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Land Conservation & Stewardship Board

March 11, 2026

Regular Meeting – Excerpt

Members:

Ross Cunniff, Chair
Scott Mason, Vice Chair
Denise Culver, Member
Jennifer Gooden, Member
Steve Joyce, Member

Holger Kley, Member
Elena Lopez, Member
Mark Sears, Member
Tom Shoemaker, Member

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

2. ROLL CALL:

LCSB: Steve Joyce, Scott Mason, Elena Lopez, Mark Sears, Tom Shoemaker, Jennifer Gooden, Denise Culver, Holger Kley, Ross Cunniff

NAD Staff: Katie Donahue, Julia Feder, Aran Meyer, Todd Juhasz, Nick Van Lanen, Matt Parker, Elaine Calaba, Aaron Reed, Kati Jacobson, Tawnya Ernst, Barb Brock, Alynn Karnes, Mary Boyts

Excerpt related to this Council Meeting Agenda Item: Natural Areas Annual Appropriation of Prior Years Reserves.

6. ACTION ITEMS

Annual Budget Reappropriation

Katie Donahue, Director and Barb Brock, Financial Analyst

Katie provided an overview of the 2026 reappropriation of \$6,224,294 in unspent funds and unanticipated revenue in the Natural Areas Fund to fund land conservation, restoration of wildlife habitat, trails and visitor amenities, special projects and other NAD needs to benefit the residents of Fort Collins. Katie led the LCSB through a brief description of the anticipated use of the funds.

Discussion

LCSB Question: Including the reappropriation, what is the total 2026 Natural Areas budget?

Staff Answer: The budget is approximately 20 million plus 4.9 million for the Arapaho Bend restoration project and 6.2 reappropriated funds for a total of about 30 million for 2026.

LCSB Quest: What equipment is being purchased with reappropriation funds?

Staff Answer: NAD is planning to purchase four pieces of equipment: midsize dump truck, chipper, tractor and a water truck.

LCSB Question: Does the department have a chart showing the annual reappropriation amounts, particularly Land Conservation carryovers?

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Staff Answer: We can create a report but don't have one at hand. The annual reappropriation for land conservation is in the ballpark of previous years; \$6-10 million.

LCSB Question: Is the \$5.1 million for Land Conservation targeted for potential acquisitions?

Staff Answer: Yes, there are two acquisitions under contract.

Member Sears made a motion that the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board recommends that City Council approve the proposed 2026 appropriation of prior year Natural Areas reserves. Member Gooden seconded the motion. The motion unanimously passed 9-0.

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