

# 2023 Board Meetings

This is a running document for all board meetings that includes all agendas and meetings notes. Please copy the format below for each new meeting.

## December 7 at 10:30 AM

Meeting in Person- Zoom option if needed

Brad Chair	Merrit Vice	Schelly Treas	Brian Sec	Ryan	Nate	Ken	Philip	Laurie	Jessica ED
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Other Attendees: none

Call to Order at 10:37 AM

### Agenda

- ❖ Review minutes from previous meeting
  - Motion to approve October minutes by Wright, 2nd by McNertney, all in favor - unanimous.
- ❖ Review 2024 proposed budget
  - Discussion around W-9s. Rahn will follow up with accountants.
  - Discussion around cost share approval process and having two board members and Executive Director reviewing and approving checks.
  - Motion to approve 2024 budget as presented by McNertney, 2nd by Olsen, all in favor - unanimous.
- ❖ Grants overview
  - 2024 Grant Applications
  - Grant spending to date
- ❖ Mitigation Specialist Hiring Update
- ❖ GCWC Website Domain
  - Rahn to follow up with Dan Lubar and bring back his proposal including website, multiple emails, and editability.
- ❖ 2024 Tax Mailer
  - Potential for 5th chipping day in Grand Lake. Olsen sending Rahn potential business contacts for hosting chipping day.
- ❖ Grand County WRAP Request for Funding
  - Motion to approve \$500 to WRAP phase 2 funding and \$500 in kind hours by Wright, 2nd by McNertney, all in favor - unanimous. Additional hours from board members and Executive Director will be offered.
- ❖ January ED Meet and Greetings
- ❖ COSWAP Project Updates
- ❖ 2024 Board Meeting Dates
  - 3rd Wednesday in January, March, June, September at 10 AM
  - 2nd Wednesday in December at 10 AM
- ❖ COCO Mitigation Education Course in Grand County 2/17-2/18
- ❖ Discussion Items

- Children’s Educational Materials Program
- Board Member resignation and nomination
  - Tabling until January and leaving the seat vacant until then.
- Conflict of Interest Policy
  - Board Members submitting for cost share reimbursement or special project funds.
  - Rahn to edit policy with proposed wording and bring back in January.
- Winter Park Highlands request from Bob Colosimo for funding - BLM is still stalled.
  - They are installing a cistern. Additional funding requested after the project started for \$6,000. Motion to approve up to \$6,000 for cistern under special projects with BLM Funding by Brinkmann, 2nd by Wright, all in favor - unanimous.
- Delegation of authority chart
- Mitigation Committee Meeting
- Money Market Account

Adjournment at 12:09 PM

## October 25 at 11:30 AM

Meeting in Person- Zoom option if needed

Brad White Chair	Merrit Linke Vice	Schelly Olsen Treas	Brian Faith Sec	Ryan McNertney Board Member	Nate Towne Board Member	Ken Wright Board Member	Philip Brinkmann Board Member	Laurie Board Member	Jessica Rahn Executive Director
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Other Attendees: none

Call to Order at 11:30 AM.

### Agenda

- ❖ Committee updates
  - 2023 Chipping Program update
    - Submitted funding for AIM Grant and for CDS grant.
    - Steve Reeves - COCO - is reviewing our Chipping Program and will provide recommendations for our program towards the end of the year.
  - Cost Share Mitigation
    - 39 people for \$600k for 300 acres
    - Remaining post fire could be funded through BLM. (\$50k total)
    - \$65k requests for pre-fire.
  - Special Projects
    - COSWAP reimbursement is being submitted for \$37k for the Shores project.
- ❖ Authorization for Executive Director, Jessica Rahn, as a signer on accounts
  - Brad White motioned, Schelly Olsen seconded, All in favor - unanimous.
- ❖ Discussion on delegation of authority chart. Bringing back to future board

- meeting.
- ❖ We tabled the discussion on Winter Park Highlands request for funding. We need to confirm BLM Funding
  - Contacts: Bob Colosimo, Mike Hagerty
- ❖ Update on MIT Specialist
  - Discussed recommendations for additional places to post the job.
- ❖ Current funding requests update
  - AIMS- COCO 2024 grant – due this Friday.
  - OLRT
    - Discussed parameters of OLRT fund as understood to date.
- ❖ Certified Burner Course
  - November 10th, (half day,) 11th, 12th 8-5 PM at Grand Fire.
  - Tree Contractor List – strongly encouraged and we will note on the published list the classes they have attended. State does offer some liability protection.
- ❖ COCO – 2/10 and 2/11 Weekend – Committee Members and Volunteers
- ❖ ED Meet and Greet: Board of County Commissioners, each town, asked for other suggestions.
  - HOA Meetings
  - Discussion ensued around HOAs
    - How many total?
    - How many are participating?
    - Is there something in our budget (schwag, pizza, etc.) to allow us to speak at more HOAs?
    - COWRAP Report per HOA
- ❖ MPEI Grant
  - Grant for right of way for mitigation around power lines – Chief reached out to Zach to see if CDS funding may be an option.. MPEI is interested in deferring cost at a couple grand per acre to defer cost.
- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.

## September 27

Meeting in Person- Zoom option if needed

Brad Chair	Merrit Vice	Schelly Treas	Brian Sec	Ryan	Nate	Ken	Philip	Laurie
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Other Attendees: none

Call to Order at  
**Agenda**

## April 4 at Noon

## Meeting in Person- Zoom option if needed

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## Attendees

Brad Chair	Merrit Vice	Schelly Treas	Brian Sec	Ryan	Nate	Ken	Philip	Laurie
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Other Attendees: none

## Agenda

Call to Order - 12:05pm

### Business

- **Roll Call** – see above
- **Confirm Agenda**
- **Guest Speaker Joel Cochran on CWPP–Chief White summarized**
- **Leaders Intent**
- **Intent-Based Planning Workshop**
  - **Establish Task, Purpose, End State**
  - **Mission, Vision, Values**
- **Updates from Mitigation Committee including**
  - **Any updates on mission/ objectives**
- **Updates from Education Committee including**
  - **Any updates on mission/ objective**
- **Business items**
  - **Approval of chipping contractor**
  - **Chipping dates**
  - **Cost share allocation**
  - **Current funding status**
  - **Hiring update**

Adjournment -

## February 14 at 2:30pm

### Attendees

Philip Chair	Merrit Vice	Brad Treas	Brian Sec	Ryan	Nate	Ken	Schelly	Laurie
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Other Attendees: none

### Agenda

Call to Order - 2:40pm

#### Business

- **Roll Call** – see above
- **Confirm Agenda** – Approved, with additions below:
  - Education workgroup Updates- BoD will be asking each workgroup to present a short update during our BoD meetings on what each workgroup is working on / Projects / events/ accomplishments, etc. the Chair of these workgroups will not be accepted to stay for the whole Bod meeting. It is important for the BoD to be updated from the various workgroups. BoD is asking each workgroup to have a meeting and make sure their objects and purpose are clear and well defined. This will help the work groups & the Bod work together as a team. Please have this before the BoD meeting in April.
  - Katlin's accomplishment newsletter- BoD approved the newsletter and was very impressed with the information and the hard work Katlin put into the project as well as how much the BoD appreciates her overall hard work and dedication that she gives to the GCWC. We will inform Katlin to publish the newsletter information publicly.
  - New BoD ballot clarification from GCWC steering committee meeting 1/26/2023. During the first ballot count Amy Sidener was voted in as a Bod, although upon further discussion and a recount of the ballots Amy did not receive enough votes. Amy was informed and Amy was understanding and agreed not to be a BoD.
- **FRWRM / COSWAP Updates** - FRWRM – GCWC was not awarded grant funding, notes on why have been emailed out and also on our webpage. COSAWP- DOC SWIFT crews are not able to fulfill obligations. DNR gave GCWC a couple of avenues to use the COSAWP grant.
  - 1- Use a Colorado based Youth Corps organization- *Brad & Brian are doing some research.*
  - 2- Take the cash amount of @\$ 408,000.00 & GCWC becomes the bank for the funds to be used on contractors, other fire mitigation organizations, or our local Fire Department Employees.
  - 3- Be removed from the grant.

**BoD voted unanimously that GCWC will be the bank for the grant funds and Brad, Brian, and the GCWC mitigation work group will work on finding and organizing a workforce to do the work.**
- **Review GCWC Objectives and Purposes** - Tabled for another separate meeting



**Other Attendees:** Joel Cochran (CWPP Project Manager), Doug Green (CPAW)

## Agenda

Call to Order - 12pm

### Business

- **Roll Call** – see above
- **Confirm Agenda** – Approved
- **Guest Speaker - CPAW** - Doug Green from Headwaters Economics gave a presentation about CPAW (Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire). GCWC initially contracted with CPAW in 2021. Not much has been done since then, but Doug is eager to reinvigorate the CPAW process with GCWC. The BoD seemed interested and will review the previous MOU that is now expired. Brad will work with Doug to draft a new MOU.
- **Approve Prior Meeting Minutes** (Oct & Jul)– Ken moved to approve July and October 2022 minutes as presented. Merrit seconded. All voted in favor of approval.
- **Financial Report** - Brian moved to approve the financials as presented. Merrit seconded. All voted in favor of approval.
- **2023 Budget** - Merrit moved to approve 2023 Budget with changes (attached). Clancy seconded. All voted in favor of approval.
- **Update on Current Grants** – \$34,100- AIM, \$39,632.72 - BOCC, \$100,000 - BLM (expected)
- **ED Job Description/Announcement** - Looking to call it a “Strategic Director” instead. Board discussed having this person have part of their duties be policy development, lobbying, and political advocacy. Ken, Clancy, and Philip agreed to meet on 1/18/23 to finalize the job description. Once drafted, they will send it to the full Board for review.
- **Cost-Share 2023** - GCWC Mitigation Committee (Clancy, Brad, Brien, Merrit, Nate, Joel) will meet on 1/18/23 to discuss the 2023 cost-share program, 2023 chipping RFP, and the roles/responsibilities of the Mitigation Committee.
- **Chipping Day RFP** - See “Cost-Share 2023” bullet above.
- **Board and Committee Roles** -
  - **Laurie’s Letter** - Board read Laurie Pope’s letter to the Board. Laurie is the co-chair of the board and had concerns about the direction of the education committee. The Board agreed that each committee (Education and Mitigation) needs to determine their goals and roles and present them to the Board. The Board will then meet to discuss resource allocation and priorities. The Education Committee will be meeting 1/12/23 and the Mitigation committee on 1/18/23.
  - **Philip** - Philip agreed to be the chair of the “Advocacy and Policy” Committee.
- **Other** -
  - **Mayors and Managers Meeting** - March - We are on the schedule to present our 2022 successes and our 2023 priorities
  - **FACO Wildfire Conference** - Board agreed to pay for 2 people to attend. Clancy and Philip will be the two representatives.
  - **WiRe** - Board discussed the potential reassessment of subdivisions included in the 2019 WiRe study. Board felt that they did not get enough out of the first study to justify a second study in the same areas. Biggest take away was “It is hard to communicate with the wide variety of homeowners and parcel

owners in Grand County.” Ultimately, Board decided to remove WiRe funding from the 2023 Budget.

- **Club 20** - Board agreed to continue our annual membership to Club 20 in 2023.
- **Agenda Item for Steering Committee Meeting** - CWPP update by CWPP contractor and Joel.

**Adjournment** - 2:30 pm