

# **LARIMER COUNTY NATURAL RESOURCES OPEN LANDS ADVISORY BOARD**

## **BYLAWS**

### **I. NAME**

The name of this organization shall be the Larimer County Open Lands Advisory Board ("Board").

### **II. BOARD PURPOSE**

- A. To make recommendations as outlined in the 2014 Continue Protecting Our Natural Areas, Open Space, Rivers and Wildlife Habitat (Resolution No. 07292014R002) ballot initiative ("Ballot Initiative") related to the Larimer County Department of Natural Resources.
- B. To make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners concerning Larimer County's share of the open space sales and use tax. Further, the Board shall recommend acquisition, planning, preservation, jurisdictional transfers, disposal, development, use and management of open space, natural areas, wildlife habitat, regional parks and trails purchased in conformance with the Ballot Initiative.
- C. To review, give advice and recommend adoption of Natural Resources Department draft management plans for lands acquired in conformance with the Ballot Initiative.
- D. To function in an advisory capacity by giving advice and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners, when requested or appropriate, concerning County land use/ownership decisions and open space policy.
- E. To make other recommendations consistent with the mission and enabling legislation.

### **III. MEMBERS**

- A. The membership of the Board shall consist of at least nine (9) citizens appointed by the Board of County Commissioners with geographic representation substantially in proportion to population and sales tax generation.
- B. A member of the Open Lands Advisory Board shall be replaced if that member no longer resides in Larimer County or resigns from the Board. Replacement shall be by appointment by the Board of County Commissioners. All replacements shall serve for the unexpired term of his/her predecessor.
- C. At the discretion of the Board of County Commissioners, Board members missing three (3) consecutive regular monthly meetings or four (4) meetings within a calendar year may be replaced. For the purposes of this section, the term "meetings" shall not include special meetings or field trips.
- D. All Board members serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners. No Board member has an entitlement to or property interest in the continued service. The Board of County Commissioners may terminate the service of any member at any time for any reason in its discretion.

## IV. TERMS

- A. Member terms shall be for three (3) years. To the extent possible, terms shall be staggered to maintain membership requirements.
- B. Term limits shall be in accordance with Larimer County Administrative Procedure 100.1.

## V. OFFICERS

- A. The Open Lands Advisory Board shall elect from among its members a Chair and Vice-Chair at the July meeting each year. Officers shall assume office upon election and serve for one year or until their successors are elected.
- B. Duties of each of the officers are:
  - 1. Chair: The Chair shall preside over all meetings of the Open Lands Advisory Board and shall be the official spokesperson for the Board.
  - 2. Vice-Chair: The Vice-Chair shall preside in the absence of, or at the request of the Chair.
- C. The Board of County Commissioners shall be notified when a new chair is elected.
- D. Natural Resources staff shall serve as the Secretary for the Board, but shall not function as a Member nor have the ability to vote on the Board.

## VI. MEETINGS

- A. Regular meetings shall be held once a month at a date, time and location to be announced. Special meetings may be called at any time by the Chair, Larimer County Commissioners, Natural Resources staff, or by four members of the Board. Regular and special meetings are open to the public and shall be held only after required notice.
- B. Field trips and work sessions will be conducted so that Board members can become familiar with properties prior to voting on a recommendation to expend funds. Field trips shall be conducted only after required notice.
- C. Executive sessions may be called by a majority vote of the membership present at any meeting for the purpose of discussing any of those matters set out in CRS 24-6-402 (4). The Board shall take no formal action at such sessions.
- D. All executive session discussions are confidential.
- E. The Chair and Natural Resources staff shall prepare the meeting agenda and mail, email or fax it together with the minutes of the previous meeting and any other needed reports or information to the members at least four business days preceding the regularly scheduled meeting. Reports or materials handed out at meetings shall be sent to members who were absent.
- F. A quorum at any meeting of the Board shall consist of a majority of the currently appointed members. Any action by those present, provided there is a quorum, constitutes an action of the Board. In the event a quorum is not present at any meeting, the members may adjourn and reschedule the meeting for a later date with required notice. A Board member may participate in the meeting by telephone if necessary to create a quorum or where a quorum is present and a Board member is otherwise

unable to attend in person. Telephone participation shall be conducted in a manner that allows the Board member to hear what is being said by all others attending the meeting and for all others attending the meeting to hear the Board member. If the Board member who wishes to participate by telephone is needed to create a quorum and that Board member cannot effectively participate because he/she does not have access to written materials presented during the meeting by staff or members of the public, the meeting may by necessity need to be postponed.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY AND PROCEDURE

- A. The Board shall conduct its business in a manner consistent with the conditions adopted by the Board of County Commissioners, included in Larimer County Administrative Policy and Procedure 100.1E as amended. As the Board is created by the initiative, any requirement or process in conflict shall be controlled by the voter approved initiative.

VIII. COMMITTEES

- A. Committees may be appointed by the Chair from the Board membership from time to time to work on special projects and report their findings at regular meetings. Upon completion of the assigned task, the Chair shall dissolve the committee.

IX. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

- A. Each member of the Open Lands Advisory Board may vote on a recommendation proposed to be made to the Board of County Commissioners. A roll call vote shall be taken on all votes if not unanimous. No proxy votes shall be allowed.
- B. Business, including presentations, discussions, motions and voting, shall be conducted in an orderly manner following such processes and procedures as the Board may determine effective. Robert's Rules of Order shall not apply.

X. CODE OF ETHICS


- A. A member shall recuse him/herself from discussion and voting if an actual or potential conflict of interest exists.
- B. A conflict may result where a member has a personal or private interest in a matter proposed or pending before the Board; where a member stands to gain or lose financially as a result of a position taken by the Board; or where a member believes he/she cannot fairly and impartially discharge his/her duties.

XI. AMENDMENTS

- A. The Larimer County Open Lands Advisory Board may recommend amendments in whole or in part by a 2/3 vote. The Larimer County Board of County Commissioners retains the sole authority to amend these Bylaws, subject to any provisions in the voter approved initiative.

Approved by the Open Lands Advisory Board this 25 day of Apr. 1 2019.


Larimer County Open Lands Advisory  
Board

By:   
Chair

Approved by the Board of County Commissioners this 7 day of MAY 2019.

Board of Commissioners of  
Larimer County, Colorado

By:   
Chair

DATE 4/26/19  
APPROVED AS TO FORM  
  
SENIOR COUNTY ATTORNEY