



THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND
BOARD MEETING
December 8-9, 2022

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A meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at 9:00 A.M. on December 9, 2022

Board Present In-person: Brenda May, Carrie Curtiss, Charley Garcia, Craig Hughes, David Cockrell, Jahi Simbai, Krithika Prashant, Leticia Martinez, Mara Brosy-Wiwchar, Mina Liebert, Mo Siegel, Pam Denahy, Patty Imhoff, Turk Montepare
Virtual: Alice Horgan*, Tom Lee
**Alice Horgan votes for Dan Gibbs (DNR) in his absence*

Board Absent Jay Tutchton, Marie Haskett, Ray Tschillard, Dan Gibbs*

Staff Present In-Person: Adrian Varney, Alex Castino, Chris Aaby, Chris Yuan-Farrell, Christy Reeves, Courtney Bennett, Crystal Medrano, Dan Zimmerer, Jackie Miller, Josh Tenneson, Leah Kahler, Liz Bowen, Rosemary Dempsey, Tilah Larson
Virtual: Dan Omasta, Diane Metzger, Emily Robinson, Erika Meyer, Estrella Woods, Katie Smith, Madison Brannigan, Sammie George

Staff Absent Matt Brady

Public Present Scott Segerstrom (Executive Director, CYCA), Phillip Ponce (MHYC), Daniela Young (Civic Canopy), Bill Fulton (Civic Canopy), Sukle Advertising (virtual), Ruth Aponte & Dave DeNovellis (Aponte & Busam Public Affairs, virtual), Crystal Dreiling (CPW, Fishers Peak State Park), Martha Beavers (CPW, virtual), Ty Hamer (City of Fort Morgan, virtual), Melissa Daruna (KIC, virtual), Travis Custer (Montezuma Land Conservancy, virtual), Regina Lopez Whiteskunk (Montezuma Land Conservancy, virtual), Ross Mittleman (virtual), Julia Feder (City of Fort Collins Natural Areas Department, virtual), Heide Sherk (TNC, virtual), Hannah George (virtual), Jenn Almstead (Larimer County, virtual), Abby Henry (Town of Haxtun, virtual), Mark Leidal (Town of Silverthorne, virtual), Tara Watkins (TNC, virtual), Ryan Hyland (Town of Silverthorne, virtual), Zac Wiebe (Larimer County, virtual), Meegan Flenniken (Larimar County, virtual), Amber Palmeri (Mile High Youth Corps, virtual),

Welcome & Introductions Mr. Siegel invited board members to introduce themselves to the group and share any updates. Ms. Prashant, the newest board member, gave a brief introduction of herself.

Regional Spotlight Mr. Aaby gave a presentation of GOCO funded projects and upcoming projects in the southern front range region: Douglas County, Pueblo Levee Trail Connect, Cheyenne Mountain State Park, Fishers Peak Land Acquisition, Outdoor Pikes Peak Initiative, and Stewardship Impact. He also presented on the impact of Generation Wild in the region.

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

Director Updates Ms. Miller provided a report summarizing GOCO's major areas of staff activity since the last board meeting: Statewide Planning Meeting and Interviews, BoardSpot, staff engagements in Shared Learning in Keystone Policy Training, Generation Wild Legislative Breakfast, and thanking Chris Aaby, Tilah Larson, and Mina Liebert for hosting us in Colorado Springs and all their work in the area.



September Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Siegel introduced the September board meeting minutes for a vote

*Ms. Curtiss made a motion to approve the September board minutes; Ms. Martinez seconded. **Motion Carried Unanimously (16-0, 3 board members were absent).***

Finance Update

Ms. Reeves provided a report summarizing the GOCO finances since the last board meeting including details such as: the audit, updated balance sheet, revenue & expenditures, GOCO lottery proceeds, YTD budget to actuals, and outstanding grants for FY23

KIC – Transaction Cost Assistance Program Grants

Ms. Castino presented the Transaction Cost Assistance Program, regranting funds to Keep It Colorado members to help cover the costs associated with conservation easement transactions, enabling landowners with financial barriers to protect their land.

*Pam Denahy noted the date on the resolution is dated 12/9/2023. This will be adjusted before signing of the resolution

*Ms. Brosy-Wiwchar made a motion to approve the KIC-Transaction Cost Assistance Program Grants; Ms. May seconded. **Motion Carried Unanimously (16-0, 3 board members were absent).***

Consent Agenda

Ms. Liebert introduced the consent agenda for a vote

- Base Programs
- Fellowship Program
- Conservation Service Corps
- Grant Extensions

*Mr. Montepare made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Ms. Denahy seconded. **Motion Carried Unanimously (16-0, 3 board members were absent).***

Generation Wild Campaign Update

Ms. Dempsey and Sukle Advertisement presented to the board members the Generation Wild Campaign Phase 7: 2023 Communications Approach.

CPW Southeast Region Spotlight

Ms. Dreiling, the Park Manager at Fishers Peak State Park, presented to the board the start to finish process of opening Fishers Peak State Park.

Legislative Update

Ms. Aponte and Mr. DeNovellis, from Aponte & Busam Public Affairs, informed the board of legislative activity post-election and pre-legislative session of 2023. GOCO Policy Priorities: Education and Engagement with Lawmakers and Administration; Implementation and Continuing Engagement; Wildfire Mitigation, Suppression and Recovery; and Water Quality Rights and Access.

Generation Wild Grant Program Strategy Discussion

Ms. Young & Mr. Fulton from Civic Canopy, along with Ms. Miller, facilitated a discussion on the Generation Wild Grant Program Strategy for the upcoming year.

Board reached consensus about moving the Generation Wild Grant Program into Base Programs and continuing the program into the next spending plan.

Colorado Youth Corps Association Spotlight

Mr. Segerstrom, Executive Director from Colorado Youth Corps Association, provided the board information on the Colorado Youth Corps Association's plans on filling in the eastern plains with a new program model: educating climate concerns in underrepresented communities and



developing more high school programming. Mr. Ponce, the Senior Crew Leader at Mile High Youth Corps, shared his experience with MHYC and how the opportunity impacted him.

**GOCO Board
Officer Elections &
Steps for
Committee Chair
Appointments**

Mr. Siegel led the vote for the 2023 officer election. Encouraged board members to submit interest to Ms. Denahy by January if they are interested in serving as a committee chairperson.

*Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the slate as proposed; Ms. Brosy-Wiwchar seconded. **Motion Carried Unanimously (16-0, 3 board members were absent).***

**Discussion
Reflections &
Future Meeting
Topics**

Mr. Garcia asked Ms. Miller and the GOCO staff to finalize the July dates for the site visit to Chaffee County.

Mr. Montepare thanked Mr. Siegel for his leadership as chairperson. Ms. Miller thanked the outgoing Executive Committee, leading us through a new GOCO structure, transitions, and guiding her as the new Executive Director.

Ms. Denahy thanked the GOCO staff and Ms. Liebert who put together the Colorado Springs meeting.

*The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at **2:29 PM on December 9, 2022.***

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