

LARIMER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY BOARD  
Meeting Minutes  
July 10, 2019

Present: Jennifer Bornhoft (liaison), Jason Brothers, Beth Conrey, Jenn Cram (liaison), Travis Horton, Gail Meisner, Paula Petroff (Extension), Kristin Ramey, Travis Rollins (liaison), Greg Schreiner, Jon Slutsky, Zach Thode, George Wallace, and Natalie Yoder.

Absent: Sam Adams, Valerie Clark, Timothy Clouse, Karen Crumbaker (liaison), Franklyn Garry, John Kefalas, Nic Koontz, and Brittany Stebbins.

I. Meeting called to order, welcome new Board members, introduction of guests, and chair report. Chairman Zach Thode called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. New Board member Kristin Ramey introduced herself to members.

II. Larimer County Farmers Alliance presentation/discussion. Ben Pfeffer, Patrick Conrey, Zoe Finn, Carolyn Fitzgerald and Cassandra Harrington gave a presentation about Larimer County Farmers Alliance (LCFA). The Board members and LCFA members discussed the following:

- LCFA mission is to build community through Agriculture by educating farmers, community members and local politicians through events and enjoyment of local food.
- Collaboration between LCFA and AAB.
- Bringing problems LCFA sees in agriculture community to AAB for input.
- Land access difficulties for young farmers.
- Labor issues.
- East Mulberry annexation and Agriculture District.
- Colorado Coalition for Healthy Soils (CCHS) conference. For more information: [madagriculture.org](http://madagriculture.org)

III. Consideration of minutes from May 8, 2019 meeting. The May 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes were approved as submitted.

IV. 2018 Task Force Presentations to Board of County Commissioners – Date and Time Confirmation. Manure presentation: Greg would like to present in early August. LESA Updates: George is available with no limitations. It may be possible to do both presentations back to back. Jenn will get in touch with Brenda Gimeson about scheduling with the Commissioners.

V. 2019 Task Force Presentations – Groups broke up to discuss intent of presentations.

- Ag Districts – Zach, George, Frank, Jenn and Travis Horton
- Hemp – Greg, Jon, Jason, Gail and Travis Rollins
- Food Systems and Legacy/New Farmers – Natalie, Nic, Beth, Kristin and possibly Tim.

VI. Right to Farm Signage – Proposed locations in Southern Larimer County Field Trip. Jenn will follow up with Kristin and Beth to find a date that works. Jason and Zach will also join.

VII. Announcements –

Jon gave a quick update on the Oil and Gas Task Force. The first meeting was introductions and background. Discussed the things to consider with Oil and Gas, siting is one. Larimer County is gathering information to see where they will try to regulate Oil and Gas uses. The second meeting is July 15.

Natalie noted that the CSU Field Day at ARDEC South will be August 21. She will email details.

Greg noted issues with CR 70 where it crosses the railroad tracks.

VIII. The next AAB meeting will be held on September 11, 2019, at 12:30 p.m. at the CSU Larimer County Extension Office, 1525 Blue Spruce Drive, Fort Collins, CO.

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.