



Agenda | December 16, 2021 4:00 PM
Mtn Family Health Meeting Room
123 Emma Road 2nd Floor
Basalt, CO 81621

Time	Administrative Items
4:00 PM	Board Comment Public Comment Additions /Deletions to Agenda Approval of the Minutes Aug 19, 2021 and Nov 16, 2021
4:15 PM	Outreach/Education/Grants Letter of Support for Wild and Scenic designation of the Crystal River
4:30 PM	Riverfront Park Grant update and Weaver Ditch Telemetry grant update – Town of Carbondale, Mark O’Meara
5:15 PM	Discussion of future youth empowerment initiative – Wild Rose Education, Sarah Johnson
6:00 PM	Open Discussion
6:30 PM	Adjourn

Upcoming 2022 regular meetings

Jan 20, Feb 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug 18, Sept 16, Oct 20, Nov 17, Dec 15

Agenda items are subject to change – Times are approximate and are also subject to change



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December 16, 2021

Crystal Wild and Scenic Coalition
C/o Juli Slivka
Wilderness Workshop
520 S. Third Street
Carbondale, CO 81623

Dear Ms. Slivka

At its regular meeting on December 16, 2021 the Pitkin County Healthy Rivers Board unanimously moved to recommend endorsement of the designation of the Crystal Rivers a a Wild and Scenic River. We fully support the Coalition's efforts to persue next steps in the designation process.

Your group is dedicated to leaving a legacy for future generations by preserving the free flowing character of the Crystal River and has come together to achieve a wild and scenic designation from the top of the headwaters of its north and south forks in the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness area downstream to the Sweet Jessup headgate.

As you know on April 17, 2012 American Rivers named the Crystal River as one of America's Most Endangered Rivers. Pitkin County supported this effort as well. Along with past successful litigation of West Divide, we are confident the wild and scenic designation is the next step to preserving the outstanding and remarkable scenic, historic, and recreational values while protecting the water quantity and quality of the Crystal.

By way of this letter, we forward our recommendation to the Pitkin County Board of County Commissioners for their endorsement of the designation of the Crystal River as wild and scenic and to move forward with next steps necessary through to congressional designation.

Sincerely,

Chris Lemons
Chairman

Cc: Pitkin County Board of County Commissioners

HEALTHY RIVERS AND STREAMS CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
Regular Meeting
Aug 19, 2021
Redstone Inn Redstone, CO

River Board members present: Bill Jochems, Chris Wheatley, Lisa Tasker, Chris Lemons, Chuck Ogilby, Andre Wille

River Board members absent: Wendy Huber

Attendees in addition to presenters: Lisa MacDonald, John Ely, Matt Annabel, Heather Sackett

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – None

Public and Board comments along with the approval of the minutes for June were moved to the end of the agenda.

Roaring Fork Conservancy Education Center Grant Update Megan Dean

Ms. Dean provided the Board with an update on the Education Center as per grant deliverables contained in the 2020 grant application.

Colorado Healthy Rivers Fund – Casey Davenhill

Ms. Davenhill presented the Co Healthy Rivers Fund. The fund provides support to local restoration projects through a voluntary tax check off on Colorado State tax forms.

Mr. Jochems left the meeting at approximately 5:40 pm.

Board Comment – Mr. Wheatley accepted the Proclamation announcing July as RICD month in Pitkin County from the Commissioners at the July 14th BOCC meeting.

Mr. Obilby noted the Weaver Ditch project as an example to others on how to build a really efficient system. Asked how we to the ranching community, get a showcase rancher and work with them.

Mr. Wille inquired about the Twin Lakes bypass work. Mr. Ely noted the team will be in Aspen performing monitoring work. The Board is welcome to join them. Staff will look into adjusting the September board meeting date so Mr. Miller, Mr. Espegren and Ms. Wynne can attend and give the Board an update on the work.

Public Comment – None

Approval of Minutes June 17, 2021

Mr. Obilby moved to approve the minutes of June 17, 2021. Ms. Tasker seconded the motion. The motion passed 5/0.

Mr. Wheatley moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Tasker seconded the motion. The motion passed 5/0.

The Board adjourned at approximately 6:15 pm.

Approved:

Attest:

Chris Lemons -Chairman

Lisa MacDonald

HEALTHY RIVERS AND STREAMS CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD
Regular Meeting
November 18, 2021
123 Emma Road, 2nd Floor Basalt, CO 81621

River Board members present: Bill Jochems, Wendy Huber, Chris Lemons, Lisa Tasker, Chuck Ogilby and Chris Wheatley

River Board members absent: Andre Wille

Attendees in addition to presenters: Lisa MacDonald, Matt Annabel, Heather Sackett

Board Comment – Mr. Wheatley noted the article emailed to the Board via Commissioner Poschman regarding Ridgway grants “rights” to its river, joining several Colorado towns in push for new water protections. The Board is interested in having either the Mayor or another speaker present this to them. Staff will look into this.

Ms. Tasker, Ms. Huber and Ms. MacDonald all attend the virtual Colorado Beaver Summit in October. There is great interest in projects and public outreach concerning beavers. Jackie Corday, with Corday Natural Resources Consulting, is lined up to attend a future river board meeting to discuss opportunities in the Roaring Fork Watershed.

Public Comment – None

Additions/Deletions to the Agenda – None

Approval of Minutes Sept 13, 2021

Ms. Tasker moved to approve the minutes of Sept. 13, 2021. Ms. Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0.

Robinson Diversion Modification Project Engineering Award

Ms. MacDonald shared the Robinson Diversion project wrap up video created by Matt Annabel.

RiverRestoration.org, the engineering firm for the project, won an American Council of Engineering Companies of Colorado Engineering Excellence Award for the project.

Letter of Support for CO Airborne Snow Observatory

Mr. Langenhuizen sought letter of support for the Co Airborne Snow Observatory’s water plan grant application due November 24, 2021. The ASO uses paired infrared airborne lidar and imaging spectrometer sensors coupled with snow dynamics model to measure snow depth and albedo and retrieved snow water equivalent across large river basins. The grant is for snow or snow free flight coverage across Colorado including the entire Roaring Fork Valley which will provide baseline topographic data for future snow flights.

Ms. Huber moved to approve the board provide a letter of support for the Colorado Airborne Snow Observatory grant application specific to the Roaring Fork Valley and direct the Chair to sign. Mr. Lemons seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0.

Colorado River District’s Community Funding Partnership Program – Amy Moyer, River District Director of Strategic Partnership

Ms. Moyer introduced the program to the Board, the projects funded to date and opportunities for collaboration.

Sponsorship Request – River Science’s River Watch Program – Roaring Fork Valley, Luke Javernick

Mr. Javernick appeared via zoom and provided background on the River Watch Program and current plans. River Science is seeking a \$4995 sponsorship for the local River Watch Program.

Mr. Ogilby moved to recommend funding for the River Science's River Watch Program. Ms. Huber seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0.

City of Aspen's Roaring Fork River Riparian Assessment and Plan - April Long, Clean Rivers Program Manager

Mr. Long presented the finding of the City's assessment and future plans. The City rolled out its Roaring Fork River Riparian Assessment and Plan on Sept 20th. The assessment is paired with plans and actions to create a healthier riparian eco system. Chairman Lemons was a part of stakeholder process.

Wilderness Workshop Crystal River wild and scenic designation campaign support six month grant update, Will Roush and Juli Slivka

Ms. Slivka provided handout to the Board and presented work to date on the campaign. Activities, community and stakeholder outreach, communications and events and grassroots advocacy are all beginning along with a statement of support developed by the Crystal Wild and Scenic Coalition. Discussions ensued regarding more collaboration with the Board on the campaign and a desire to work together.

Aspen Public Radio Underwriting 2021- 2022

The Board reviewed the underwriting contract for the 2021-2022 season.

Mr. Wheatley moved to approve funding in the amount of \$4161 for the 2021-2022 underwriting season. Ms. Tasker seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0.

Open Discussion -

Ms. Huber updated the board on the progress of the subcommittee's work on presentations to similar local governments regarding our healthy rivers program/sales tax. Matt Annabel has drafted a power point and the committee will convene to discuss next steps.

The Board asked that Mark O'Meara with the Town of Carbondale attend the Dec meeting for grant updates.

Ms. MacDonald noted the BOCC approved the 2022 budget for the River Board at its November 4, 2021 meeting. The River Board did not meet in Oct due to lack of a quorum and therefore did not have a chance to review the budget documents.

Ms. MacDonald announced that Lisa Tasker has been offered the Healthy Rivers Administrative Specialist position. Ms. Tasker's last River Board meeting will be December 16th and will begin employment on January 3, 2022. We received thirteen applications and interviewed seven highly qualified applicants.

Ms. MacDonald sought input from the Board regarding the future of the Youth Water Leadership Summit, by Wild Rose Education. Ms. Johnson is interested in implementing the program but is seeking additional funding from the program in order to proceed. The Board requested Mr. Johnson attend a future board meeting for further discussions.

Ms. Huber moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Wheatley seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0.

The Board adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm.

Approved:

Attest:

Chris Lemons - Chairman

Lisa MacDonald

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

December 16, 2021

TO: River Board

FROM: Lisa MacDonald

SUBJECT: Wild Rose Education discussion of future youth empowerment initiative

Information:

Sarah Johnson of Wild Rose Education, will attend our meeting to lead a discussion on the next iteration of a youth empowerment initiative building on what was learned from the [Healthy Rivers Youth Water Summit](#) and moving forward toward what youth need today and into the future. This will be the first discussion (of as many may be needed) to help the board chew on what is needed, what is possible with current programmatic infrastructure, what question/problem/issue the board could define and help young people begin to see and take action on. Sarah will share some findings from recent research that was shared [in Nature](#), details of the [US ACE Framework](#), as well as local input from teachers and organizations.

Requested Board Action: Discussion only