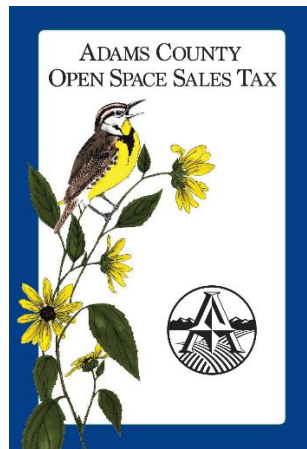




Open Space Advisory Board – Spring 2026 Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

Chair, Mark Stickel called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Mark Stickel
Chilisa Shorten
Janene Feist
Paul Orland

Excused: Marc Volland

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 29, 2026, Presentation Meeting

A motion to approve Meeting Minutes, dated 4/29/2026, by Marck Stickel, seconded by Paul Orland. The following vote carried the motion:

Aye: Mark Stickel, Paul Orland, Janene Fiest, Chilisa Shorten

Nay: 0

V. Update on Fund Balance

Funds Available: \$20,822,755.51

Funds Requested: \$12,141,849.00

- Full Grant Requests: \$11,976,199.00

- Mini Grant Requests: \$165,650.00

Fund balance if OSAB recommends funding for all projects \$8,680,906.51

VI. Review of Grant Applications Scoring

Scoring Order of Full Applications

1. Adams County – Water Rights Acquisition, \$3,430,000.00
2. Thornton – Water Wise Drought Defense, \$1,179,150.00
3. Bird Conservancy of the Rockies - Prairie partnerships: connecting people to nature from the grasslands to the cities, \$710,000.00
4. Commerce City – Commerce City Open Space Management, \$60,000.00
5. Strasburg Parks and Recreation – Pee Wee Sports Field, \$117,865.00
6. Hyland Hills Parks and Recreation – Carroll Butts Park Phase II, \$2,870,000.00
7. Westminster – Vogel Pond Open Space Area Management Plan, \$52,500.00
8. Friends of the Front Range Wildlife Refuges - Nature Play at Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge, \$918,547.00
9. Town of Bennett – Civic Center Park Ball Field Maintenance Equipment Dedicated Hybrid/Electric System, \$70,000.00
10. Bennett Parks and Recreation District – Security for Safety, \$63,000.00
11. Northglenn – Parks Barn Electrification Project, Request: \$183,546.00
12. Hyland Hills Parks and Recreation – Ballfield Concessions & Restroom Improvements, \$945,000.00
13. Northglenn – Larson Glenn Mini Pitch Project, \$134,520.00
14. Thornton - Sports Courts and Safety Reports, \$1,242,071.00

Mini Grants - *The funds requested did not exceed 2 percent of the total available funds. Therefore, mini grants did not require scoring this cycle.*

1. Thornton – Beat the Heat – Take a Seat, \$25,000.00
2. Brighton – Park Rules and Informational Signage, \$25,000.00
3. North Metro Little League - NMLL Field Upgrades and Equipment - Northwest Open Space, \$17,150.00
4. Adams County - Natural Heritage Survey for Adams County, \$17,500.00

5. Westminster– Grit at Irving Street Community Garden, \$25,000.00
6. Bennett Parks and recreation District – Welcome Desk, \$23,100.00
7. Strasburg Parks and Recreation District- USA 250 Community Mural, \$7,900.00
8. Hyland Hills Parks and Recreation District – Bell Roth Park Shade Structure, \$25,000.00

VII. Confirm Ranking and Discuss Funding Strategy

OSAB reviewed project scoring (also submitted to them prior in board packets).

- a. Mini Grants
- b. Full Applications

IX. Funding Discussion

- a. Formal recommendations

Chair, Mark Stickel recommends a vote to fund all projects as requested as consent agenda items or pull projects that the OSAB wishes to discuss individually. No further discussion was requested.

- b. Vote

A motion was made by Mark Stickel, seconded by Chilisa Shorten to fund all projects as requested. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Aye: Mark Stickel, Paul Orland, Janene Fiest, Chilisa Shorten

Nay: 0

IX. Public Comment

None

X. Break

XI. Matters from the Board

None

XII. Matters from the Parks, Open Space, and Cultural Arts Department

- a. OSAB Vacancy(s)

Rae-Anne presented two current vacancies. Northglenn did not have a candidate in January and the representative from Thornton has resigned.

Cities' Rotation per Bylaws:

Arvada, Aurora, Bennett, Brighton, Commerce City, Federal Heights, Northglenn, Thornton, Westminster

To apply:

<https://adamscountyco.gov/our-county/elected-officials/board-of-county-commissioners/citizen-advisory-boards-and-commissions/>

Contact: Erica Hannah, Clerk to the Board: EHannah@adamscountyco.gov

XIII. Adjourn

Mark Stickle made a motion to adjourn at 6:13 p.m. seconded by Janene Fiest.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Aye: Mark Stickel, Paul Orland, Janene Fiest, Chilisa Shorten

Nay: 0

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