

BOULDER WATERSHED COLLECTIVE Board Meeting Notes

May 10, 2023 from 12:30-2:00PM

Zoom Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88187581378?pwd=eGdxUFRGcW9MUjIzUGd3SGJIMFBzUT09

Attendees: Maya MacHamer, Cat Price, Joe Middleton, Kelly Kenworthy, Ben Pfohl, Stefan Reinold, Kirin Riddell, Kate Dunlap, Kim Lennberg

- I. Board Meeting Management
 - a. Next meeting: June 14, 2023
 - b. Planning for in-person meeting, so keep an eye out for details to come.
- 2. Financial Review Kelly Kenworthy
 - a. April executive team met for approval of previous finances/checks.
 - b. Review Financial Reports
 - i. Expenses
 - I. Staffing expenses, consultant payments, Kelly payment.
 - ii. Profit and Loss Report
 - iii. No questions.
 - c. Checks for Approval
 - i. Joe motions to approve.
 - ii. Stefan seconds.
 - iii. All in favor.
- 3. Event Updates + Summer Planning
 - a. Event #s so far in 2023
 - i. 538 total engagement touches.
 - b. Photovoice May 24
 - i. Erin and a Cottonwood Institute teacher have been working with 16 New Vista High School students over the last two weeks on the Photovoice project - teaching them everything from photography basics and composition to "how do we collectively come up with a compelling research prompt for our photo exhibit"
 - ii. The students settled on the question "How are different communities in Boulder impacted by climate change?" resonating with them to take



photos within their own personal communities and to try to represent others in Boulder outside of their own personal experiences (e.g. the unhoused populations).

- iii. They've taken some pretty cool photos thus far and we've had lots of compelling conversations about the disparities of climate change impacts in Boulder. Once we have curated the photo gallery, they will be coming up with specific climate change adaptation actions steps for the City of Boulder to consider.
- iv. Please come to the May 24th reception event from 5:30-7:00pm at SEEC to give these students real meaning and action to their work! Also enjoy free appetizers and soft beverages. You can RSVP here: <u>https://www.eventbrite.com/e/picturing-change-climate-changeimpacts-through-youth-photography-tickets-602683170587</u>
- v. If you are unable to make it to this evening's event, please RSVP to receive the link to the virtual gallery of this same exhibit. This virtual gallery will also be available starting May 24th.
- c. Gold Hill Comm Wildfire Preparedness Day
 - i. Tables / partners / burritos
 - ii. Tours: home hardening + forest project
 - iii. 47 attendees
 - iv. Asking more sophisticated questions so we need to be prepared to have more sophisticated conversations.
- d. Boulder Creek Fest
 - i. Will circulate sign up for timeslots
 - ii. May 27, 28, 29
- e. USFS prescribed fire follow-up site visit June 9
- f. Superior Disaster Education and Outreach Series Watersheds and Source Water Protection
 - i. In partnership with Northern Water and Town of Superior and Erie water utilities
 - ii. Why the upper watershed is important and how it related to water users in the plains.
 - iii. There is some controversy about plains people not wanting IA funds to go to the mountain lands.
 - iv. Trying to fill the gap in knowledge / exposure to planning.
- 4. Funding-status:
 - a. We have finally contracted with Bonneville / Google beaver project.
 - i. Field day beaver expert, Google consultant, meadows project team.
 - ii. Site Tour beaver site tour with City of Boulder, Sarah Marshall, and Aaron Hall. Great engagement around beavers as a eco-engineers.
 - iii. Joe: what is controversial about beaver?
 - I. Water rights
 - 2. Infrastructure impacts
 - 3. Low success rates they move!



- iv. A huge part of this project is finding the balance with all land users.
- b. IA Boulder County \$200,000 each year for up to 5 years for 2 positions
 - i. Wildfire fire / forest management work.
- c. Other New Grants
 - i. Healthy Rivers Fund \$20,000
 - 1. Conceptual meadow design for potential improvements was initial objective.
 - a. This money will take the design to a higher level, then we can apply directly for implementation funding.
 - 2. Multi benefit projects that can further these objectives / this trajectory
 - ii. Community Foundations \$9000
 - I. To work on grassland post Marshall fire engagement
 - iii. CDPHE Env Justice San Lazaro Water Quality \$78k-ish
 - 1. Keep Kate in the loop on this one / could utilize some connections she has.
 - 2. Stefan also offers to connect us with the Ranger that frequently works with their community.
- d. Wildfire Ready Watersheds Potential Future Application/Project
 - i. Focuses on pre-planning for post wildfire impacts.
 - I. Lots of partners have reached out encouraging application.
 - 2. Kate: would love to see it done, but feels it needs to be at a multi-county level almost, but that'd be a big complex thing to manage.
 - 3. Kevin Peterson asked if we would be the lead
 - a. Thought about joining with watershed center, but CWCB suggested we do it separately.
 - ii. Still in process with our capacity / thoughts about this one...
- 5. Plans for engaging grassland/urban communities
 - a. Subcommittee as part of the fireshed group. Developing a best practice guide to grassland management.
 - i. Invite people out to site tours / experience / engage on the land.
 - ii. Talk more in depth about management practices and giving people more in-depth info.
 - b. CU Team monitoring water quality post-Marshall fire.
 - i. Have a full year of data collecting the next year presenting that data as understandable info for public consumption.
- 6. Walk-On Discussion
 - a. Ben would love to see a list of all the grants you work with. Porter Ranch isn't official, but it is a go.
 - i. The watershed collective has acquired quite a few grants through the state, so we're assisting with the project implementation.



- 1. Every entity is staffing up, so will have more foresters soon to help catch up with the on-the-ground work.
- 2. Available folks are competitive.

Adjourned at 1:27pm.