

THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

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A meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at 9:02 am via Zoom on September 24, 2020:

BoardJason Brinkley, David Cockrell, Pamela Denahy, Charles Garcia (Treasurer), Dan Gibbs, Carrie BesnettePresentHauser, Hollie Velasquez Horvath (Chair), Mina Liebert, Turk Montepare, Jody Rogers (Secretary), Mo
Siegel (Vice-Chair), Jahi Simbai, Linda Strand, Julie Thibodeau

- Board Absent Warren Dean, Karma Giulianelli, Leticia Martinez
- Staff PresentCourtney Bennett, Matt Brady, Madison Brannigan, Chris Castilian, Alex Castino, Andrea Conrad,
Rosemary Dempsey, Lauren Lecy, Dylan Lewan, Erika Meyer, Jackie Miller, Victoria Nava-Watson, Emily
Orbanek, Josh Tenneson, Adrian Varney, Chris Yuan-Farrell
- Staff Absent Tess Barton

PublicDaniel Bewley, Colorado Lottery; Melissa Daruna, Keep it Colorado; Ralph Duggins, Public; DenisePresentHartsock, Kaiser Permanente; Cheryl Kelly, Kaiser Permanente; Jody Kennedy, Colorado Parks and
Wildlife; Tim Mauck, Department of Natural Resources; Angela Myers, Thorne Nature Experience;
Angela Plata, Kaiser Permanente; JT Romatzke, Colorado Parks and Wildlife, Dan Zimmerer, Colorado
Parks and Wildlife

<u>GOCO Board Roll Call</u> 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.

Approval of 2020
Committee & Board
Meeting MinutesMs. Denahy moved to approve the minutes from the 2020 committee and board meetings as
follows:Meeting MinutesApril 2020, GOCO Committee of the Whole Meeting
June 2020, GOCO Board Meeting
June 2020, GOCO Committee of the Whole Meeting
August 2020, GOCO Committee of the Whole Meeting
August 2020, GOCO Program Committee Meeting
September 2020, GOCO Program Committee Meeting
(See Attachment 1.e)

Ms. Liebert seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (13-0).** *Mr. Dean, Mr. Gibbs, Ms. Giulianelli, and Ms. Martinez were not present for the vote.*

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

<u>GOCO Finance</u> Ms. Conrad presented the Finance Update, including a review of the recent successful audit. Update Year in Review



Mr. Castilian provided a summary of GOCO's fiscal year 2020 - highlighting major

accomplishments including the launch of GOCO's new strategic plan, the highly collaborative effort to help create Colorado's next state park at Fisher's Peak, as well as GOCO's immediate and successful response to the COVID-19 pandemic: the Resilient Communities Program. Ms. Varney presented the proposal for the 2020 GOCO calendar of dates and locations. The 2021 GOCO Calendar board endorsed the proposals. **Generation Wild** Ms. Miller and Ms. Dempsey lead a discussion about GOCO's continued investment in the Generation Wild movement. Conversation focused on providing the board with a better Strategy Implementation understanding of the research that informed the program and campaign, GOCO's role as a funder of community-centered work, the intent of evaluation efforts, and why staff recommends a five-year strategy as opposed to an annual strategy. Ms. Denahy moved to endorse the 5-Year Funding Recommendations for Generation Wild as discussed with formal action by the board anticipated in December; Ms. Liebert seconded. Motion carried unanimously (13-0). Mr. Dean, Mr. Gibbs, Ms. Giulianelli, and Ms. Martinez were not present for the vote. Enter into An executive session of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund Board was requested by **Executive Session** Madam Chair Hollie Velasquez Horvath 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). Mr. Garcia moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and other confidential information; Ms. Thibodeau seconded. A second vote was taken to amend the motion to specifically include the additional conversation regarding an operational matter. Ms. Denahy moved to approve the amended motion and recess into Executive Session to discuss personnel & operational matters; Ms. Thibodeau and Mr. Garcia seconded. Motion carried unanimously (12-0). Mr. Brinkley, Mr. Dean, Mr. Gibbs, Ms. Giulianelli, and Ms. Martinez were not present for the vote. Adjourn from Mr. Garcia moved to adjourn from Executive Session to return to regular session; Mr. Siegel **Executive Session** seconded. Motion carried unanimously (13-0). Mr. Brinkley, Mr. Dean, Ms. Giulianelli, and Ms. Martinez were not present for the vote. During the executive session, the Executive Committee discussed a personnel & operational matters and an operational matter as allowed under Article III, Section L of the bylaws. No formal action was taken. CPW Finance & User CPW NW Region Manager, JT Romatzke, provided an update about user impacts to the parks Impact Update system. The parks system, already under stress with backlog of maintenance needs before the COVID-19 pandemic, is dealing with unprecedented visitor pressure that is unstainable without additional maintenance and operation funds.



CPW Partnership
UpdateJody Kennedy, CPW Public Outreach Specialist, and Dan Zimmerer, CPW Partnership
Coordinator, provided an update on CPW's Outdoor Regional Partnership vision. CPW continues
to evolve its concept for Outdoor Regional Partnerships that will inform a statewide vision that
benefits wildlife and natural resources while balancing Colorado's incredible recreation
opportunities.Consent AgendaMs. Strand presented the recommended projects for approval included on the consent agenda.
(See Attachment 2).

Ms. Strand moved the approval of the Consent Agenda; *Ms.* Denahy seconded. **Motion carried unanimously (12-0).** *Mr.* Brinkley, *Mr.* Dean, *Mr.* Gibbs, *Ms.* Giulianelli, and *Ms.* Martinez were not present for the vote.

Land ConservationMs. Castino led a conversation to gain the board's collective insight into the GOCO's landStrategy "Tee-Up"protection strategy and implementation plan as related to the newly adopted strategic plan.

The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at 2:22 pm on September 24, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

DocuSigned by: Jody Rogers

Jody Rogers, Board Secretary



THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND AD HOC, COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE-MEETING - ZOOM MEETING APRIL 20, 2020

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An ad hoc, committee-of-the-whole meeting for The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at 3:00 pm on April 20, 2020 via Zoom:

<u>Board Present</u> (via Zoom)	Jason Brinkley, David Cockrell, Warren Dean, Pamela Denahy, Charles Garcia (Treasurer), Karma Giulianelli, Carrie Besnette Hauser, Hollie Velasquez Horvath (Chair), 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	Dan Gi	ibbs	
<u>Staff Present</u>	Rosem	arton, Courtney Bennett, Matt Brady, Madison Brannigan, Chris Castilian, Alex Castino, Andrea Conrad, nary Dempsey, Erika Meyer, Jackie Miller, Victoria Nava-Watson, Emily Orbanek, Josh Tenneson, Adrian y, Chris Yuan-Farrell	
Staff Absent	Eric Al	exander, Lauren Lecy, Dylan Lewan	
Public Present	Justin	Rutter, Colorado Parks and Wildlife	
Welcome and Introductions		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.	
<u>Resolution 2020</u> <u>CPW Extension</u> <u>Requests</u>	<u>)-09</u>	Mr. Garcia moved to approve the Resolution 2020-09; Dr. Besnette Hauser and Ms. Denahy seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (16-0). Mr. Brinkley, Mr. Gibbs and Ms. Giulianelli were not present for the vote. (See Attachment 1).	
<u>COVID-19 Recovery</u> <u>Efforts / 2020</u> Spending Plan Review		In a joint discussion of both topics, board and staff discussed various options to respond to the current COVID-19 global pandemic. Multiple alternatives of a spending plan for FY20 were presented to aid the discussion A consensus was agreed upon for staff to pursue as a course of action.	
<u>Draft Strategic I</u>	<u>Plan</u>	Staff presented a revised draft version of the 2020 strategic plan for consideration. The new version reflected feedback collected from individual board members following the Del Norte board meeting; insight provided by equity consultant Dr. Nita Mosby Tyler; revisions by GOCO staff members in several sections; and measurement and evaluation input from Eliza Lanman, consultant, and Cheryl Kelly, evaluation investigator for Kaiser Permanente Colorado's Partners in Evaluation and Research Institute.	
June Board Mee Logistics	<u>eting</u>	Staff and board discussed the options for holding the June Board Meeting, a meeting originally scheduled to be held in Trinidad, jointly with the Colorado Parks and Wildlife Commission. In light of the global pandemic, it was decided not to pursue an in-person meeting requiring travel. The meeting is now planned to be convened digitally via Zoom.	
<u>Special Opportu</u> Open Space Pro <u>Site Visits</u>		Ms. Miller and Ms. Castino shared with the board that as a response to the global pandemic, previously scheduled site-visits for the Special Opportunity grant cycle will be held digitally in the following weeks.	

The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm on April 20, 2020.

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Jody Rogers

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Jody Rogers, Board Secretary



THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND BOARD MEETING VIA ZOOM

JUNE 11, 2020

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5-Year Spending Plan & FY21 Spending Plan	2020-16	3	3
Operating Budget Approval	2020-15	4	3



A meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at 8:04 am via Zoom on June 11, 2020:

<u>Board</u>	Jason Brinkley, David Cockrell, Warren Dean, Pamela Denahy, Charles Garcia (Treasurer), Dan Gibbs,
<u>Present</u>	Karma Giulianelli, Carrie Besnette Hauser, Hollie Velasquez Horvath (Chair), Mina Liebert, Leticia
	Martinez, Turk Montepare, Jody Rogers (Secretary), Mo Siegel (Vice-Chair), 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 Jahi Simbai
- Staff PresentTess Barton, Courtney Bennett, Matt Brady, Madison Brannigan, Chris Castilian, Alex Castino, Andrea
Conrad, Rosemary Dempsey, Lauren Lecy, Dylan Lewan, Erika Meyer, Jackie Miller, Victoria Nava-
Watson, Emily Orbanek, Josh Tenneson, Adrian Varney, Chris Yuan-Farrell
- Staff Absent None
- PublicJennifer Almstead, Larimer County Natural Resources; Daniel Bewley, Colorado Lottery; Travis Custer,PresentMontezuma Land Conservancy; Melissa Daruna, Keep it Colorado; Ralph Duggins, Texas Parks and
Wildlife Commission; Tom Hoby, Jefferson County; Fletcher Jacobs, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Jody
Kennedy, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Dan Prenzlow, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Susanne Roller, Rocky
Mountain Elk Foundation; Justin Rutter; Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Russ Schnitzer, Gates Family
Foundation; Mike Sukle, Sukle Advertising; Lauren Truitt, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Christina Wilder,
Sukle Advertising; Jeff Ver Steeg, Colorado Parks and Wildlife; Doug Vilsack, Department of Natural
Resources; Zac Wiebe, Larimer County Natural Resources; Dan Zimmerer, Colorado Parks and Wildlife

<u>GOCO Board Roll Call</u> 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.

Approval of the
March 2020 MinutesMs. Denahy moved to approve the minutes from the March 2020 board meeting; Mr. Gibbs
seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (16-0). Mr. Simbai was not present for the vote. (See
Attachment 1).

GOCO FinanceMs. Conrad presented the Finance Update and recommended the board approve amendmentsUpdate andto the FY20 plan that support the program reclassification within the Open Space purpose asSpending Planoutlined funding recommendations.Amendmentoutlined funding recommendations.

ApprovalMr. Siegel moved Resolution 2020-14; Mr. Cockrell seconded. Motion carried unanimously (16-0).Mr. Simbai was not present for the vote. (See Attachment 2).

<u>CPW Finance Update</u> Mr. Rutter, CFO of Colorado Parks and Wildlife, presented a high-level overview of CPW's financials.

Generation WildMs. Dempsey and the Sukle Advertising team provided an update on the fourth phase ofUpdateGeneration Wild, the communications program that GOCO board and staff created with partner
Sukle Advertising.



<u>GOCO Public</u> Statements	The Board discussed procedural expectations with regard to GOCO issuing public statements.
Partner Impacts Panel: COVID-19	A group of partners presented on the impacts of COVID-19 to their communities, organizations, and work.
<u>GOCO COVID-19</u> <u>Response Plan</u>	Staff discussed findings from GOCO's stakeholder survey and learnings from ongoing outreach efforts with grantees and partners. Staff recommended directing up to \$15,050,247 in FY 2021 to the proposed Community Resiliency Program including \$5,480,000 in local government purpose and \$9,570,247 in open space purpose funding, as well as the proposed associated timeline for that program.
	Mr. Garcia moved the approval GOCO's COVID-19 Response plan including approving the Community Resiliency Program approach and timeline as presented; Ms. Denahy seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (15-0). Mr. Gibbs, Ms. Giulianelli, and Mr. Simbai were not present for the vote.
2020 Strategic Plan Approval & Adoption	Staff presented the final draft version of the 2020 strategic plan and associated 5-year and annual (FY 21) spending plans for approval and formal adoption by the Board.
	The first draft of the strategic plan was shared at the board meeting in Del Norte on March 12- 13. Staff presented a second version of the plan at the committee meeting of the whole, held virtually on April 20. The third version of the strategic plan, shared at committee meetings in May, reflected revisions by GOCO staff members following careful consideration of comments provided by partners and Coloradans at large.
	Mr. Cockrell moved the approval of GOCO's 2020 Strategic Plan; Mr. Siegel seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (15-0). Mr. Gibbs, Ms. Giulianelli, and Mr. Simbai were not present for the vote.
<u>5-Year Spending Plan</u> <u>& FY21 Spending</u> <u>Plan</u>	In concert with the adoption of GOCO's 2020 Strategic Plan, staff presented the board with a recommended 5-year spending plan to address the priorities and goals set forth in the new strategic plan.
	Mr. Garcia moved the approval of Resolution 2020-16; Mr. Montepare seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (15-0). Mr. Gibbs, Ms. Giulianelli, and Mr. Simbai were not present for the vote. (See Attachment 3).
<u>Operating Budget</u> <u>Approval</u>	GOCO staff recommended that the Board approve a FY21 operating budget of \$5,175,573 as presented.
	Mr. Garcia moved the approval of Resolution 2020-15; Ms. Denahy seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (16-0). Mr. Gibbs, Ms. Giulianelli, and Mr. Simbai were not present for the vote. (See Attachment 4).



<u>Consent Agenda</u> Ms. Strand presented the recommended projects for approval included on the consent agenda. (See Attachment 5).

Ms. Liebert moved the approval of the Consent Agenda; *Mr.* Brinkley seconded. **Motion Carried Unanimously (15-0).** *Mr.* Gibbs, *Ms.* Giulianelli, and *Mr.* Simbai were not present for the vote.

<u>Grantee Recognition</u> 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.

The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm on June 11, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

DocuSigned by: Jody Rogers

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THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE BOARD MEETING JUNE 29, 2020

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A meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at 11:04 am via Zoom on June 29, 2020:

<u>Board Present</u>	Besne (Vice-	l Cockrell, Warren Dean, Pamela Denahy, Charles Garcia (Treasurer), Karma Giulianelli, Carrie ette Hauser, Mina Liebert, Leticia Martinez, Turk Montepare, Jody Rogers (Secretary), Mo Siegel -Chair), Jahi Simbai, Doug Vilsack (Deputy for Gibbs)* here 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	Jason Brinkley, Dan Gibbs, Hollie Velasquez Horvath (Chair), Linda Strand, Julie Thibodeau		
<u>Staff Present</u>	Tess Barton, Courtney Bennett, Matt Brady, Madison Brannigan, Chris Castilian, Alex Castino, Andrea Conrad, Rosemary Dempsey, Lauren Lecy, Dylan Lewan, Erika Meyer, Jackie Miller, Emily Orbanek, Jos Tenneson, Adrian Varney, Chris Yuan-Farrell		
Staff Absent	Victo	ria Nava-Watson	
Public Present	Rob E	Bleiberg, Colorado West Land Trust; Melissa Daruna, Keep it Colorado; Scott Segerstrom, CYCA	
GOCO Board Roll	<u>Call</u>	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 Authority Resolution 2020-:	<u>18</u>	To expedite project approval, staff recommended that the board designate the Programs Committee the authority to award grants through the Resilient Communities Program as allowed in Section 5A of the board bylaws.	
		Mr. Garcia moved the approval of Resolution 2020-18; Ms. Giulianelli seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (12-0). Mr. Brinkley, Mr. Gibbs, Dr. Besnette Hauser, Ms. Velasquez Horvath, Ms. Strand, and Ms. Thibodeau were not present for the vote. See Attachment 1.	
<u>Resilient</u> <u>Communities Gra</u> <u>Approvals</u> Resolution 2020-:		Staff recommended exercising GOCO's discretionary authority per GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E) to award funding to Colorado Youth Corps Association and Keep it Colorado as well as fully fund all three Resilient Communities proposals as presented by staff.	
	<u></u>	Mr. Garcia moved the approval of Resolution 2020-17; Ms. Rogers and Mr. Dean seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (12-0). Mr. Brinkley, Mr. Gibbs, Dr. Besnette Hauser, Ms. Velasquez Horvath, Ms. Strand, and Ms. Thibodeau were not present for the vote. See attachment 2.	

The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at 12:46 pm on June 29, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

DocuSigned by: Jody Rogers

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THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE BOARD MEETING AUGUST 4, 2020

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A decision-making Program Committee meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at 9:02 am via Zoom on August 4, 2020:

At its June 29th Committee of the Whole, the GOCO Board granted the Programs Committee authority to award grants through the Resilient Communities Program. A quorum of the 13 member committee is required to take formal action.

Chair	quez Horvath (Chair), Mina Liebert, Leticia Martinez, Jody Rogers (Secretary), Mo Siegel (Vice-), Jahi Simbai, Linda Strand, Julie Thibodeau, Doug Vilsack (Deputy for Gibbs)* here 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."
Jasor	Brinkley, Dan Gibbs, Carrie Besnette Hauser, Turk Montepare
Laure	Brady, Madison Brannigan, Chris Castilian, Alex Castino, Andrea Conrad, Rosemary Dempsey, en Lecy, Erika Meyer, Jackie Miller, Victoria Nava-Watson, Emily Orbanek, Josh Tenneson, Adrian ey, Chris Yuan-Farrell
Tess	Barton, Courtney Bennett, Dylan Lewan
Mick	Daniel, San Luis Valley Great Outdoors; Amber Shanklin, Palmer Land Trust
<u>l Call</u>	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.
	Ms. Stand, Committee Chair, announced that upon the end of her term in April 2021, Ms. Denahy will assume her role as the GOCO Representative on Colorado Parks and Wildlife's State Trails Committee.
ant 19	Staff recommended exercising GOCO's discretionary authority per GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E) to award funding to SLV GO! directly, as well as fully fund all four Resilient Communities proposals as presented by staff, financing these awards with \$533,700 in Open Space purpose funding and \$566,632 in Local Government purpose funding.
	<i>Mr.</i> Garcia moved the approval of Resolution 2020-19; Ms. Liebert seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (14-0). <i>Mr.</i> Brinkley, Mr. Gibbs, Dr. Besnette Hauser, and Mr. Montepare were not present for the vote. See attachment 2.
	Chair *Votes w Jason Matt Laure Varne Tess Mick <u>Call</u>

The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at 10:02 am on August 4, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

DocuSigned by: Jody Rogers

Jody Rogers, Board Secretary



THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WHOLE BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

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Resilient Communities Grant Approval - CCALT	2020-21	2	2



A joint Communications and decision-making Program Committee meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at 12:00 pm via Zoom on September 10, 2020:

At its June 29th Committee of the Whole, the GOCO Board granted the Programs Committee authority to award grants through the Resilient Communities Program. A quorum of the 13-member committee is required to take formal action.

- **Board Present** David Cockrell, Warren Dean, Pamela Denahy, Charles Garcia (Treasurer), Dan Gibbs, Karma Giulianelli, Carrie Besnette Hauser, Hollie Velasquez Horvath (Chair), Mina Liebert, Leticia Martinez, Turk Montepare, Jody Rogers (Secretary), Mo Siegel (Vice-Chair), Jahi Simbai, Linda Strand, Julie Thibodeau
- **Board Absent** Jason Brinkley
- Staff PresentTess Barton, Courtney Bennett, Matt Brady, Madison Brannigan, 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 Dylan Lewan
- Public PresentBrandon Altenburg, City of Wheatridge; Gabrielle Chisholm, Gilpin County; Travis Custer, Montezuma
Land Conservancy; Melissa Daruna, Keep it Colorado; Ralph Duggins, Public; Erik Glenn, CCALT; Denise
Hartsock, Kaiser; Beth Helmke, Get Outdoors Leadville!; Karoline Johnson, Sukle Advertising; Cheryl
Kelly, Kaiser; Tilah Larson, City of Colorado Springs; Joe Lavorini, National Forest Foundation; Kristen
May, City of Westminster; Amber McMahill, Town of Marble; Ross Mittelman, Mesa County; Ellen
O'Connor, Evergreen Parks & Rec; Angela Plata, Kaiser; Joe Reale, City of Westminster; John Reesor,
Alamosa Parks & Rec; Andy Rice, City of Alamosa; Nicole Rosmarino, Southern Plains Land Trust; Scott
Sibley, Sukle Advertising; Justin Spring, The Conservation Fund; Mike Sukle, Sukle Advertising
- **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.

ResilientStaff recommended fully funding the 10 proposals and partially funding 3 additional proposals as
presented by staff, financing these awards with \$474,509.00 in Open Space purpose funding and
\$1,620,806.48 in Local Government purpose funding.Approvals
Resolution 2020-20
& 2020-21Dr. Besnette Hauser moved the approval of Resolution 2020-20 and 2020-21; Ms. Liebert and Mr.
Dean seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (14-0). Mr. Brinkley, was not present for the vote.
Ms. Rogers abstained from 2020-21. See attachment 1 & 2.

The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at 3:53 pm on September 10, 2020.

Respectfully Submitted,

DocuSigned by: Jody Rogers

Jody Rogers, Board Secretary

The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund Consent Agenda September 24, 2020

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. Generation Wild Grant

<u>Res. #</u>	Project Titles & Reviewer Scores (*Partial Funding)
2020-10	 SLV Inspire; Saguache County, CD 3
	 Nature Kids/Jovenes de la Naturaleza; Boulder County, CD 2 & 4

2. Grants Extensions

	<u>Grant #</u>	Project Titles & Type
a.	18023 - LG	Akron Pond Revitalization Project (LPOR)
b.	18033 - LG	Prospect Park Renovation Phase II (LPOR)
с.	18048 - LG	Town of Nucla Arena Improvement Project (LPOR)
d.	18052 - LG	Montana Azul Park Phase One (LPOR)
e.	18060 - LG	Runyon Complex Expansion Phase 1 (LPOR)
f.	15346 - LG	Colorado Springs Legacy Loop (Path to Parks)
g.	18366 - LG	LOVA South Canyon Trail (Planning)
h.	19378 - LG	Project Wild Nature Connection Research (Planning)
i.	20439 - LG/OS	2020 CYCA Youth Corps (CYCA)
j.	18445 - LG	Madison Elementary Playground (School Yards)
k.	18450 - LG	Shawsheen Elementary Outdoor Learning Play (School Yards)

Abstentions None

<u>Abstentions</u> None



<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

To:	GOCO Programs Committee
From:	Erika Meyer, Program Officer
Date:	September 24, 2020
Re:	Generation Wild Grant Recommendations

Background

Great Outdoors Colorado awarded grant funding to six pilot Generation Wild coalitions in December 2016. The original deadline for project implementation was June 2020; yet all projects are on staff extension to December 2020, providing time to wrap up work and submit final reporting. While the Programs Committee will consider the continuation of funding for all Generation Wild coalitions at its meeting in November, there are two communities, the Town of Saguache as part of SLV Inspire and Nature Kids in the City of Lafayette, that completed their original project scopes by the June deadline and are prepared to move forward with an additional year of implementation now.

This memo presents the committee's recommendation to award additional funding to these two successful Generation Wild coalitions and extend the scope of work of their current grant contracts. Funds approved will enable coalition leads and program providers to remain secure during the COVID-19 pandemic and continue to provide outdoor education and recreation opportunities for youth and families at a time when demand for these opportunities has skyrocketed.

Available Funding and Recommendation

At its June meeting, the Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) board anticipated requests for continued funding for Generation Wild pilot coalitions and approved \$2,800,000 in its FY '21 spending plan including \$2,300,000 in local government and \$500,000 in open space purpose funding.

The Programs Committee recommends funding for two existing Generation Wild coalitions with a proven track record for a total amount of \$733,555 including \$134,500 to the Town of Saguache and \$599,055 to the City of Lafayette for the purposes outlined in the following project summaries on pages 2 and 3 of this memo. Recommended grants would be financed through the local government purpose.

Attachment 2

Project Summary



Applicant:Town of SaguacheProject Title:SLV InspireCounty:Saguache

Funding Summary :	Partner Cash Match	\$29,640
	Partner In-Kind Match	\$16,414
	GOCO Grant Amount	\$134,500
	Total Project Cost	\$180,554

Project Description

The San Luis Valley coalition's vision is to have a vibrant, healthy and active outdoor community cared for by all. Working together to create opportunities and connections to the outdoors for all people in the San Luis Valley. They are guided by diversity, equity and inclusion principles. The coalition aims to provide community members with the tools and resources needed to connect with the outdoors, especially those who would otherwise have limited access. They make intentional efforts to include the variety of voices and perspectives present in the San Luis Valley and believe in collective success by working together to celebrated, share, and build awareness of the culture, traditions and heritage of the San Luis Valley. The coalition is committed to promoting a sustainable outdoor recreation culture that minimizes the impacts on ecological functions and promotes the conservation of the rich natural resources in the San Luis Valley for future generations.

The Town of Saguache is one of the San Luis Valley's Generation Wild coalition. Since 2015, the town has impacted more than 3.800 youth through 108 program opportunities. Moving forward, The Town of Saguache will merge with the RIO Alamosa coalition to become one coalition with an eye on sustainability and efficiency in driving project outcomes.

The Town of Saguache is requesting \$134,500 to fund their year 4 work so there will not be a gap in programs for the community. Requested funds will cover the cost of the Backyard to Backcountry School program as well as the coordinator position for the coalition and an AmeriCorps team member. The Backyard to Backcountry program provides K-12 students with outdoor education and programs. This program offers new opportunities in communities that don't currently have environmental and outdoor education curriculum.

Project Summary



Applicant:City of LafayetteProject Title:Nature Kids/Jovenes de la NaturalezaCounty:Boulder County

Funding Summary:	Partner(s) Match	\$375,718
	GOCO Grant Amount	\$599,005
	Total Project Cost	\$974,723

Project Description:

Nature Kids/ Jovenes de la Naturalez (NKJN) provides pre-k to high school, backyard to backcountry, and family integrated environmental education and outdoor recreation programming to underrepresented Lafayette youth.

NKJN focuses on reaching youth who attend five Boulder Valley School District schools: Sanchez, Pioneer, and Ryan Elementary Schools; Angevine Middle School; and Centaurus High School. There are 39 collaborating and supporting organizations that help deliver a scaffolded approach to pre-K to high school, backyard to backcountry, and family-integrated nature and outdoor recreation programing. Programming includes classroom, afterschool, and field trip opportunities as well as summer opportunities that range from family programming to summer camps and employment opportunities. Since 2015, more than 22,000 participants have accessed 285 program opportunities in Lafayette.

The City of Lafayette is requesting \$599,005 to fund their year 4 work so there will not be a gap in programs for the community. These funds will cover the cost of all youth programs and pathways as well as the capacity needed to manage the partnerships. Although actual expenses have fluctuated over the initial three years of program implementation, total spending and match have remained relatively consistent across organizations and program areas as is anticipated into the future.

COVID-19 has forced collaborators to significantly alter programs and the coalition anticipates additional changes to the program structure in future years based on what the new norm of program operations and finances will be. To ensure NKJN is impactful in reaching its mission to connect underrepresented Lafayette youth to nature and the outdoors in the coming year, the coalition has already identified several program pivots that will be a priority for coalition members if traditional programs cannot be implemented. Program pivots have been identified to address emergent needs of community members as well as to ensure the organizational and programmatic sustainability of NKJN collaborators. A key focus of program pivots is on providing nature and outdoor based childcare to support the needs of parents impacted by school closures and to offer older youth paid employment opportunities to help address the financial impacts of COVID on Lafayette youth and families. The virtual programs and small group size programs that have already proven successful during the pandemic are also anticipated to continue until partners can safely engage larger groups in person.

NKJN collaborators are hopeful that, despite COVID, through traditional programs and program pivots they will be able to maintain their traditional annual program value of \$1 million in the coming 12 months. Key to this success will be continued support from Great Outdoors Colorado for year 4 programming.

The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund Resolution 2020-22 September 24, 2020

A Resolution Awarding Grants to Year 4 Generation Wild Coalitions

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

- 1. As part of the fiscal year 2021 spending plan, the board approved the use of up \$2,800,000 including \$2,300,000 in local government and \$500,000 in open space purpose funding for Generation Wild;
- 2. Two existing Generation Wild grantees with proven track records submitted requests for additional funding to continue project implementation;
- 3. GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E) establishes that, through its discretionary authority, the board may make grants or investments and to categorize such expenditures across any of the four funding categories, so long as the expenditure accomplishes one or more purposes of Article XXVII of the Colorado Constitution (the "GOCO Amendment"), or the grant or investment uses one or more entities identified in the constitution and that entity is accomplishing one or more purposes of the amendment.
- 4. The purpose of Generation Wild is reflected in the outdoor recreation funding quadrant in Article XXVII yet projects are sponsored by entities identified as eligible in the local government and open space funding quadrants;
- 5. Generation Wild works in service of GOCO's four funding quadrants and all eligible entities listed in Article XXVII.

Accordingly, the board RESOLVES to:

- 1. Exercise its discretionary authority to award funding to The Town of Saguache and the City of Lafayette to advance purposes reflected in the outdoor recreation funding quadrant.
- 2. Award \$733,555 in local government purpose funds to fund the Town of Saguache in the amount of \$134,500 and the City of Lafayette in the amount of \$599,055 for the purposes outlined in the attached project summaries.
- 3. 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 September 24, 2020.

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Jody Rogers, GOCO Board Secretary



MEMORANDUM

To:GOCO BoardFrom:Matt Brady - Grants OfficerDate:September 25, 2020Re: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. It is worth noting that roughly 60% of the projects requesting board extension are doing so in response to COVID-19. This is consistent with responses from the stakeholder survey GOCO performed in April 2020 that informed the Resilient Communities Program.

Local Parks and Outdoor Recreation Grants

#18023 Akron Pond Revitalization Project – \$170,000.00

On March 15, 2018, the board awarded \$170,000.00 in local government purpose funds to the Town of Akron to revitalize the 60-year-old Akron Pond for fishing and outdoor recreational opportunities. The original completion date for the project was March 15, 2020. The town received a staff extension through September 25, 2020 as permitting delays stalled construction. The project is 90% complete with the build out of a gravel road and parking area remaining. The town expects the project to be complete by the end of the year. As such, the Town of Akron is requesting a board extension through March 31, 2021 to complete and submit final reporting.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by March 31, 2021.
- 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.

#18033 Prospect Park Renovation Phase II – \$350,000.00

On March 15, 2018, the board awarded \$350,000.00 in local government purpose funds to the City of Wheat Ridge to enhance Prospect Park with several active and passive recreational amenities and improve vehicle and pedestrian park access. The original completion date for the project was March 15, 2020. The city received a staff extension through September 25, 2020 to reassesss project feasibility and the timeline after city funds were diverted to another active capital project. To-date the city is still committed to complete the project in its entirety and has secured funds to proceed. Construction is underway and project completion is expected by the



end of 2021. As such, the City of Wheat Ridge is requesting a board extension through March 31, 2022 to complete the project and submit final reporting.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by March 31, 2022.
- 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.

#18048 Town of Nucla Arena Improvement Project – \$350,000.00

On March 15, 2018, the board awarded \$350,000.00 in local government purpose funds to the Town of Nucla to rebuild their outdoor rodeo arena. The original completion date for the project was March 15, 2020. The city received a staff extension through September 25, 2020 as finding a suitable contractor took longer than expected. While COVID-19 further pushed out the project timeline, design is complete and the arena's construction is currently out for bid. As such, the Town of Nucla is requesting a board extension through March 31, 2021 to complete the project and submit final reporting.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by March 31, 2021.
- 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.

#18052 Montana Azul Park Phase One – \$347,794.00

On March 15, 2018, the board awarded \$347,794.00 in local government purpose funds to the City of Alamosa to construct a U12 adult soccer field, basketball court, and other passive recreational amenities for the Montana Azul community on the west side of the city. The original completion date for the project was March 15, 2020. The city received a staff extension through September 25, 2020 as design changes were needed and high groundwater delayed site excavation. While the major infrastructure work is complete to-date, COVID-19 has delayed the city's ability to wrap up landscaping and acquire and install a prefabricated pavilion. The city is still fully committed to the project and expects project completion by spring 2021. As such, the City of Alamosa is requesting a board extension through June 30, 2021 to complete the project and submit final reporting.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by June 30, 2021.
- 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.

#18060 Runyon Complex Expansion Phase 1 – \$350,000.00



On March 15, 2018, the board awarded \$350,000.00 in local government purpose funds to Pueblo County to pursue the build out of the Runyon Sports Complex. The project aims to construct three new artificial turf fields adjacent to the existing park. The original completion date for the project was March 15, 2020. The county received a staff extension through September 25, 2020 to reassess project feasibility and timeline after the acquisition of the needed parcels fell through and staff changes stalled the project. To-date, the city has identified alternative field sites managed by the Pueblo Conservancy District and expects the acquisition to be complete by the end of 2021. A design RFP is currently accepting bids and plans are expected to be finalized by fall 2021. Construction is expected to begin in 2022. The county is committed to the expansion project and has secured adequate funding through a bond initiative to proceed. As such, Pueblo County is requesting a board extension through December 31, 2022 to complete the project and submit final reporting.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by December 31, 2022.
- 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.

Path to Parks Grants

#15346 Colorado Springs Legacy Loop – \$1,000,000.00

On June 18, 2015, the board awarded \$1,000,000.00 in local government purpose funds to the City of Colorado Springs to construct the Legacy Loop trail, which includes four underpasses, one trailhead, one bridge, and two safe trail crossings. These improvements, along with the addition of roughly 2.5-miles of concrete trail will ensure that users of the Pikes Peak Greenway and Colorado Front Range Trail can safely navigate the city's urban core to reach outdoor destinations. The original completion date for the project was June 18, 2018. The grantee requested and received a staff extension through September 27, 2018 and a board extension through September 27, 2020 as cost escalations forced the city to prioritize project funds towards some project components and seek further grant opportunities for the others. As reference, at the time of the original application, the city anticipated the project would cost approximately \$4 million; current estimates have increased it to \$16 million.

To-date the Uintah Street Underpass, Legacy Loop Plaza Trailhead, and segments of the Pikes Peak Greenway corridor are complete. With the award of a 2020 State Trails LWCF grant, the city can pursue further construction along the Pikes Peak Greenway corridor and begin work on the Mesa Creek Crossing Pedestrian Bridge and Rock Island Trail. All are expected to begin between 2020-2021. While discussions are underway, the city is unclear the timeline and funding on parts of the Mesa Street Underpass improvements at this time but are still fully committed to completing the Legacy Loop and consider it a top priority trail coordinator for the



region. The city is requesting a board extension through December 31, 2022 to complete the project and submit final reporting.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by December 31, 2022.
- If the project is not closed by its extension date deadline, funds allocated to it will be automatically deauthorized with no further action by the board being necessary.

Planning Grants

#18366 LOVA South Canyon Trail – Part 2 – \$75,000.00

On March 15, 2018, the board awarded \$75,000.00 in local government purpose funds to the Town of New Castle to design a roughly 2.5-mile trail through South Canyon between Glenwood Springs and New Castle – significantly enhancing safety, connectively, and economic development in the region. The original completion date for the project was March 15, 2020. The town received a staff extension through September 25, 2020 to allow additional time to get sign off on the design from a few outstanding agencies. The town is still in a collaborative review process with CDOT, BLM, and UPRR which has been delayed due to COVID-19 and the high wildfire season. The town expects project completion by early 2021. As such, the Town of New Castle is requesting a board extension through March 31, 2021 to complete the project and submit final reporting.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by March 31, 2021.
- 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.

#19378 Project Wild Nature Connection Research – \$72,488.00

On March 9, 2019, the board awarded \$72,488.00 in local government purpose funds to the City of Lafayette in partnership with Thorne Nature Experience to fund quantitative research to explore whether the Nature Kids (NKJN) Generation Wild program positively impacted academic achievements of the youth served. The completion date for the project is March 6, 2021. COVID-19 and subsequent school closures have shifted many of their already 3-year implementation timeline and they need to push the project out through the next academic calendar. Thorne Nature Experience is committed to completing the project utilizing the same methodology as originally proposed. As such, the City of Lafayette is requesting a board extension through September 30, 2023 to complete the project and submit final reporting.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

• Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by September 30, 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.

Colorado Youth Corps Association Grants

#20439 2020 CYCA Youth Corps - \$560,000.00

On December 10, 2019, the board awarded \$560,000.00, split between local government and open space purpose funds, to the Colorado Youth Corps Association (CYCA) to support projects that employ young adults on conservation service projects across Colorado. The completion date for the work is December 10, 2020.

Due to COVID-19 and subsequent local restrictions, Western Colorado Conservation Corps (WCCC) in partnership with Crested Butte Land Trust are unable to proceed with the Crested Butte Open Space Fencing and Noxious Weed Stewardship Project during this field season. This is 1 of the 16 projects awarded funding through this grant program this year. \$25,600 in open space purpose funds are to be put towards this project. The project sponsor is requesting an extension to complete the project during the 2021 field season. As such, CYCA is requesting a board extension through September 30, 2021 to complete the project and submit final reporting.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by September 30, 2021.
- 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.

School Yard Grants

#18445 Madison Elementary Playground – \$110,000.00

On March 15, 2018, the board awarded \$110,000.00 in local government purpose funds to the City of Greeley in partnership with Madison Elementary School to redevelop their 53-year-old playground with many play features, fitness stations, and benches. The original completion date for the project was March 15, 2020. The city received a staff extension through September 25, 2020 to give the school district's new grants manager additional time to close out this project. COVID-19 has significantly reduced the district's capacity since the staff extension was approved and the school anticipates having the capacity to close out the project with the city's support in fall 2020. As such, the City of Greeley is requesting a board extension through December 31, 2020 to complete the project and submit final reporting.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

• Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by December 31, 2020.



• 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.

#18450 Shawsheen Elementary Outdoor Learning Play Yard – \$110,000.00

On March 15, 2018, the board awarded \$110,000.00 in local government purpose funds to the City of Greeley in partnership with Shawsheen Elementary to redevelop their 42-year-old playground with many play features and garden beds. The original completion date for the project was March 15, 2020. The city received a staff extension through September 25, 2020 to give the school district's new grants manager additional time to close out this project. COVID-19 has significantly reduced the district's capacity since the staff extension was approved and the school anticipates having the capacity to close out the project with the city's support in fall 2020. As such, the City of Greeley is requesting a board extension through December 31, 2020 to complete the project and submit final reporting.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Approval of extension request with the following conditions:

- Complete the project and submit the final report to GOCO by December 31, 2020.
- 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.