

**MINUTES
OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
January 15, 2026
530 East Main Street
Aspen, CO 81611**

OSTB Present:

Graeme Means Dist. 1	Howie Mallory Dist. 2	Amy Barrow Dist. 3, Chair	Michael Kinsley Dist. 4	Wayne Ives Dist. 5
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Staff Present: Gary Tennenbaum, Kim Arensdorf, Ted O'Brien, Jessie Young, Paul Holsinger, Jami McMannes

Amy Barrow called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Howie Mallory motioned for the OSTB to approve the 12/16/2026 OSTB Regular and Executive Draft Minutes. Graeme Means seconded. Motion passed (5-0).

BOARD AND STAFF COMMENTS

Howie Mallory stated that the City Open Space Board will be reviewing the North Star management plan. He asked staff for examples of indicators for wildlife and visitor experience. Jessie Young explained that long-monitored indicators include biodiversity, ecosystem integrity, and water quality. She noted the importance of tracking ecological trends to assess the area's health. Mallory asked about the management of beaver dams at North Star. Young explained that the policy is to leave beaver dams intact unless they threaten critical infrastructure. The management plan now instructs visitors to portage around dams rather than cross them, she said.

Mallory asked about the progress of the Wildwood land exchange. Gary Tennenbaum explained that the Forest Service's limited capacity is causing delays in the Wildwood land exchange process. Additionally, a pending gold mine application is an obstacle to the land exchange. Tennenbaum stated that staff will explore third-party options to expedite necessary actions.

BOARD ACTION

Michael Kinsley motioned to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners accept the Carvelli Conservation Easement. Wayne Ives seconded the motion. Motion passed (5-0).

ADJOURN

The OSTB meeting of January 15, 2026 adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

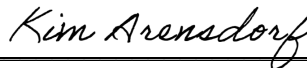
Approved:

Signed by:

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Amy Barrow, Chair
Pitkin County Open Space & Trails Board

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kim Arensdorf".

Kim Arensdorf, Administrative Specialist
Pitkin County Open Space & Trails