**Staffing &
Operations Update**

Mr. Castilian and Mr. Tenneson shared recent operational and staffing changes reflective of GOCO's strategic plan.

**Legislative Update:
Aponté & Busam**

Mr. Dave Denovellis provided the board an update on current legislative activity.

**GOCO Fellowship
Program Grant
Awards**

Ms. Orbanek recommended the Board approve \$560,455 in open space funding to fund four fellows in strategic locations throughout Colorado during the next two years in the inaugural GOCO Fellowship Grant Program.

*Ms. Martinez moved to approval of Resolutions 2021-04 & 2021-11, with Ms. Liebert abstaining from 2021-11, to approve the Fellowship Program grant awards as presented; Ms. Giulianelli seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (16-0).** Mr. Dean and Mr. Gibbs were not present for the vote. (See Attachment 3).*

**Resilient
Communities
Program Grant
Awards**

Mr. Yuan-Farrell recommended the Board exercise its discretionary authority, as provided by Article XXVII of the Colorado Constitution and further articulated in GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E), to make awards to entities ineligible (Keep It Colorado, Coalition for the Upper South Platte, and Colorado Mountain Bike Association) to receive GOCO funding to fully fund 17 proposals and providing partial funding to four additional proposals as outlined in the attachments provided in the background documents, financing these awards with \$3,393,912.74 in open space purpose funding and \$1,266,877.38 in local government purpose funding.

*Mr. Cockrell moved to approval of Resolutions 2021-06 & 2021-10, with Ms. Liebert abstaining from 2021-10, to approve the Resilient Communities Program grant awards as presented; Mr. Montepare & Ms. Giulianelli seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (16-0).** Mr. Dean and Mr. Gibbs were not present for the vote. (See Attachment 4).*

**CPW Extension
Request**

Ms. Orbanek recommended the Board adopt Resolution 2021-09 approving the requested extension for the Habitat Improvement grant (log 18253) through June 30, 2022.

*Mr. Garcia moved to approval of Resolution 2021-09 to approve the CPW extension as requested; Ms. Denahy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (16-0).** Mr. Dean and Mr. Gibbs were not present for the vote. (See Attachment 5).*



**RESTORE FY20
Project Modification**

Ms. Orbanek recommended the approval of Resolution 2021-05, reallocating funds from previously approved RESTORE grants to a direct expenditure to cover the shortfall in NFWF’s administration fee as outlined and discussed in the background materials.

*Mr. Garcia moved to approval of Resolutions 2021-05 approving the RESTORE project modification as presented; Mr. Montepare seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (16-0).** Mr. Dean and Mr. Gibbs were not present for the vote. (See Attachment 6).*

**Generation Wild
Update**

Ms. Dempsey and Mr. Mike Suple presented on GOCO’s continued investment in the Generation Wild movement. Conversation revisited program rationale, shared fourth-phase results, and discussed a vision for the 2021-2022 program.

Consent Agenda

Ms. Strand presented the recommended projects for approval included on the consent agenda.

*Mr. Cockrell moved the approval of the Consent Agenda as presented, to include any abstentions as noted; Ms. Martinez & Mr. Montepare seconded. **Motion carried unanimously. (16-0).** Mr. Dean and Mr. Gibbs were not present for the vote. (See Attachment 7).*

**Grantee Recognition
/ Comments**

Members of the public who were awarded grants with the passage of the consent agenda spoke to the board about the impact of the awards.

**Interim Board
Officer Elections**

Interim Board Officers were deemed necessary by the current board as new appointments will disrupt the current officer panel. The following nominations were made for an interim board to hold office until the December, 2021 GOCO meeting of the full board:

Chair:	Mo Siegel
Vice-Chair:	Turk Montepare
Treasurer:	Charles Garcia
Secretary:	Pamela Denahy

*Dr. Besnette Hauser moved to approval of the interim board (term to conclude at the December, 2020 board as nominated; Ms. Rogers seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (16-0).** Mr. Dean and Mr. Gibbs were not present for the vote.*


**Board Member
Farewell**

Board and Staff recognized the following board members with expiring terms after years of commitment and dedicated service to the GOCO Board and the Citizens of Colorado:

Jason Brinkley	2013 – 2021	Board Chair 2017 – 2018
Hollie Velasquez Horvath	2016 – 2021	Board Chair 2019 – 2021
Jody Rogers	2013 – 2021	Board Secretary 2019 – 2021
Linda Strand	2013 - 2021	Programs Committee Chair 2019 – 2021

The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at 2:09 pm on March 11, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

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 Pamela Denahy, Board Secretary

**State Board of the
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
Resolution #2021-13
June 9, 2021**

A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Five-year Spending Plan


This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. Per Article XXVII(6)(2)(e), the board shall determine what portion of moneys allocated to the trust fund shall remain in an interest-bearing account;
2. On March 15, 2018, via Resolution 2018-08, the GOCO board approved policies 2.8 and 2.10 *Spending Plans and Opportunity for Public Comment and Multiyear and Annual Spending Plans*;
3. On June 11, 2020, via Resolution 2020-16, the GOCO board approved a five-year spending plan for fiscal years 2021-2025; and
4. On May 13, 2021, the GOCO committee of the whole board recommended a spending plan amendment and Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 spending plan to be forwarded to the GOCO board for final action.

Accordingly, the board resolves to:

1. Amend the five-year spending plan to account for the actual GOCO lottery cap increase for FY 2022 and minor changes proposed to Generation Wild program allocations as shown on the attached five-year plan; and
2. Approve the FY 2022 spending plan as presented on the attachment to this resolution. The FY 2022 spending plan proposes:
 - a. \$9,299,789 be allocated to Local Government purpose grant programs in the amounts shown on the attachment to this resolution; and
 - b. \$12,633,122 be allocated to Open Space purpose grant programs in the amounts shown on the attachment to this resolution.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on June 9, 2021.

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Pamela Denahy, GOCO Board Secretary

FY22 Spending Plan (DRAFT)**Local Government**

Generation Wild	2,500,000
Centennial Program Visioning	500,000
Fellowship Program	300,000
Youth Corps	450,000
Additional Base Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Impact* • Planning and Capacity • Stewardship Impact 	5,233,799
Direct Expenditures	315,990
Total Local Government	9,299,789

Open Space

Generation Wild	2,553,775
Centennial Program Visioning	500,000
Fellowship Program	300,000
Youth Corps	450,000
RESTORE	900,000
Additional Base Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Acquisition* • Stewardship Impact • Planning and Capacity • Community Impact 	7,689,347
Direct Expenditures	240,000
Total Open Space	12,633,122

*The majority of funds will go towards this grant program in FY22 (Community Impact for LG purpose and Land Acquisition for OS purpose).

2021 - 2025 Spending Plan [DRAFT Amendment]

	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	TOTAL
GOCO Constitutional Cap	71,718,841	73,117,767	74,031,739	75,694,486	77,394,578	371,957,409
Add: Deauthorizations from prior year	2,370,000	1,286,907	1,338,023	1,296,636	2,559,116	8,850,682
Flexibility Fund - Cap Contingency	1,434,377	1,462,355	1,480,635	1,513,890	1,547,892	7,439,148
Flex Fund - Competitive Program Expected Deauthorizations	2,370,000	1,286,907	1,338,023	1,296,636	2,559,116	8,850,682
Increase in cap year over year	1,354,067	1,398,926	913,972	1,662,747	1,700,092	7,029,804
Consistency Adjustment	-	(10,049)	492,266	498,318	509,510	1,490,045
Less: Total Reserve	5,158,444	4,138,139	4,224,896	4,971,590	6,316,610	24,809,679
Less: Operating Expenses	3,000,000	3,067,380	3,136,273	3,206,713	3,278,736	15,689,102
Less: Generation Wild Communications Program	2,500,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,000,000	10,500,000
Total Available for Awards	63,430,397	65,199,155	66,008,593	66,812,818	68,358,348	329,809,311
Local Government Purpose						
	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	TOTAL
Base Programs	6,270,000	6,299,789	9,002,148	9,203,204	9,589,587	40,364,728
Generation Wild	2,300,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	2,500,000	12,300,000
Centennial Program	-	500,000	500,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	25,000,000
Total Local Government	8,570,000	9,299,789	12,002,148	23,703,204	24,089,587	77,664,728
Open Space Purpose						
	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	TOTAL
Base Programs	11,120,132	9,579,347	9,002,148	9,203,204	9,605,862	48,510,693
Generation Wild	500,000	2,553,775	2,500,000	2,483,725	1,939,545	9,977,045
Centennial Program	-	500,000	500,000	12,000,000	12,000,000	25,000,000
Fellowship Program	560,455					560,455
Total Open Space	12,180,587	12,633,122	12,002,148	23,686,929	23,545,407	84,048,193
Outdoor Recreation Purpose						
	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	TOTAL
Outdoor Rec Investment	15,720,132	15,133,122	14,502,148	13,703,205	13,089,587	72,148,194
Centennial Program	-	-	3,900,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	11,900,000
Total Outdoor Rec	15,720,132	15,133,122	18,402,148	17,703,205	17,089,587	84,048,194
Wildlife Purpose						
	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	TOTAL
Wildlife Investment	14,320,132	10,633,122	9,002,148	9,203,205	9,589,587	52,748,194
Centennial Program	-	-	10,000,000	10,000,000	11,300,000	31,300,000
Total Wildlife	14,320,132	10,633,122	19,002,148	19,203,205	20,889,587	84,048,194
Total Awards All Four Purposes	50,790,851	47,699,155	61,408,592	84,296,543	85,614,168	329,809,310

**State Board of the
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
Resolution #2021-14
June 9, 2021**

A Resolution Approving the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:


1. GOCO endeavors to maximize funds available for grant programs and investments, demanding efficient and fiscally prudent operating budgets on an ongoing basis;
2. The GOCO Board has reviewed the proposed strategic plan and high-level 5-year spending plan identifying programmatic business priorities and anticipated spending levels for grant programs and investments on a multi-year basis; and
3. Achievement of GOCO's strategic priorities is in large part a function of having sufficient operating resources available for GOCO staff to implement the various plans.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES:

1. To adopt an operating budget for fiscal year 2022 that includes the following expenses:

Budget Category	FY 2021 Budget
Salaries and Benefits	2,337,277
Measurement & Analysis / Special Projects	119,500
Professional Services	222,347
Generation Wild	2,123,109
Other Communication	147,000
Administrative Services	629,559
Capital and Non-Capital Purchases	35,500
Total	5,614,292

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on June 9, 2021.

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Pamela Denahy, GOCO Board Secretary

**The State Board of the
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Consent Agenda
June 9, 2021**

The items below are to be approved by consent. Board members reserve the right to pull any item off the consent agenda for full discussion.

1. Director's Innovation Fund

<u>Res. #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
2021-12	A Resolution Approving funding for the 2021 CPW Director's Innovation Fund projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stalker Lake Access Improvement- NE • Jackson Lake Campsite Beautification- NE • Yampa River State Park Community Ice Rink- NW • AHRA Rec Ranger Program- SE • Rifle Gap Dark Skies- NW • Saguache Bear Dumpster Enclosures- SW • Cherry Creek State Park Showers- NE • JMR – Colorado River State Park Corn Lake ADA Fishing Pier- NW 	None

2. FY '22 Generation Wild Funding

<u>Res. #</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
2021-15	A Resolution Approving a funding for existing Generation Wild coalitions for fiscal year 2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement • Garfield County Outdoors • GenWild NEMC • Get Outdoors Leadville! • Montezuma Inspire Coalition • My Outdoor Colorado- Cole and Westwood • Nature Kids/Jovenes de la Naturaleza • Generation Wild of the Pikes Peak Region • SLV Generation Wild • Sheridan Inspire • The Nature Connection • Westy Power/Poder 	None

3. Grant Extension Memo

<u>Grant #</u>	<u>Project Titles & Type</u>	<u>Abstentions</u>
a. 19150 – OS	Lippincott Ranch Joint Land Acquisition; Jefferson and Boulder County, District 2	None
b. 19107 – OS	Saguache and San Luis Creeks Conservation Legacy; Saguache County, District 3	
c. 19506 – LG	Purgatoire Watershed Restoration and Recreation Enhancement Project; Las Animas County, District 4 (Stewardship Impact Grant)	

**The State Board of the
Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Resolution 2021-12
June 9, 2021**

A Resolution Approving funding for the 2021 CPW Director's Innovation Fund projects

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) requested \$150,000 for the 2021 round of the Director's Innovation Fund at the March 2021 GOCO Board meeting through the FY21-22 Investment Proposal;
2. GOCO staff and CPW staff reviewed and evaluated 12 applications requesting a total of \$220,938.38;

Accordingly, the Board RESOLVES:

1. To fund eight projects in total, five of which are recommended at partial funding (denoted on the following list with an asterisk):

PROJECT NAME	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
Stalker Lake Access Improvement*	\$ 23,355.00
Jackson Lake Campsite Beautification*	\$ 23,818.26
Yampa River SP Ice Rink	\$ 12,342.99
AHRA Rec Ranger Program*	\$ 23,768.25
Rifle Gap Dark Skies	\$ 20,739.00
Saguache Bear Dumpster Enclosures	\$ 11,746.50
Cherry Creek SP Showers*	\$ 17,318.00
Corn Lake ADA Fishing Pier*	\$ 16,912.00
	\$ 150,000.00

2. Per resolution 2021-02 these capital funds are available through June 30, 2024 before an investment would be considered overdue and brought back to the GOCO Board;
3. Staff is authorized and directed to take the following actions:
 - a. Provide the Joint Budget Committee with a copy of the proposed transfer of funds to Parks and Wildlife for the Committee's review per standard operating procedure;
 - b. Administer the investments in these projects according to the proposal approved by the GOCO Board and the conditions of the MOA;
 - c. Reimburse Parks and Wildlife for expenditures incurred for the investments approved by the GOCO Board.

4. The executive director is hereby empowered to make minor adjustments and additions in the funding awards, in consultation with the director of Colorado Parks and Wildlife, except that any shift in the use of these funds from capital to operations must be brought to the GOCO Board for approval.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on June 9, 2021.

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Pamela Denahy

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Pamela Denahy, Board Secretary

The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund
Resolution 2021-15
June 9, 2021

A Resolution Concerning a Discretionary Investment in the Generation Wild Grant Program

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:


1. On September 24, 2020, the GOCO Board endorsed the use of its discretionary authority to invest up to \$22.8 million in local government and open space purpose funding over five years to advance GOCO's desired outcomes for the Generation Wild grant program as identified in the 2020 strategic plan. Attachment B includes a summary of the board's endorsement.
2. GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E) establishes that, through its discretionary authority, the board may "make other expenditures which it considers necessary and proper to the accomplishments of the purposes of" Article XXVII (GOCO Amendment).
3. The outcomes of Generation Wild are most closely reflected in the outdoor recreation funding quadrant of the GOCO Amendment yet the projects are sponsored by entities identified as eligible in the local government and open space funding quadrants. The Discretionary Authority Policy allows the board to categorize Generation Wild grants by the eligible entity in the amendment, in this case local governments and land trusts, and not by the purpose achieved by the grants.
4. On March 11, 2021, the Board endorsed the use of discretionary authority to finance the award to Colorado State University Extension as they are a well-established entity and trusted partner of Garfield County and GOCO. The board is being asked to use discretionary authority because the work to be completed furthers acceptable uses of the outdoor recreation purpose identified in the GOCO Amendment, yet CSU Extension is not identified as eligible to receive GOCO funds.
5. The board allocated \$5,053,775 for the Generation Wild Grant Program in its FY 22 spending plan effective July 1, 2021.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES to:

1. Exercise its discretionary authority and invest \$5,053,775 to the projects identified in Attachment A "FY '22 Generation Wild Grants Recommended for Funding," allocating \$2,500,000 from the local government purpose and \$2,553,775 from the open space purpose.
2. Authorize GOCO to make payment directly to Colorado State University Extension.
3. Make grants effective July 1, 2021.
4. Authorize the executive director to make minor adjustments in recommended funding

levels if a project cannot proceed as anticipated. In the event significant funding changes are necessary as these projects progress, the executive director will consult with the board for further direction.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on June 9, 2021.

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Pam Denahy, Secretary

Attachment A: FY '22 Generation Wild Grants Recommended for Funding
June 6, 2021

Applicants	Project Title	Log Number	Congressional District	Total Amount Requested	Total Amount Recommended	FY '22 Grant Awards	Local Government Purpose	Open Space Purpose
City and County of Denver	My Outdoor Colorado - Cole & Westwood	21880	1	\$5,266,396	\$3,000,000	\$560,000	\$560,000	
City of Colorado Springs	Out the Door Pikes Peak	18885	5	\$1,010,850	\$1,000,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	
City of Commerce City, City of Aurora	GoWild Northeast Metro Coalition	17884	1;6	\$1,991,889	\$1,991,889	\$662,810	\$662,810	
City of Sheridan	Sheridan Inspire	18891	6	\$1,710,734	\$1,500,000	\$498,528	\$498,528	
Colorado State University Extension	Garfield County Outdoors	22895	3	\$1,714,500	\$1,006,772	\$151,992	\$151,992	
City of Westminster	Westy Power/Poder	18892	7	\$993,228	\$993,228	\$138,448	\$138,448	
City of Alamosa, Town of Saguache	Recreation Inspires Opportunity/San Luis Valley	18884	5	\$3,094,781	\$1,934,500	\$565,000	88,222.00	\$476,778
Eagle County	Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement	18894	3	\$929,631	\$310,000	\$310,000		\$310,000
Lake County	Get Outdoors Leadville!	17881	3	\$1,800,000	\$1,500,000	\$531,625		\$531,625
Montezuma Land Conservancy	Montezuma Inspire Coalition	18897	3	\$5,650,637	\$2,250,000	\$501,094		\$501,094
Delta County	The Nature Connection	18893	3	\$1,283,909	\$1,000,000	\$333,333		\$333,333
City of Lafayette	Nature Kids/ Jovenes de la Naturaleza	17882	2	\$1,797,015	\$1,000,000	\$400,945		\$400,945

Total	5,053,775	\$2,500,000	\$2,553,775
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SPENDING PLAN	FY 22
LG Funds	\$2,500,000
OS Funds	\$2,553,775
TOTAL	\$5,053,775

**Attachment B: Generation Wild Grant Program Funding Summary List
June 2, 2021**

Applicants	Project Title	Log Number	Congressional District	Amount Requested	Amount Recommended	FY '21 Grant Awards	FY '22 Grant Awards	FY '23 Grant Awards	FY '24 Grant Awards	FY '25 Grant Awards	Total Awarded
City and County of Denver	My Outdoor Colorado - Cole & Westwood	21880	1	\$5,266,396	\$3,000,000	\$500,000	\$560,000	\$834,291	\$1,105,708		\$2,999,999
City of Lafayette	Nature Kids/ Jovenes de la Naturaleza	17882	2	\$1,797,015	\$1,000,000	\$599,055	\$400,945				\$1,000,000
Eagle County	Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement	18894	3	\$929,631	\$310,000		\$310,000				\$310,000
Lake County	Get Outdoors Leadville!	17881	3	\$1,800,000	\$1,500,000	\$532,750	\$531,625	\$435,625			\$1,500,000
Montezuma Land Conservancy	Montezuma Inspire Coalition	18897	3	\$5,650,637	\$2,250,000	\$500,000	\$501,094	\$370,955	\$915,451		\$2,287,500
Delta County	The Nature Connection	18893	3	\$1,283,909	\$1,000,000		\$333,333	\$333,333	\$333,334		\$1,000,000
City of Colorado Springs	Out the Door Pikes Peak	18885	5	\$1,010,850	\$1,000,000		\$400,000	\$300,000	\$300,000		\$1,000,000
City of Alamosa, Town of Saguache	Recreation Inspires Opportunity/San Luis Valley	18884	5	\$3,094,781	\$1,934,500	\$134,500	\$565,000	\$549,914	\$685,086		\$1,934,500
City of Sheridan	Sheridan Inspire	18891	6	\$1,710,734	\$1,500,000		\$498,528	\$500,000	\$501,472		\$1,500,000
City of Commerce City, City of Aurora	GoWild Northeast Metro Coalition	17884	1;6	\$1,991,889	\$1,991,889	\$533,695	\$662,810	\$795,384			\$1,991,889
Colorado State University Extension	Garfield County Outdoors	22895	3	\$1,714,500	\$1,006,772		\$151,992	\$300,288	\$277,246	\$277,246	\$1,006,772
City of Westminster	Westy Power/Poder	18892	7	\$993,228	\$993,228		\$138,448	\$300,288	\$277,246	\$277,246	\$993,228
New Generation Wild Coalitions (TBD)								\$279,922	\$588,182	\$3,885,053	\$4,753,157
				Total Requested	Total Recommended	Total FY '21 Grant Awards	Total FY '22 Grant Awards	Total FY '23 Grant Awards	Total FY '24 Grant Awards	Total FY '25 Grant Awards	Total Awarded
				\$27,243,570	\$17,486,389	\$2,800,000	\$5,053,775	\$5,000,000	\$4,983,725	\$4,439,545	\$22,277,045

SPENDING PLAN	FY 21	FY 22	FY 23	FY 24	FY 25	TOTAL
LG Funds	\$2,300,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$12,300,000
OS Funds	\$500,000	\$2,553,775	\$2,500,000	\$2,483,725	\$1,939,545	\$9,977,045
TOTAL	\$2,800,000	\$5,053,775	\$5,000,000	\$4,983,725	\$4,439,545	\$22,277,045



MEMORANDUM

To: GOCO Board
From: Courtney Bennett & Matt Brady - Grants Officers
Date: June 9, 2021
Re: Grant Extensions

Consistent with the board's procedure on overdue grants, staff sent reminder notices to grantees with approaching due dates. Subsequent communications with grantees led staff to make the following recommendations.

Open Space Grants

#19150 Lippincott Ranch Joint Land Acquisition (Jefferson County Open Space & City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks) – \$1,000,000.00

On December 6, 2018, the board awarded \$1,000,000.00 in open space purpose funds to Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS) and the City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) to assist with the joint acquisition of the 442-acre Lippincott Ranch, together referred to as the "Partners". The original project completion date was December 6, 2020, and the Partners received a staff extension through June 30, 2021. The property is part of the federally designated Front Range Mountain Backdrop-Foreground Preservation Area and is considered a high biodiversity area by the Colorado Natural Heritage Program. Habitat on the property includes wetlands, riparian areas, and xeric tallgrass prairie, and it is home to numerous rare and sensitive plant and animal species.

GOCO entered into the Grant Agreement knowing that the Partners would need a board extension due to the unique financing arrangement for the purchase of the property. The Partners are under a lease purchase agreement with the Boulder Municipal Property Authority to finance the purchase over a 20-year period. The Partners have entered into a lease agreement with the Property Authority for the 20-year payment period and currently steward and manage the property. As detailed in the Grant Agreement, in addition to meeting GOCO's due diligence requirements, the Partners must meet GOCO's minimum match requirements before receiving their funding award. GOCO and the Partners are currently working through the necessary due diligence documentation, and the minimum match payment will be made in November 2021. The Partners are therefore requesting a board extension through March 31, 2022 to meet the terms of the Grant Agreement and close out the project.

Recommendation: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Completion of the Lippincott Grant Agreement requirements by March 31, 2022



- If for any reason the partners need additional time to meet GOCO's due diligence requirements, GOCO staff and the Partners would like to reserve the opportunity to seek a second board extension.

#19107 Saguache and San Luis Creeks Conservation Legacy – \$330,000.00

On December 6, 2018, the board awarded \$330,000.00 in open space purpose funds to Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust (CCALT) to assist with the bargain sale purchase of two conservation easements in Saguache County. The grant award includes protection of the 2,241.25-acre Saguache Creek Ranch and conservation of 2,092 acres of the Pheasant Valley Ranch, which will result in the protection of the entire 3,858.2-acre property. Conservation of these two properties will protect significant wildlife habitat in the upper San Luis Valley, as well as 1.4 miles of San Luis Creek and 5.8 miles of Saguache Creek. The ranch open space contributes to the spectacular viewshed across the San Luis Valley from the heavily traveled Highway 285, protecting foreground views leading up to the Sangre de Cristo Mountain peaks. Protecting these ranches builds on a significant GOCO-supported conservation legacy in the region, including a 17-mile conservation corridor buffering the Saguache Creek and connecting 415,000 acres of private ranchland conservation and public lands.

CCALT has made significant progress toward the completion of these two transactions and is currently on a staff extension through June 30, 2021. The Saguache Creek Ranch Conservation Easement closed in January of 2021 and Pheasant Valley Ranch is slated to close this summer. NRCS transactions are renowned for taking a considerable amount of time. Given the possibility for delays associated with NRCS funding, CCALT is requesting a board extension through October 31, 2021. This extension is being done out of an abundance of caution to ensure CCALT has the necessary time to complete the Pheasant Valley Ranch transaction. All the project's due diligence documentation is currently being reviewed by both NRCS and GOCO.

Recommendation: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Completion of the Pheasant Valley Ranch transaction by October 31, 2021
- If for any reason the project encounters unforeseeable delays, GOCO staff and CCALT would like to reserve the opportunity to seek a second board extension.

Stewardship Impact Grants

#19506 Purgatoire Watershed Restoration and Recreation Enhancement Project – \$286,296.00

On June 13, 2019, the board awarded \$286,296.00 in open space purpose funds to the City of Trinidad to focus on community and youth corps led restoration and recreational enhancement of the Purgatoire River, Trinidad Riverwalk and Boulevard Addition, and Fisher's Peak Ranch. The completion date for the project is June 13, 2022. To-date, project partners have completed



three weeks of river restoration work, hosted several well attended socially distanced community stewardship events, and developed two online educational modules for current and future community stewards. That said, COVID-19 and gathering restrictions last year forced the rescheduling of several stewardship events for the 2021 field season. As such, the City of Trinidad is proactively requesting a board extension through March 31, 2023 to complete the project and submit final reporting.

Recommendation: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by March 31, 2023.
- If the project is not closed by its extension date deadline, funds allocated to it may be automatically deauthorized with no further action by the board being necessary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

June 9, 2021

Language to enter into Executive Session:

“Pursuant to Colorado Open Meeting Law; Article III, Section L of the GOCO bylaws; C.R.S. 24-6-402(3)(a)(I) and (II), I request the Executive Committee to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. Going into executive session requires a 2/3 majority vote by the board present.

Is there a motion to go into Executive Session?”

Process (do not read out loud):

Room is cleared of anyone the board doesn't want present. Operations Liaison or Executive Director remains to ensure compliance with Robert's Rules.

Language after room is cleared:

“I'd like to remind everyone that discussion during executive session is confidential and while we will discuss matters at hand, no action can be taken during executive session. We will vote to adjourn from executive session and entertain any motions and/or votes necessary in open session of the board.”

Robert's Rules:

- No action can be taken in Executive Session.
- Members vote to come out of Executive Session.

Language after exiting from Executive Session:

“During the executive session, the committee discussed a personnel matter as allowed under Article III, Section L of the bylaws. No formal action was taken.”

I attest that the recording reflects discussions on the following topics:

Discussion of a personnel matter as allowed under Article III, Section L of the bylaws.

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Mo Siegel, Board Chair
June 9, 2021
