

*Approved as Amended 5/14/14*  
**OPEN SPACE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
Minutes  
Meeting Date April 9, 2014

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tom Isaacson      Shelley Dunbar      Frances Hartogh      Molly Davis      Kevin Bracy Knight

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mike Patton      Jim Reeder      Dave Kuntz      Lisa Dierauf      Jennelle Freeston  
Laurie Deiter      Mike Orosel      John D'Amico      Alycia Knutson      Ana Sutherland  
Lynn Riedel      Alexis Nelson      Leah Case      Michele Gonzales      Alyssa Frideres

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

The newest Open Space Board of Trustees (OSBT) member, Kevin Bracy Knight, read and signed the Oath of Office.

Shelley Dunbar moved to appoint Tom Isaacson as the chairperson for the Open Space Board of Trustees. Tom Isaacson moved to appoint Shelley Dunbar as the Vice Chair. Tom Isaacson moved to elect Mike Patton as the Board Secretary. All motions passed unanimously by acclamation.

**AGENDA ITEM 1 – Approval of the Minutes**

Shelley Dunbar moved to approve the minutes from Mar. 12, 2014. Frances Hartogh seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

**AGENDA ITEM 2 – Public Participation for Items not on the Agenda**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM 3 – Director's Updates**

Laurie Deiter, Natural Resource Specialist, gave an update on the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Oatgrass Control and Management.

Mike Patton asked the Board who might be interested in being the OSBT representative for an upcoming resilience strategies workshop. Molly Davis volunteered to attend.

**AGENDA ITEM 4 – Matters from the Board**

Tom said he would like the Board to remain involved in the upcoming changes for the Voice and Sight (V&S) Tag Program. The Board asked for this topic to be added on the May agenda. Some items for discussion will be logistics for the education sessions, plans for excrement removal and to view the V&S video.

Shelley asked staff what the status is on Skunk Canyon. Mike said this is an area that is still being worked on, but if there is interest in seeing the area, staff can schedule a site visit for the Board.

Mike said seasonal trail crews have begun their work for the season. He said a good area to see one of their accomplishments is at South Boulder Creek. Mike noted that Jim Reeder has also been working with Boulder County on getting the Gregory Canyon access road fixed.

Kevin Bracy Knight asked if there is an electronic form for the public to report on trail conditions. Mike said staff will look into adding this on the Website.

**AGENDA ITEM 5 – Summary of 2013 Open Space and Mountain Parks (OSMP) Volunteer Services and Declaration to Honor OSMP Volunteers during National Volunteer Week.\***

Jennelle Freeston, Volunteer Coordinator, presented to the Board recognizing National Volunteer Week.

Tom asked how staff handles converting one-time volunteers into ongoing volunteers. Jennelle said they do this in as many ways as possible such as sending notification to previous volunteers when they recruit for new program volunteers. They will also reach out to volunteers during projects. Frances said this is a great program and the way staff works with the public is really commendable.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Return to the Board**

Tom Isaacson read the following declaration:

*The Open Space Board of Trustees joins the staff of the City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks Department in recognizing all of our volunteers during National Volunteer Week 2014. We salute the more than 1,700 Open Space and Mountain Parks volunteers who contributed their talents and efforts in helping the department carry out its mission. These irreplaceable individuals are an inspiration as they help to protect the resources that make Boulder's Open Space and Mountain Parks so special.*

**AGENDA ITEM 6 – Consideration of a motion to approve the purchase of 44 acres of land, the mineral estate and 44 shares of Left Hand Water located at 7204 N. 45<sup>th</sup> St. from the Berman Brothers for \$1,375,000 for OSMP purposes.\***

John D'Amico, Property Agent, gave a presentation on the Berman Brothers property. This is a property which OSMP has actively pursued acquiring for over 15 years.

Shelley asked what structures will be allowed on the property. John said zoning will allow for one house as well as agricultural buildings. Mike said staff purchased this property with the intent to use it for agriculture. Tom asked what characteristics on this property make it appealing for local agriculture. Mike said it is a large property which could accommodate more than one operation. It is also located near a busy road which could allow for a successful farm stand. Kevin asked about the water rights. John said this property is high up in seniority and there should not be any issues with water. Tom asked if staff obtained an appraisal. John said no, typically they do not do this. Tom asked when the budget was put together was this a property that was envisioned to be acquired. John said yes, this has been on the list for a long time. Shelley asked for a map showing all Open Space properties and how many are agricultural. She would also like to know what they are used for. She said encouraging local food production is a high priority topic, and it would be helpful to have a clear idea of what still needs to happen to meet those goals.

Molly asked if this property will fall into the North Trail Study Area (TSA). Mike said yes. Molly asked if staff has an idea on when this process will begin. Mike said next year. Frances asked if staff will have enough baseline information. Mike said staff will not begin this process until they have enough baseline data and a process established. Molly asked if this property will be leased out to one person or multiple operations. Mike said he is unsure, but most likely multiple operations. Staff will need to figure out what

the best use of the land will be. Most likely it will be used by more than one entity. Molly asked when there are multiple operations if there is a risk for conflict. Mike said all activities would be compatible.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Return to the Board**

No further comment.

**Motion**

**Shelley Dunbar moved the Open Space Board of Trustees approve a motion recommending that the Boulder City Council approve the purchase of 44 acres of land, the mineral estate and 44 shares of Left Hand Water located at 7204 N. 45<sup>th</sup> St. from the Berman Brothers for \$1,375,000 for Open Space and Mountain Parks purposes. An additional \$6,000 for immediate needs is also being requested for expenditure from the acquisition budget. Molly Davis seconded. This motion passed unanimously.**

**Tom Isaacson moved the Open Space Board of Trustees recommend that City Council approve the designation of Berman Brothers property as an agricultural area for management purposes. Shelley Dunbar second. This motion passed unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

*These minutes were prepared by Leah Case.*