



Agenda

June 18, 2026, 4:00 pm

Pitkin County River Park Center Building
123 Emma Road Second Floor Conference Room
Basalt, CO 81621

Time	Administrative Items
4:00 PM	Board Comment Public Comment Additions /Deletions to Agenda Approval of the Minutes May 21, 2026 Regular meeting Staff Report 2027 Budget Discussions – <i>materials distributed at meeting</i>
	Executive Session
5:15 PM	EXECUTIVE SESSION - Property interest acquisition and negotiations – Roaring Fork River water rights discussion with counsel for the purpose of receiving legal advice pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) - discussion of property interest acquisition pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a) and - providing instruction to negotiators pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a)
5:45 PM	Open Discussion
6:00 PM	Adjourn

Upcoming 2026 Regular Meetings: Jul 16, Aug 20, Sep 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17

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

MINUTES

PITKIN COUNTY HEALTHY RIVERS AND STREAMS BOARD

REGULAR MEETING May 21, 2026

The agenda items contained in these minutes are written in an action only format.
There is no recording available for this meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andre Wille , Ned Andrews, Anne Chudolij Khuong, Matt Shmigelsky, Sam Cox, Maciej Mrotek via zoom

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kirstin Neff

Open Meeting

Vice Chair Mrotek called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 p.m.

BOARD COMMENT:

EcoFlight – Wille, Chudolij Khuong, Shmigelsky, Cox, Corona with focus on the focus is beaver habitat in the Thompson Divide area

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA: Vice Chair Mrotek suggested moving Ex Session to the end of the meeting. The Board agreed.

Approval of the Minutes of April 16, 2026.

Mr. Cox moved to approve the minutes of April 16, 2026 with a correction to Mr. Andrews name.

Ms. Chudolij Khuong seconded the motion. The motion passed 5/0.

Mr. Andrews joined the meeting at approximately 4:40 pm.

Staff Report – Staff updated the Board on items contained in the packet. Whitewater Park opening will be provided once we hear back from the Contractor.

Redstone Art Foundation – Plein Air Festival Sponsorship Request

Dione Holt with the foundation sought a sponsorship for the Plien Air Festival in June held along the Crystal River.

Mr. Wille moved to provide \$2000 sponsorship to the Best River Painting at the festival with an ability to use images of the painting for social media and other promotional purposes. Mr. Shmigelsky seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0.

RWAPA – Water Conservation Valley Wide Messaging Campaign Funding Request

Executive Director, Paula Stepp and Greg Poschman, RWAPA Board member updated the Board on the messaging campaign and may return to the Board to seek additional funding.

Work Progress Update – Cat Corona, River Corps Intern

Ms. Corona provided the Board an update on her work to date as our River Corps Intern. She is attending caucus meetings and presenting a Living with Beavers A Coexistence Program for the Roaring Fork Valley. She has also developed documents and information for the Healthy Rivers web page that will allow for landowners to apply for our funding for beaver co-existence. She attended and promoted the program at a Pollinators Event with Ms. Chudolij Khuong at Rock Bottom Ranch and joined a flight with EcoFlight promoting beavers.

Challenge Cost Share Agreement for the White River National Forest Watershed health and monitoring program including Air Quality and High Mountain Lakes Sampling, macroinvertebrate sampling, and other WRNF- Pitkin County watershed health and monitoring opportunities

Mr. Green Smith, USFS Hydrologist, briefed the Board on the air quality and high mountain lakes sampling and macroinvertebrate sampling. In order to provide funding that's been appropriated in the Board's 2026 budget, the county will need to enter into Challenge Cost Share agreement with the USFS.

Mr. Andrews moved to recommend the BOCC enter into the Challenge Cost Share agreement with the USFS for \$45,000. Mr. Shmigelsky seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0.

Locations and Funding for Installation of Stream Gages

Staff provided information on installation of gages on the Roaring Fork River and Snowmass Creek.

Mr. Wille moved to approve two stream gages one on the Roaring Fork at Lost Man and on Snowmass Creek and potential to support Capital Creek gage upgrades. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0.

Open Discussion

None

Executive Session

Mr. Shmigelsky moved to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of:

- *Property interest acquisition and negotiations – Roaring Fork River water rights -- discussion with counsel for the purpose of receiving legal advice pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b)*
- *discussion of property interest acquisition pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a) and*
- *providing instruction to negotiators pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a)*

Vice Chair Mrotek seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0.

Mr. Andrews moved to adjourn the executive session. Mr. Shmigelsky seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0.

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

Action: Move to adjourn:

Vice Chair Mrotek moved to adjourn at approximately 7:00 pm. Mr. Wille seconded the motion. The motion passed 6/0.

Approved:

Attest:

Maciej Mrotek Vice-Chair

Lisa MacDonald



MEETING DATE: June 18, 2026

TO: Healthy Rivers Board

FROM: Lisa MacDonald, Manager

CC: Ry Neiley, County Attorney
Anne Marie McPhee – Deputy County Attorney

AGENDA ITEM: Monthly Staff Report

June 2026 Highlights

Whitewater Park

Working on addressing and the fire code letter to the State with the Town of Basalt. Address needed to set up a Holy Cross account to get electric service at the park. Changed out the cedar soffit and fascia outside surface with fire compliant materials. Looking at delivery in the fourth quarter of 2026.

Signage in design phase. Working with Ely family on design. Once approved, approximately 4-5 weeks to make, then install.

Landscaping continues with most of the work complete. Bank work to continue through July. Split rail fence install on going. Concrete and boardwalk installed. New asphalt scheduled for 6/22 in parking lot.

Swift water training is ongoing by local entities in the waves.





Aquatic Nuisance Species

Staff is part of larger ANS workgroup on messaging and cleaning stations. Stakeholders include: Healthy Rivers, Pit Co OST, RFC, RWAPA, City of Aspen and CPW.

Numerous events happening where materials and cleaning kits will be distributed, i.e. Arbor Day event at Paepcke Park, Slaughter Fest in Aspen at Stein Park, River Events in Basalt and Glenwood. Social media posts and future radio spots.

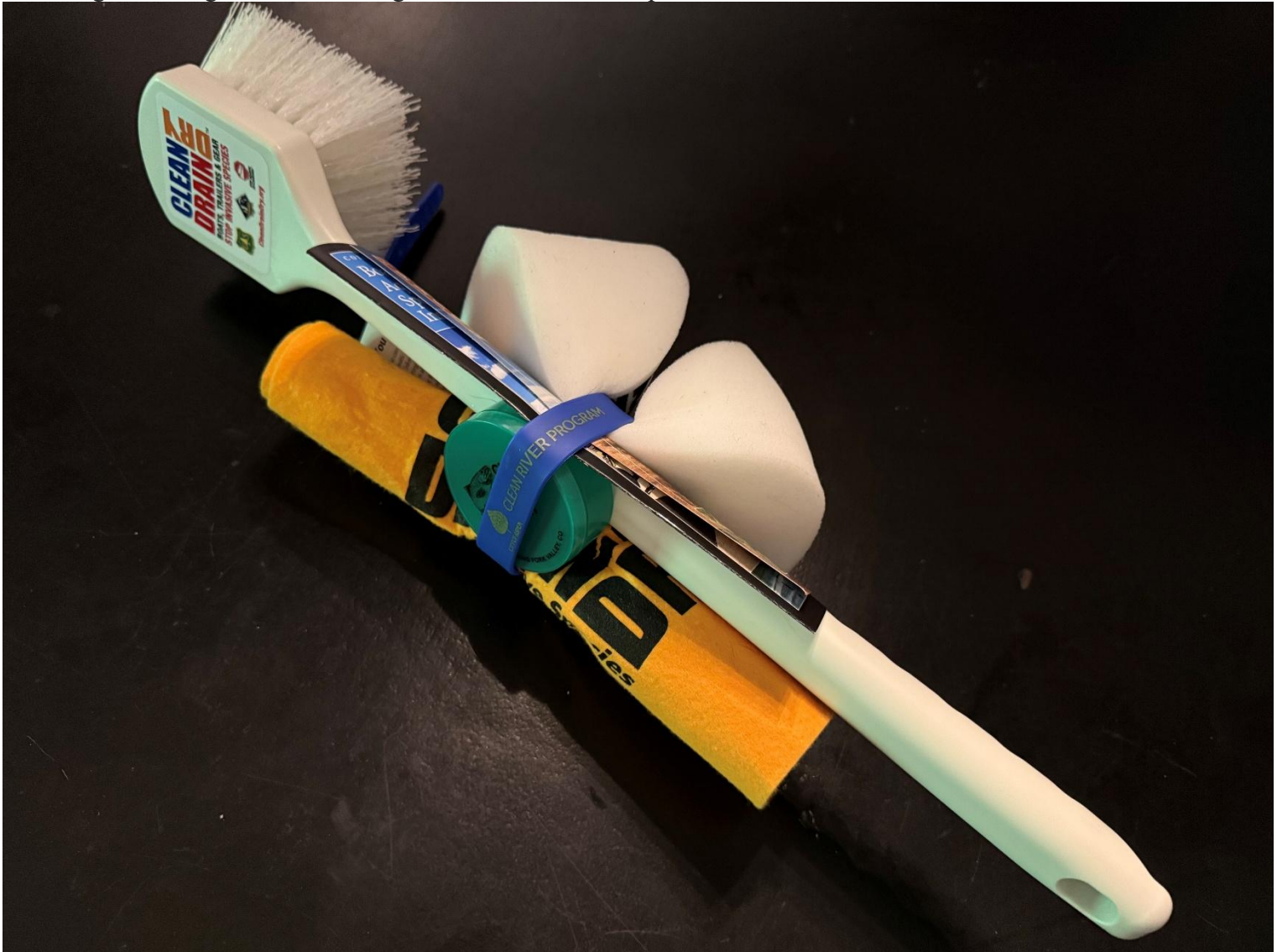
Fly Lords Video complete and running on socials

New Cleaning Station in addition to Ruedi, Glenwood Springs Two River Park and Basalt

- Sam Caudill Carbondale Boat Ramp - Small Boat cleaning station
- Jaffee Park - Small Boat cleaning station, Wader Washing station
- Stein Park - Wader Washing station

Hiring a project manager to help coordinate the group and advance our outreach effort

Cleaning kits being distributed along with our tie down straps





RWAPA Water Conservation Messaging

Posts on our socials

BOCC Meetings

CU, Roaring Fork Conservancy and Wilderness Workshop presented their grants to the BOCC June 2nd.

Budget Supplementals to BOCC on June 9th, June 10th and June 24th

These included the Debt Issuance, Airport Aviation Fuel Tax. and Engineering Services SGM Civil work at whitewater park

Outreach/Education/Grants

- Ads are running on KDNK, APR and Tricolor
- 2026 Scholarships complete
- Grants complete, contracts issued and payments submitted

Education and Training 2026:

- Colorado Water Congress Winter Conference Denver – Mrotek, Shmigelsky, Anne Chudolij Khuong and Cox attended in person. Virtual attendance – Tasker
- RiversEdge West - 2026 Riparian Restoration Conference Grand Junction – Neff, Tasker
- QQ March Meeting Glenwood Springs, MacDonald, Tasker, Woodruff
- Co River District's State of the River Aspen - MacDonald and Tasker presented. Neff, Chudolij Khuong and Andrews attended
- Watershed Collaborative Meeting – MacDonald, Corona, Tasker, Neff, Chudolij Khuong, Poshman

ONGOING - Staff continues to participate and/or collaborate with the following groups:

- **Colorado Water Congress State Affairs Committee meetings Mondays 8:00 am when CO State Congress is in session-** monitor each week while Legislature is in session.
- **Roaring Fork Wildfire Collaborative** as applicable.
- **Watershed Collaborative Meetings, Board is on listserv and receives updates** First meeting of 2026 held May 7th in Carbondale. Neff, Chudolij Khuong, Tasker and MacDonald attended.
- **Colorado Basin Roundtable half-day meetings every 2 months 2026-** January 26, March 23, May 18, July 27, Sept 28, Nov 23
- **Crystal River Wild and Scenic Core Group, Collaborative, Coalition/Advocacy, Stakeholder meetings**
- **Local Beaver group** including CPW, USFS, BLM, Roaring Fork Audubon, RFC, Sierra Club, EcoFlight, The Roaring Fork Biodiversity Initiative, National Forest Foundation and others –



- **Lincoln Creek/Grizzly/Ruby Mine**
Local Lincoln Creek Workgroup
- **Riverscape Restoration Network Meetings with American Rivers**
- **Beaver Working Group for the state of Colorado**