



# BOULDER WATERSHED COLLECTIVE

## Board Meeting Notes

October 11, 2023 from 12:30-2:00PM

Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88187581378?pwd=eGdxUFRGcW9MUjZUGd3SGJIMFBzUT09>

Attendees: Maya MacHamer, Cat Price, Kate Ryan, Kelsey Lesniak, Kate Dunlap, Stefan Reinold, Joe Middleton

- I. Board Meeting Management
  - a. Approval of September meeting minutes
    - i. Approved.
  - b. Next meeting: November 8, 2023
  
2. Financial Review
  - a. Financial Firm had to cancel.
    - i. Kate Ryan suggests John Dowling with Ballast.
  - b. Review Financial Reports
  - c. Review Checks for Approval
    - i. Payroll
    - ii. Ember Alliance – CWPP Ned
    - iii. Friends of Coal Creek – Prairie Restoration Event
    - iv. Scott – conference hotel reimbursement
    - v. Erin – reimbursement for event materials
    - vi. Rage Unlimited – swag
    - vii. Taxes
    - viii. Forest Therapy Forest Bathing invoice
    - ix. Taxes
    - x. Grama Grass payment for Louisville Grass Event
    - xi. Julien Blundell – grant writing, drone work, small project work
    - xii. Trader Joe’s event material reimbursement
  - d. May start sending these out ahead of time (with agenda) in case you all want to review ahead of time.
  - e. Feeling stable / doing well being able to float contractors and big projects. Still waiting on the 200,000 for Scott – but that will come.
  - f. Motion to Approve – Stefan
  - g. Kate Seconds.



### 3. Beaver Projects Update

- a. Maya went to Utah Training – learning to trap and relocate beaver.
- b. Picture presentation from Maya.
- c. Were there timeframes suggested for best relocation?
  - i. July and August when vegetation is at its best.
  - ii. BoCo relocated from Pelle Crossing.
  - iii. Stashing food for the beavers to use at the relocation site.
  - iv. Kate Dunlap: Moving to Caribou is not a great idea – they moved to Lakewood Reservoir and were never seen again.
  - v. City headwater space seems like prime habitat, so Kate Dunlap can ask.
- d. We did have a landowner reach out to us about relocating a beaver in Boulder Canyon. Trying to find a place for that. Looking for locations that do not have infrastructure or complicated land ownerships AND have potential need for restoration.
- e. Google Beaver Field Trip in October (19<sup>th</sup>) to Arapahoe Ranch – look at forest project and the existing beaver dams.
- f. Kate Ryan: When you are identifying spot for beaver – looking at public or private land?
  - i. Both! Started with storymap for critical meadow areas (crossing public and private land) meadow prioritization. We don't really have that happening with the forest service right now, but it does seem like that's the best place to be looking at so hoping to have that conversation in the future.

### 4. WUI + Grassland Community Engagement

- a. Grassland Field Trips
- b. MHYC Work in Wonderland Hills IV and Devil's Thumb
- c. CU Coal Creek monitoring field day – Nov 4
- d. Community Preparedness Workshops – Crestview & Devil's Thumb

### 5. Fall Fundraising Efforts

- a. Harvest Box
- b. CO Gives Day
  - i. Goal is \$15,000

### 6. Walk-On Discussion

- a. How do payments work? When you're doing this community work? – Kate Dunlap
  - i. Kirin's position is funded for Fire Adapted Community work, but Cat's time will need to be covered. Brett KenKairn did offer, so need to invoice for that after MHYC debrief.
    - I. Kate Dunlap can help with that, so let her know / she will talk to Brett & Regina.



- b. Open Space Foundation for TAH app.
  - i. Lafayette and Mud Lake are done and live.
  - ii. We want to continue – adding more hikes to our app.
  - iii. Interest from P&OS to look at Heil Valley – to include Calwood Fire
    - I. Angela Boreland – contact her – Education and Outreach hire by end of the year.
- c. Prescribed fire today! Hall Ranch – 20 acres!
- d. Stefan: Fire detection cameras around the county.
  - i. Cameras are fit with AI to have a quicker response time.
  - ii. Broomfield, Valmont, open space offices,
  - iii. More out of the western slope than there are on the front range

Adjourned at 1:30PM