

BLAINE COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2020-XX

**WOOD RIVER LAND TRUST COLORADO GULCH STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT
LAND, WATER & WILDLIFE LEVY PROJECT FUNDING**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BLAINE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVING, PURSUANT TO THE ESTABLISHED CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES OF THE LAND, WATER AND WILDLIFE LEVY PROGRAM, THE DISPERSAL OF LAND, WATER AND WILDLIFE LEVY FUNDS.

WHEREAS, the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy passed successfully through general election on November 4, 2008 to collect funds to protect land, water and wildlife in Blaine County;

WHEREAS, the Blaine County Board of County Commissioners, per Blaine County Resolution #2008-71, set out the goals and purposes of the Land, Water & Wildlife Levy;

WHEREAS, the Blaine County Board of County Commissioners, consistent with the goals and purposes of the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy and per Blaine County Resolution #2011-20, established the working procedures for the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Program including project evaluation criteria, a citizen advisory committee recommendation process and procedures for the dispersal of levy funds; with amendments adopted by Blaine County Resolution #2013-24.

WHEREAS, The Wood River Land Trust (“WRLT”) has requested as part of the Colorado Gulch Stream Restoration Project up to twenty nine thousand six hundred and thirty two dollars (\$29,632) or fifty percent (50%) of total project costs, whichever is less, from the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Fund for stream restoration at Colorado Gulch, consisting of removing old bridge abutments, rip rap, and bridge approach material, reconnecting an historic side channel to increase fish habitat and provide habitat diversity, and bank stabilization through addition of natural large woody materials and revegetation with native plants. These alterations will allow the main channel to access the floodplain approximately every 1-2 years. Benefits of connectivity to the floodplain include flood mitigation, groundwater recharge, channel stability, and vegetation and habitat recovery. Exhibit A (Biota Design Memo to BCC), Attachment A (Colorado Gulch Stream Restoration Project Map), and Exhibit B (Colorado Gulch Stream Restoration Project Budget), attached to this document, outline the Project Goals, Objectives, Materials and Methods, and Cost.

WHEREAS, the duly appointed nine-member volunteer citizen advisory committee, known as the Levy Advisory Board (LAB), after finding that the Colorado Gulch Stream Restoration Project meets the Land, Water & Wildlife Levy Program’s conservation criteria recommended Conceptual Approval of the project the terms of which include, among others, the dispersal of up to twenty nine thousand six hundred and thirty two dollars (\$29,632) or fifty percent (50%) of total project costs, whichever is less, from the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Fund for stream restoration at

Colorado Gulch, including removing old bridge abutments, rip rap, and bridge approach material, reconnecting an historic side channel to increase fish habitat and provide habitat diversity, and bank stabilization through addition of natural large woody materials and revegetation with native plants. Exhibit A (Biota Design Memo to BCC), Attachment A (Colorado Gulch Stream Restoration Project Map), and Exhibit B (Colorado Gulch Stream Restoration Project Budget), attached to this document, outline the Project Goals, Objectives, Materials and Methods, and Cost.

WHEREAS, the Land, Water & Wildlife Program’s process includes a final review by the LAB, the outcome of which is a LAB recommendation to the Commissioners about whether the Grant Agreement and other “due diligence” documents are acceptable.

WHEREAS, the Blaine County Board of County Commissioners finds that the Colorado Gulch Stream Restoration Project meets the Land, Water & Wildlife Levy Program’s conservation and funding criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Blaine County Board of County Commissioners, after reviewing the Grant Agreement and the other “due diligence” documents referenced in the Grant Agreement, approved said Grant Agreement between Blaine County and the Wood River Land Trust the terms of which include, among others, the dispersal of up to twenty nine thousand six hundred and thirty two dollars (\$29,632) or fifty percent (50%) of total project costs, whichever is less, from the Land, Water and Wildlife Levy Fund for stream restoration at Colorado Gulch, including removing old bridge abutments, rip rap, and bridge approach material, reconnecting an historic side channel to increase fish habitat and provide habitat diversity, and bank stabilization through addition of natural large woody materials and revegetation with native plants. Exhibit A (Biota Design Memo to BCC), Attachment A (Colorado Gulch Stream Restoration Project Map), and Exhibit B (Colorado Gulch Stream Restoration Project Budget), attached to this document, outline the Project Goals, Objectives, Materials and Methods, and Cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BLAINE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEREBY APPROVES FROM THE LAND, WATER & WILDLIFE LEVY FUND:

THE DISPERSAL OF UP TO TWENTY NINE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED AND THIRTY TWO DOLLARS (\$29,632.00) TO THE WOOD RIVER LAND TRUST UNDER THE TERMS OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT.

REGULARLY PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Blaine County, Idaho, on this _____ day of October 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BLAINE COUNTY, IDAHO

Jacob Greenberg, Chairman

Angenie McCleary, Commissioner

Dick Fosbury, Commissioner

ATTEST: (seal)

JoLynn Drage, County Clerk