

# Park County WPLI Advisory Committee | MINUTES

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April 19, 2017 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm | Park County Library – Cody – Grizzly Hall

Meeting called by	Bucky Hall, WPLI Committee Chair	Attendees
Type of meeting	Advisory Committee	Chairman Bucky Hall, Facilitator Tara Kuipers, Committee Members JD Radakovich, Chris Pfister, Jenny DeSarro, John McGee, Bob Jackson, Christine Bekes, Phyllis Preator, Doug Smith, Dustin Rosencranse, John Gallagher, Rori Renner, Joe Kondelis, Rick Harrison, Karinthia Harrison, Hap Ridgway
Facilitator	Tara Kuipers, Tara Kuipers Consulting	Other Attendees: Bert Miller, Cody Country Snowmobile Association; Steff Kessler, WY Outdoor Council; Shaleas Harrison, WY Wilderness Association
		Absent: Wes Allen, Michael Hirsch

## NEXT MEETING

May 17, 6:00 p.m.  
Cody Library - Grizzly Hall

## AGENDA TOPICS

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### *Approval of Minutes*

The April 19 meeting minutes were approved.

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### *WCCA March 23 WPLI "Lander 2" Meeting*

Attending from Park County were Chairman Bucky Hall, Tara Kuipers, Chris Bekes, Dusty Rosencranse, Jenny DeSarro, and Park County Commissioners Joe Tilden and Lee Livingston.

The eight WPLI committees around the state were invited to attend. A spokesperson from each committee in attendance was asked to answer: What is unique about your advisory committee; what is your committee's greatest impediment; and what one piece of advice would your committee share with other committees?

Chairman Hall asked Park County committee members to send him their thoughts related to these questions in advance. The meeting was videotaped and can be viewed on the WCCA's web site at <http://www.wyo-wcca.org/~wcca/index.php/initiatives/wpli/additional-resources/lander-2-agenda-and-videos/>.

Insights, thoughts, and takeaways from the Lander meeting included:

- Re-engage the process
- Establish a timeline
- Develop a method for public outreach / engagement – timing following final development of committee recommendations. Would the BCC consider paying for the cost to advertising public meetings?
- Define process for collection and cataloging of public comment  
WCCA has offered an interactive option to gather public input - "Z-Maps"

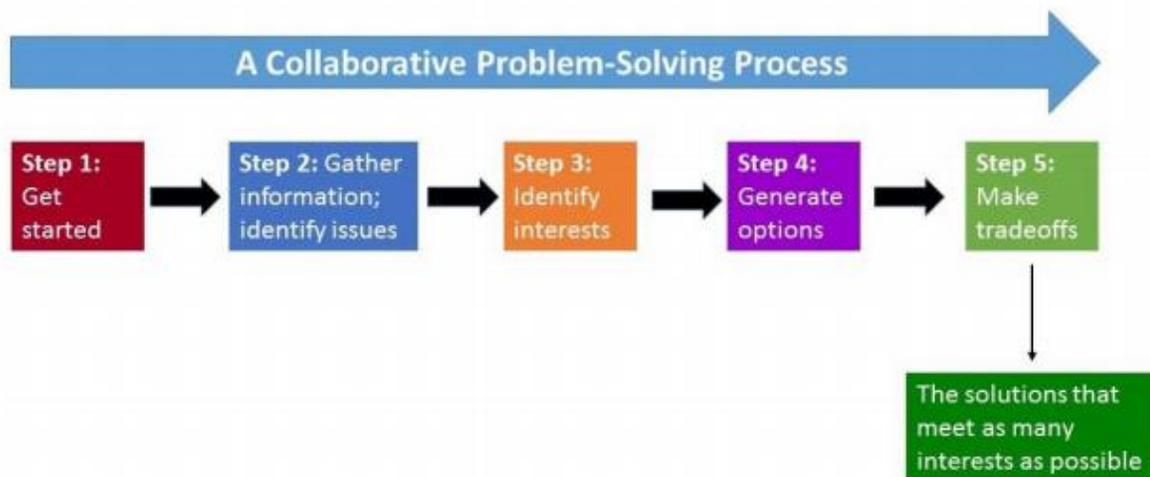
- Goal is to have State’s proposal prepared to present to the Legislature in their first session - January, 2019  
Proposals should be presented to Board of County Commissioners for consideration in early 2018  
Due to WCCA Spring 2018  
The principals and guidelines used should provide sufficient rationale for the recommendations presented.  
WCCA continues to ask committees to focus on what they want for the WSAs, and prepare to advance to them clear, well-articulated desires. WCCA will structure the recommendations in the right language and format.  
The process should be as committee-driven as possible.

### Timeline

In developing a proposed timeline for the group going forward, Kuipers reviewed the collaborative problem-solving process model and noted the Park County committee’s activities are at Steps 2 and 3. Discussion followed about how to approach the two WSAs during the generating options step - whether to be treated as separate and exclusive of each other or considered together to identify compromises toward agreement for both recommendations. Also discussed was setting target dates to have each recommendation fully complete. Kuipers will send out an updated timeline to the committee members. Kuipers will also send an Interests / Options worksheet to the committee members to gather their individual interests for the WSAs. These will be compiled for the group’s consideration.

### Getting to Full Participation, Shared Learning, and Shared Solutions

Collaborative problem solving is the process where full participation and shared learning results in solutions that are fair, wise, and acceptable to all involved. A **Collaborative Problem Solving Process** can be defined in five basic steps as shown below.



### High Lakes WSA Field Trip

A summer trip will be considered. Takeaways from the April 1 trip included:

Snowmobiling (although noisy) is a non-consumptive use of the area, wouldn’t have known this if didn’t participate on the trip.

No animals were seen other than one crow.

If snowmobile use was eliminated another area would be impacted in its place.

Shelter, routes, marking/signage put in place by the Snowmobile Association is great. It's a special spot and would like to see it stay.

Snowmobiling is not a casual use recreation – high cost associated with it.

Air and noise emissions improvements – BAT (Best Available Technology) used in Yellowstone Park.

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### *Public Comment*

Bert Miller of the Cody Country Snowmobile Association expressed appreciation for committee members visiting the High Lakes area. Miller said the group's efforts are also applicable to the purposes of the Governor's Outdoor Recreation Task Force he is appointed to. He also asked that, as the committee looks at the two WSAs, they consider that each has individual, totally different needs.

Steff Kessler, representing the WY Outdoor Council, and Shaleas Harrison, WY Wilderness Association, thanked the committee for its work.

The meeting adjourned.

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### *Actions*

#### **Committee Members:**

- Complete interest / options worksheet & return it to Tara by May 9
- Convey a consistent message when communicating the committee's activities & purpose – a good tool is WCCA's FAQs

#### **Tara:**

- Send updated timeline and interest / options worksheet
- Determine structured parameter to gather public comment

#### **Dusty R.:**

- State data collection method & metrics / reports for snowmobile usage

#### **Chairman Hall:**

- Press release about the committee's activities and purpose
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