

# MINUTES

CITY OF FORT COLLINS • BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



## Land Conservation & Stewardship Board August 14, 2024 Regular Meeting – Excerpt

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### 6. ACTION ITEMS

#### **Sauer Conservation Easement, IGA and lease**

**Tawnya Ernst, Land Conservation Lead Specialist** stated she was seeking a recommendation from the LCSB to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Loveland (Loveland) and Larimer County (County) to acquire 142 acres from the Sauer family. At the time of closing, Loveland and the City of Fort Collins (Fort Collins) will convey a conservation easement to Larimer County in exchange for the County's \$400,000 contribution toward the purchase price. Additionally, Loveland and Fort Collins will establish a farming lease with the Sauer family that will encompass the newly acquired 142 acres and 560 acres of the existing 785-acre Prairie Ridge Natural Area. Tawnya noted the long-term relationship with the Sauer family and their commitment to conservation.

#### **Discussion**

Board members commended land conservation staff and were supportive of the acquisition, conservation easement and lease. Tawnya confirmed the family would continue to occupy their adjacent 10-acre residential property.

***Vice Chair Mason made a motion the Land Conservation and Stewardship Board recommends that City Council approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Larimer County and the City of Loveland to: Partner on the acquisition of a 142-acre addition to Prairie Ridge Natural Area; Approve a farming lease with the current landowner; Convey a conservation easement to Larimer County. Member Gooden seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, 5-0.***