



BOULDER WATERSHED COLLECTIVE

Board Meeting Notes

June 14, 2023 from 12:30-2:00PM
TNC Office: 2424 Spruce Street, Boulder CO, 80302

Attendees: Maya MacHamer, Cat Price, Catherine Schloegel, Kate Ryan, Joe Middleton, Kelly Kenworthy, Erin Fried, Kate Dunlap, Eric Kennedy


- I. Board Meeting Management
 - a. Approval of May meeting minutes
 - i. Kelly moves to approve.
 - ii. Joe seconds.
 - b. Next meeting: July 12, 2023
2. Financial Review
 - a. Review Financial Reports
 - i. Profit and Loss Statement
 - ii. Balance Sheet
 - b. Review Checks for Approval
 - i. Darlene – Forest Bathing
 - ii. New caps – Rage Unlimited
 - iii. Ember Alliance
 - iv. Erin reimbursement for Photovoice
 - v. Alba Consulting for grant work
 - vi. Devon Intern Payment for Photovoice
 - vii. Inspiring Apps – TAH App
 - viii. Julien Blundell – Gold Hill work
 - ix. Kelly Kenworthy – Financials for May
 - c. Move to approve by Joe.
 - d. Kate Dunlap seconds.
 - e. All in favor.
 - f. Google Bonneville \$200,000 in account - Meadow / Beaver Work
3. Member Highlight: Kate Ryan and the [Colorado Water Trust](#)
 - a. Executive Director
 - b. Slides / info can be requested from Kate.
 - c. Beavers + Stream Bank Restoration Legislation



- i. Concept is to provide a clearer pathway for watershed restoration when you're exposing more water – theoretically if that happens you need an augmentation plan because water evaporates out of priority.
 - 1. Legislation would recognize that some projects are too small to make a difference.
 - 2. Legislation for projects with/in historic footprints, you should be able to do that after you go through an extensive injury evaluation and if no one is injured, then you can move forward without an augmentation plan.
 - ii. Just need to define the water legislation a little more and then revisit the issue on the legislative floor. Need to define the usage process a bit more.
4. All things CWPP! Community Wildfire Protection Planning is in full force across Boulder County. Update on how BWC is supporting numerous processes.
 - a. Developed in 2003 from federal legislation. Lots of fire district and govts did them, but nothing really happened with them.
 - b. Forest Service updated their guidance and federal moneys coming in were funding projects recommended in eligible CWPPs (which most of Boulder County's were not eligible in that timeframe)
 - c. Now there are a lot of updates happening.
 - d. There were some grant funds available federally to update, but Colorado only got one project funded, so there's a big scramble to get those funded.
 - e. Most funders are also requiring updated CWPPs
 - f. Boulder County is updating theirs – goal is that it will be a widely applicable
 - g. Boulder, City, Mountain View have all hired the same consulstant for creating their individual plans – streamlined process for modeling/planning/outreach.
 - h. Kirin is co-leading the outreach committee with Meg Halford.
 - i. Making sure all the zones have input.
 - ii. Kirin is doing great there – happy with how it's going.
 - iii. She did her graduate work in this arena.
 - i. Also participating in subcommittees to hear all values and projects.
 - j. Two goals for participating heavily in these processes:
 - i. To support a highly needed collaborative process.
 - ii. Really want to have awareness of the projects that come out of those planning documents so that we move seamlessly into the implementation of those projects.
 - k. We are helping Nederland and Coal Creek update theirs. Facilitating the Ned update and one of the primary engagement partners for Coal Creek.
 - l. Colorado State Forest Service - funded the CWDG projects that did not get funding previously. Expanding the scope of work to the original scope to include post-fire modeling.
 - m. CSFS will be managing the CWDG funds in the upcoming cycle. Nationally the priority for underserved communities has taken the majority.



- n. How have we / are we connected with these groups?
 - i. Different pathways in each community.
 - ii. Coal Creek Canyon Collaborative was already in place, meeting quarterly – a group of agencies that decided they wanted to pursue a CWPP.
 - iii. Now people are coming to us to help with funding / finding grants.
 - iv. We wrote ourselves into the grant(s). Supporting our outreach / grant management.
 - v. In Nederland – kind of similar, leadership role was missing.
 - vi. Fourmile, Gold Hill, Sugarloaf and Sunshine updating document together.
 - vii. Being flexible for what communities need.
 - viii. Maybe taking the process we’ve used in Nederland to scale it to other areas / communities.
- o. Erin & Kirin: spearheading the Nederland CWPP work
 - i. Kirin’s MENV team last year interviewed Nederland folks and did a lot of wildfire visioning – what does a wildfire resilient Nederland look like.
 - ii. Workshops with all different groups in Nederland – youth, unhoused, as well as all the other stakeholders.
 - iii. Taking that data and turning into the actions / tasks / projects in the CWPP
 - iv. Public Participatory GPS
 - 1. What is a CWPP? How to get involved?
 - 2. Build a wildfire committee / leaders / captains
 - 3. Be part of a mapping exercise to assets/values.
 - 4. Frequency + intensity.
 - 5. Map wildfire risk – where is Ned most vulnerable?
 - a. Add that as a layer in the CWPP, send to consultants to overlap / filling gaps for consultants and community.
 - 6. Fill in education where there isn’t overlap or understanding.
 - 7. Geospatial social science.
 - 8. Continue with the engagement / bringing those voices in during the entire process. Hoping to create / bolster the storymap for use moving forward as well.
 - v. Catherine: great job! CWPPs have historically just sat on the shelves, so connecting the IA funds with these – Summit County has seen some significant progress by actually making the tax money address those priorities. Wildfire council in Summit County is good to sit in on.
 - vi. Communities weren’t truly engaged historically, so there was no support and input in how and what gets done.
 - vii. There is a lot of opportunity to get stuff done. More accessible.
 - viii. Kirin is trying to amplify – how to collect into and how to turn it back out to people.
 - ix. One minimum is that there needs to be community involvement – more of a focus this time around, but “how to actually do community



engagement – not a skill that is held well by a lot of agencies. Putting the info back into the zeitgeist and actually incorporate that info so that the survey isn't just an addendum.

5. [Wildfire Ready Watersheds](#). Working on a grant application with Boulder County.
 - a. Program from CWCB to do pre-wildfire planning for post-wildfire impacts. Also listed in minimum standards in CWPPs that you can potentially include – but historically has been dropped because it's not required.
 - b. State is \$10 million to spend by 2026 – planning, engineering/design, and implementation.
 - c. In addition to forestry projects, they're focused on floodplain, restoration, resilient stream corridors, better protect infrastructure.
 - d. Kim called after and was like **YOU CANNOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY**
 - e. Kirin is really diving in and will be the main project manager for that. Submitting with County and hopefully City as well.
 - f. St Vrain Watershed Partnership – interested in having the same scope for all of Boulder County – create efficiencies with consultant / scope / streamline with watershed center.
 - g. Kate Dunlap: how much grant match do you need? Do not know yet. The amount that watershed center submitted was \$196,000 – need 25% or something like that for match – Kirin has a meeting soon to define the next steps.
 - h. A lot of what is happening in the CWPP processes is very relevant and overlaps with this program. Some of these tasks are really just about combining the planning processes. Hope it won't be too much “new” work.
6. Walk-On Discussion
 - a. Kate – Hiring Water Quality Specialist.
 - b. Photovoice – city council members were present – students were so well informed / passionate / thoughtful. What are you most excited about? City said they would like to start a youth council and they are excited to engage in that way!
 - i. Do you feel like you have power right now? **NO!** We can't vote, so no one wants our input.
 - ii. Best program we've ever had.
 - c. Photovoice provided student data –they ranked how impactful they think their efforts were.
 - i. Strongly agree / agree that they have felt better.
 - ii. Lots of government leaders – City of Boulder wants to talk about next steps.
 - d. Give voice to voices not normally heard – and connect them to decision makers.
 - e. Report will be shared.
7. Thank you for those that came out that night to support!



8. Post Forsythe II Burn Tour – great group, even with some squeaky wheels – great information.
 - a. Nate – burn boss spoke in detail about the actual days of burn and had another person there that talked monitoring and vegetation.
 - b. Productive conversation.
 - c. We hope to continue these types of field trips with other agencies as well.

Adjourned at 1:53pm.