



THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND  
BOARD MEETING  
September 21-22, 2023

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<b><u>Board Present</u></b>	<p>In-person: Brenda May, Charley Garcia, Craig Hughes, Tim Brass for Dan Gibbs, Jahi Simbai, Jay Tutchton, Leticia Martinez, Mara Brosy-Wiwchar, Marie Haskett, Mina Liebert, Mo Siegel, Pam Denahy, Turk Montepare</p> <p>Virtual: Carrie Curtiss, Patty Imhoff, Krithika Prashant, Ray Tschillard</p>
<b><u>Board Absent</u></b>	Tom Lee
<b><u>Staff Present</u></b>	<p>In-Person: Adrian Varney, Chris Yuan-Farrell, Christy Reeves, Dan Zimmerer, Diane Metzger, Jackie Miller, Josh Tenneson, Katie Smith, Liz Bowen, Rosemary Dempsey, Tilah Larson</p> <p>Virtual: Alex Castino, Chris Aaby, Dan Omasta, Emily Robinson, Erika Meyer, Keli Cavaleri, Madison Brannigan, Matt Brady, Sammie Trotter</p>
<b><u>Staff Absent</u></b>	Crystal Medrano
<b><u>Public Present</u></b>	<p>In-person: Dallas May (CPW), Jeff Davis (CPW)</p> <p>Virtual: Martha Beavers (CPW), Heather Dugan (CPW)</p>
<b><u>Welcome &amp; Introductions</u></b>	Ms. Denahy invited board members, staff, and guests to introduce themselves to the group.
<b><u>Retreat Objectives &amp; Orientation on GOCO Strategic Planning</u></b>	Ms. Miller presented the objectives of the retreat and meeting, referencing the 2020 strategic plan, statewide planning, and Generation Wild, and how GOCO adopted new processes to be successful in all of these. She brought up challenges GOCO foresees in project planning and maximizing the GOCO   CPW partnership.
<b><u>Competitive Programs - Accomplishments, Learnings, &amp; Evaluation</u></b>	<p>Mr. Yuan-Farrell presented the current accomplishments of the strategic plan. He incorporated the GOCO values and how they impact grantmaking. He presented how investments are distributed: park and development, land conservation, stewardship and restoration, planning and capacity, Generation Wild, and the counties and communities these affect. He presented on the strategic planning evaluation, evaluating our grantmaking process, and assessing and reporting outcomes.</p> <p>The board dispersed into small groups to discuss the topics presented and reported back to the larger group.</p>
<b><u>CPW Partnership - Highlights and Discussion</u></b>	Mr. Zimmerer introduced CPW Director Jeff Davis, CPW Commission Chair Dallas May, and presented on the goals, values, and investments within the GOCO   CPW partnership. He presented GOCO's strategic plan successes, challenges, and opportunities. Mr. Davis presented his prospective of the GOCO   CPW partnership and what he is looking forward to and what he considers challenges. He talked about his goals on a statewide culture survey, CPW's vision for the partnership's strategic and statewide plan, centennial projects, and state park initiatives.



<b><u>How We Engage – results from partnership survey</u></b>	Ms. Larson presented the community and partner survey that was distributed to 416 individuals, who have a current relationship with GOCO, with a 22% response rate. Questions ranged from partnership/collaboration, support felt during the process, approach to funding, and what program staff can do better for future partners and projects.
<b><u>GOCO’s Strategic Communications Plan</u></b>	Ms. Dempsey presented on how the Communications team fits in within the GOCO strategic plan, their goals, and how to continue to communicate and elevate milestones through social media, press releases, blog posts, and email.
<i>The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at <b>2:32 PM on Thursday, September 21, 2023</b></i>	
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<b><u>Staff Absent</u></b>	Crystal Medrano
<b><u>Public Present</u></b>	In-person: Marcie Bidwell (Land Trust Alliance/KIC, Durango), Gabe Otero (CPW)  Virtual: Martha Beavers (CPW)
<b><u>Land Conservation Situation Analysis &amp; Topics for Future Consideration</u></b>	Mr. Yuan-Farrell presented GOCO’s land acquisition history, trends, and how it is part of the majority of all our projects; he presented on the impact of the tax credit; GOCO’s diminished purchase power over the years and how Colorado is outpacing GOCO’s lottery cap.
<b><u>June Minutes</u></b>	Ms. Denahy introduced the June board meeting minutes for a vote:  <i>Ms. Brosy-Wiwchar made a motion to approve the June board minutes; Mr. Siegel seconded. Motion Carried Unanimously (17-0; 1 board member absent for the vote)</i>
<b><u>Regional Spotlight</u></b>	Ms. Smith gave a land acknowledgement for the indigenous people in the Mesa County area, honoring the elders and our tribal partners. Her regional content included information on the diverse landscape, agriculture, stewardship impacts, recreation, and collaboration with partners in western Colorado. She presented GOCO’s total investment across the west region and in Mesa County (283 projects, for over \$52 million).



<b><u>Executive Director Spotlight</u></b>	Ms. Miller thanked staff for a successful retreat and all their hard work. She's leading us into the winter after a busy summer – 30 partner events, including Generation Wild events, Chaffee County site visit, and our staff retreat at Sylvan Lake State Park. She updated us on the Colorado Outdoors Strategy with updated frameworks and is considering what GOCO's role will be in strategy implementation once adopted; she checked in about Centennial Project site visits and noted grant awards and a press event in March with elected officials.
<b><u>Finance Update</u></b>	Ms. Reeves provided a report summarizing the GOCO finances since the end of FY23, including lottery proceeds, budget vs. actual, and outstanding grants in regards to substantially equal. She updated the board on the audit, which passed with no comments, and will be finalized with the state auditors in October.
<b><u>GOCO Programs Grant Project Recommendations</u></b>	Ms. Larson presented the program grants up for a vote: ECO Program with Keep it Colorado - Transaction Cost Assistance Program and Conserving Colorado; and Generation Wild Grants: My Outdoor Colorado in Denver, Nature Kids in Lafayette & Thorne Nature Experience, Eagle Valley Outdoor Movement in Eagle County, Get Outdoors Leadville in Lake County, Montezuma Inspire Coalition with Montezuma Land Conservancy, Nature Connection in Delta, Generation Wild in the Pikes Peak Region City of Colorado Springs, San Luis Valley in Alamosa Sheridan Inspire in city of Sheridan, Gen Wild Northeast Metro in City of Auror and Commerce City, and Garfield County Outdoors with Aspen Valley Land Trust and CSU Extension.
<b><u>Consent Agenda</u></b>	<p>Mr. Garcia asked for a vote on the Consent Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generation Wild Grants</li> <li>• ECO Program</li> <li>• Grant Extensions</li> </ul> <p><i>Mr. Tutchton made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Ms. May seconded. <b>Motion Carried Unanimously (14-0; 4 board members absent for the vote)</b></i></p>
<b><u>2024 Committee &amp; Board Meeting Dates &amp; Locations</u></b>	<p>Ms. Bowen presented the suggested 2024 dates and locations for committee and board meetings, with discussion from the board before asking for a vote. Ms. Haskett requested the spring board meeting be moved to new dates, March 14-15 to coincide with the CPW meeting being held on March 12-13, 2024.</p> <p>Ms. Denahy introduced the 2024 committee and board meetings dates and locations for a vote:</p> <p><i>Mr. Hughes made a motion to approve the dates and locations as presented, with the acknowledgement of Ms. Haskett's request; Ms. Martinez seconded. <b>Motion Carried Unanimously (14-0; 4 board members absent for the vote)</b></i></p>
<p><i>The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at <b>12:20 PM on Friday, September 22, 2023</b></i></p>	



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**State Board of the  
GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND  
Resolution 2023-16  
September 22, 2023**

**A Resolution Approving an Investment in the Generation Wild Grant Program**

This resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. In December 2020, the GOCO Board endorsed funding in the amount of \$17,486,389 over five years into 12 existing Generation Wild coalitions and an additional \$4,753,157 for the future of Generation Wild;
2. The board endorsed a strategy where each coalition is eligible to receive a portion of their total endorsed funding on an annual basis through a formal grant award made by the GOCO Board;
3. The board allocated \$5,279,922 for FY 2024. \$4,395,543 was awarded in June and was effective July 1, leaving a remaining balance of \$884,379;
4. On August 31, 2023, the Programs Committee recommended investing \$883,000 to support existing Generation Wild coalitions;
5. 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);
6. 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, rather than the purpose achieved by the grants; and

Accordingly, the board resolves:

1. Exercise its discretionary authority and invest \$883,000 in the projects identified in the attached “Generation Wild Grant Program Funding Summary List”;
2. Finance this award with \$449,000 in local government purpose funds and \$434,000 in open space purpose funds; and
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 22, 2023.

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**State Board of the  
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Resolution 2023-13  
September 22, 2023**

**A Resolution Approving a Discretionary Investment in an Emerging Conservation Opportunities Program**

This Resolution is made in view of the following facts:

1. GOCO recognizes the importance of renewing a collaborative program with Keep it Colorado (KIC) to support the vitality of land trusts and Colorado's broader land conservation community by addressing planning, capacity, and transaction support to advance strategies that optimize statewide conservation efforts;
2. As provided by Article XXVII of the Colorado Constitution and further articulated in GOCO Board Policy 2.11(E), the board may award funding to ineligible entities for expenditures that accomplish one or more eligible constitutional purposes;
3. GOCO does not currently recognize KIC an entity eligible to receive GOCO funding under any funding category; and
4. As a long-standing partner organization that directly supports eligible land trusts and governments, KIC works in service of these organizations and is the most efficient entity to administer the program on GOCO's behalf.

Accordingly, the board resolves:

1. To exercise its discretionary authority to invest \$1,000,000 in open space purpose funds (\$100,000 as a direct expenditure) to accomplish conservation outcomes envisioned through the Emerging Conservation Opportunities Program and to categorize this investment as open space purpose funding; and
2. To authorize staff to determine the specific terms and conditions of a contract with KIC and authorize the executive direct to execute such contract. The contract shall include a provision for final reporting on the community conservation outcomes of sub-programs in addition to the aggregate accomplishments of the program.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund on September 22, 2023.

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THE STATE BOARD OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS COLORADO TRUST FUND  
BOARD MEETING  
June 14, 2023

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Spring 2023 Board Meeting			



*A meeting of The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund convened at 9:11am on Wednesday June 14, 2023*

**Board Present** In-person: Brenda May, Carrie Curtiss, Charley Garcia, Craig Hughes, Dan Gibbs, David Cockrell, Jay Tutchton, Krithika Prashant, Leticia Martinez, Marie Haskett, Mina Liebert, Pam Denahy, Patty Imhoff, Ray Tschillard, Tom Lee, Turk Montepare  
Virtual: Mara Brosy-Wiwchar

**Board Absent** Jahi Simbai, Mo Siegel

**Staff Present** In-Person: Adrian Varney, Chris Yuan-Farrell, Christy Reeves, Crystal Medrano, Dan Omasta, Dan Zimmerer, Emily Robinson, Jackie Miller, Josh Tenneson, Liz Bowen, Rosemary Dempsey, Tilah Larson  
Virtual: Chris Aaby, Diane Metzger, Estrella Woods, Matt Brady, Katie Smith, Nevaeh Booker, Sammie George

**Staff Absent** Madison Brannigan, Alex Castino, Keli Cavaleri, Leah Kahler,

**Public Present** Martha Beavers (CPW), Jeff Davis (CPW), Dave DeNovellis (Aponte & Busam Public Affairs), Marcie Bidwell (Land Trust Alliance), Linda Lidov (Keep It Colorado), Jim Pettersen (TPL), Debbie Eley (City of Loveland), Johnathon Freeborn (DNR), Mandi Etheridge (Town of Meeker), Shane Basford (Town of Buena Visita), Sean VanRoenn (ERBM Meeker), Greg Lambert (Land Conservation Manager, TNC), Shannon Schaller (CPW), Tammy Fehringer (Cheyenne County Step it Up! Your Health Matters), Tina Burghardt, Patty McKenny (Town of Avon), Michael Labagh (Town of Avon), Tracy Young (High Line Canal Conservancy), Alexis Supangan (Sukle Advertising), Leigh Ann Bauer (Sukle Advertising)

**Welcome & Introductions** Ms. Denahy invited board members, staff, and guests to introduce themselves to the group.

**Regional Spotlight** Mr. Omasta gave a presentation of the historic investments and open projects in the north central region and Gunnison County areas, focusing on the resources, restoration, recreation, and ranching in the region.

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

**CPW Director Introduction & Updates** Mr. Gibbs gave a DNR and legislative update for DNR's budget and provided info about new FTEs for oil and gas, Colorado rivers, avalanche rescue and education, CPW members on the wildlife side, recreation, watershed mapping, wildfire mitigation, wolf management plan, and conservation and recreation plan. He introduced Mr. Davis, new Colorado Parks & Wildlife Director, who shared his vision for Colorado.

**Director Updates** Ms. Miller provided a report summarizing GOCO's major areas of staff activity since the last board meeting: summer roadshow events and connections for grant programs; she gave the commencement speeches at Leadville and Salida; looking forward to upcoming events in



congressional districts, directing board members to their orientation guide and snapshots in BoardSpot; and gave an update on the statewide plan, now being referred to as Colorado's Outdoor Strategy, which includes the new steering committee and EDI work and a new technical committee. She introduced new staff members (Keli Cavaleri and David Whittle) and reported that we've sent out 24 million dollars in grants since March. Next up: Board Retreat in Grand Junction at the fall board meeting

**Legislative Update**

Mr. DeNovellis, GOCO's governing and public affairs representative from Aponte & Busam Public Affairs, provided an update regarding Colorado's property taxes, gun violence protection measures, school finance act, new vanity license plates where funds go towards CPW and wolf introduction, and state budget. GOCO presence at the Capitol involved monitoring legislation surrounding wolf reintroduction, CCI (local trails, local access), and landowner liability (public vs private lands).

**March Board Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Denahy introduced the March board meeting minutes for a vote:

*Mr. Garcia made a motion to approve the September board minutes; Ms. Imhoff seconded. **Motion Carried Unanimously (17-0; 2 board members absent for the vote)***

**Grant Project Recommendations**

Ms. Larson presented to the board a few of the base program projects up for recommendation; Ms. Varney presented four out of the eight Director's Innovation Fund grant recommendation; and Mr. Yuan-Farrell presented on Keep it Colorado's Transaction Cost Assistance Program (TCAP).

**Consent Agenda**

Mr. Garcia asked for a vote on the Consent Agenda:

- Base Programs
- CPW Centennial Funding
- Grant Extensions
- Transaction Costs Assistance Program
- Generation Wild Grant Program
- Director's Innovation Fund
- Bohart Ranch Loan

*Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Ms. Haskett seconded. **Motion Carried Unanimously (17-0; Ms. Imhoff voted to approve the consent agenda but abstained from the High Line Canal Conservancy grant; 2 were absent from the vote)***

**Generation Wild Grant Program Update**

Mr. Yuan-Farrell presented to the board an update on the Generation Wild Grant Program, which connects the youth and outdoors, including our January 2023 shared learning workshop with our existing coalitions, but included discussions on bringing on new coalitions

**Finance Update**

Ms. Reeves provided a report summarizing the GOCO finances since March 31, 2023, including details of lottery funds and meeting cap effective as of March, with a spillover estimate of over 17 million towards outdoor equity fund; as well as GOCO's actuals, outstanding grants ratio, and expenditures.

**Operating Budget**

Ms. Reeves presented to the board GOCO's Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget, showing us the difference in budgets of previous years and grant expenditures.



*Mr. Montepare made a motion to approve the operating budget as presented; Ms. Liebert seconded. **Motion Carried Unanimously (16-0; 3 were absent from the vote)***

**Spending Plan**

Mr. Tenneson presented to the board the Five-Year Spending Plan amendment, Fiscal Year 2024 Spending Plan, and Fiscal Year 2024 Direct Expenditures. The Five-Year Spending Plan amendment will help GOCO accelerate authorizations and expenditures.

*Mr. Lee made a motion to approve the spending plan as presented; Ms. Curtis seconded. **Motion Carried Unanimously (16-0; 3 were absent from the vote)***

**Generation Wild  
Summer  
Campaign**

Ms. Dempsey and Sukle Advertisement presented to the board an update on the Generation Wild summer campaign, what has been built based on the concept discussed at the spring Communications Committee Meeting and what is out in marketing as of June.

**Executive Director  
Review**

The GOCO board went into Executive Session to discuss Ms. Miller's yearly assessment.

*Mr. Hughes made a motion to approve the Executive Director's yearly assessment as discussed during Executive Session; Mr. Lee seconded. **Motion Carried Unanimously (16-0; 3 were absent from the vote)***

*The State Board of the Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund meeting adjourned at **2:20 PM on Wednesday, June 14, 2023***

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