



EAGLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes March 12, 2025

5:30pm Road and Bridge, Gypsum

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/tmt-ihpy-xid>

Or dial: (US) +1 402-628-0151 PIN: 705 102 112#

Meeting called to order at: 5:34pm

Supervisors Present: Scott Jones, Wendy Sacks, Clayton Gerard, Ken Marchetti, Jay Taylor, Scott Schlosser

Supervisors Absent: Shawn Bruckman

Guests Present: Niki Luark, Linn Brooks

Approval of Minutes: Clayton moves to approve, Wendy seconds, all in favor, motion passes

Roll Call Reports: Board member miles & hours spent on conservation starting with the last regular meeting held February 12, 2025.

BOARD MEMBER	HOURS	MILES
Scott Jones	60	800
Scott Schlosser		
Wendy Sacks	8	30
Clayton Gerard	5	7
Shawn Bruckman		
Jay Taylor	2	4
Ken Marchetti	8	4

Treasurer's Report:

Master Financial Statement 2024/2025

- 2 Forecast Columns:
 - The second forecast column is with grants withdrawn (federal funding that is on freeze - Bocco Mountain project)
 - Laura is working with the Foundation to fund Allegra and Greg's portions of the grant to sustain activity

- DCT, America the Beautiful, Vence and all other programs are still being funded
- The CWCB grant for a Beyond Lawn Program Developer was not approved
 - ECCD is still committed to \$10K, and ERWSD is committed to \$5K. Can we continue to make this position work with \$15K? This position will help with strategic planning and grant writing to fund Beyond Lawn rebates starting in 2026.
 - Wendy moves to continue to commit 10K to this position and directs Laura to see if James Dilzell is interested in the position. Ken second, all approve, motion passes
- Laura would like to contract with Avid Design to take on newsletters and social media, to lighten Allegra's load.
 - The board would like to know the cost of contracting a company, and would like to meet the options before proceeding. Laura will set this up for the April board meeting
- Exemption From Audit Approval
 - Wendy moves to approve the Exemption from Audit with the two main changes, Scott J second, all approve, motion passes

Topics to Discuss:

Board Election:

- Designation of Representation:
 - We have all the appropriate forms for all board members
- Board Seats:
 - Jay Taylor and Ken Marchetti are stepping down from their positions on the board of directors. Niki Luark and Linn Brooks have submitted self nomination forms. Laura will be directed to cancel the election, designate Linn, Niki, and Scott J. as board members, and Niki and Linn will be sworn in on May 6th.
- Board Term Limits:
 - 2002 - ECCD voted to remove board term limits, and to detabor
 - Laura will look into this more with the county (clerk and recorder)

Natural Resource & Horticulture Specialist:

- Candidates for next round:
 - Denyse Schrenker
 - Colin Lee
 - Sarah Metcalf
 - (Maybe) Ryan Vlaar
- Board Interviews: Scott S., Wendy, Jay.
 - Tuesday 18th: 9am, 10:30am, possibly 5pm
 - Thursday 20th: 9am, possibly 10:30am
 - Questions to ask:
 - Laura will send the board their resumes, and a list of questions to add/edit
 - In person is best

ECCD Vehicle:

- <https://rockies.craigslist.org/cto/d/avon-2008-toyota-4runner/7830280532.html>

- Laura needs to secure an employee vehicle by May 1st
- Lease or buy? Clayton and Jay suggest buying, as we cannot return a car that is beat up.
- The board agrees for Laura to purchase a vehicle rather than lease.
- Look at Mountain Beverage, Government sell off, Fresh Rides

Statute Update:

- Meeting with Abbey, Jim & Bret Moore:
 - What is the ability of this group to influence the title of a bill brought forward by the Statute Revision Committee.
 - First big hurdle: legislative staff attorney will review this matter and present a go/no go recommendation to the committee members (committee will likely abide by that recommendation).
 - On hold to hear from The Statute Revision Committee's attorney.
 - ECCD's goal will be to pursue this in lockstep with CACD, and with the lobbyist (Bret Moore)

3YR Strategic Operating Plan:

- Secured Dates:
 - June 13: 9am - 1pm
 - July 11: 9am - 1pm
 - August 1: 9am- 1pm
 - October 17: 9am - 1pm
- Next Steps:
 - April- profile directions for Emergenetics and materials about the development of a Strategic Operating Plan

DCT Update:

- Nox Weed Working Group Update:
 - It is now presented as a google form
 - The working group met and made changes to the application.
 - Labor rates need to be solidified
 - Last year we were doing 30\$ an hour, and there seemed to be some level of overrecording.
 - Looking to bump that to \$35 an hour to stay consistent with market rates
 - Maximum dollar amount for mechanical and chemical control?
 - Still subjective per each application - leave to the discretion of the board
 - Allegra/Greg will review each application carefully before bringing to the board
 - Greg will look into what Routt County, HPP, Garfield County, does for rates
 - ADD INTO APPLICATION:
 - How many years have you been treating this area?
- Wolf Grant Update:
 - Wolf program has been launched - need application in by June to distribute funds (deadline may extend), but so far ECCD has not received any applications.
- Forestry Program: Exploring forestry programs, been in contact with several foresters throughout the state. Talking to Eagle Valley Wildland to coordinate priorities
 - Lake Creek Drainage
 - They are trying to create a committee with one representative from each

- HOA, obtain funding, and grant write for mitigation
- ECCD could help landowners with representation, grants, or available funding.

Other Program Updates

- Beyond Lawn:
 - Working group meetings are continuing
 - Working with ERWSD to solidify details for taking over their program
 - Laura will work with Magdalena with Edwards Metro, and with ToA about contributions and partnership
 - New rebate applications
 - Lots of presentations coming up
- Virtual Fencing:
 - Techs: two techs from last year, Hayes and Kim, would both like to return as techs.
 - Vehicle: see above
 - CSU Extension: Has been working on data extraction and data analysis
 - Collars are being ordered for the summer
- FAPL:
 - On pause

Eagle County Land Use Regulation Rewrite update:

- <https://online.encodeplus.com/regs/eaglecounty-co-lur/doc-viewer.aspx#secid-49>
 - The board will review, and by the next board meeting will have comments and areas of priority
 - May is the deadline for submission

Upcoming Events:

- 4/19: ECCD Farm Tour- 10-2pm. Meet at Wiggle worm. Clayton will send waivers for participants.
- 3/15: Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry: 4h fundraiser
- 4/22: Estate Planning 4-8pm (ECCD to contribute food)

Broad discussion on other events that have happened in the past month- meetings, conferences, etc.

NRCS Report:

- RCPP - finished all assessments. 101 applications across the area
 - 2.5mil for the project. The request was 18.7mil dollars
 - Likely 11 or 12 projects will be funded
- EQIP - 3.5mil in request for RT3, and 440K to distribute
 - 1.6mil in irrigation infrastructure request
 - 1mil in sprinkler system request

- These are engineering heavy, and there is no longer an engineer at the local office. Leadership is considering rolling the 440K into RCPP, which will take away \$ from irrigation requests, due to lack of engineers (only 28 employees in area 1 right now) and an existing backup of irrigation projects
- Likely will receive a reduction in force plan this week
- Snowpack is right around average

CSU Ext Update:

Upcoming events:

Rocky Mountain Oyster Fry: 4-H Fundraising Event

When: Saturday, March 15

Where: Eagle River Center

Purchase tickets at the door or ahead of time at

<https://one.bidpal.net/eaglecountymof/welcome>

Your Estate: Leaving a Lasting Legacy

When: Tuesday, April 22 from 4 - 8pm

Where: Eagle Valley Land Trust Conservation Center (33601 HWY 6, Edwards, CO 81632)

Register at: <https://bit.ly/Lasting-Legacy-Class>

Topics to be covered:

1. Where are you?
 - Assessing one's current circumstances.
2. Where do you want to go?
 - Setting goals and wishes for the future of the family and the business.
3. How can you best get there?
 - Strategies for getting from where you are to where you want to go.
 - Selected issues and topics important to the process.
 - Selecting and mentoring successors.
4. Family communications.
 - Methods for talking with family members.
5. Available resources.

Eagle County Forestry Academy

When: Saturday, April 26 from 10am - 3pm

Where: Eagle County Government Building (500 Broadway St., Eagle CO 81631)

Register at: <https://bit.ly/Eagle-Forestry-Academy>

Join local experts and Derek Lowstuter, CSU Extension Agriculture Specialist, to learn about managing your forested acreage. Topics include: tree selection, planting & care, firewise practices, edible trees & shrubs for high elevations, and common insects & diseases of trees. Workshop will be outside for about 30 minutes for an interactive

portion so please come prepared to be outdoors. Class costs \$20 plus transaction fees. Lunch is included in class cost.

Buzzing Into Spring: Creating a Pollinator-Friendly Garden

When: Monday, March 24th from 5:30 - 6:30pm

Where: Gypsum Recreation Center - Mountain Recreation

[Click the link to register](#)

Join Denyse Schrenker, Eagle County Master Gardener Coordinator, for a fun and informative 1-hour class where you'll learn how to transform your garden into a vibrant habitat for pollinators! You'll discover the best plants for attracting bees, butterflies, and other important pollinators, along with simple tips for creating a thriving, eco-friendly space. Whether you have a small balcony or a spacious backyard, this class will inspire you to make a positive impact on local wildlife while enjoying the beauty of spring. Class costs \$5.

Small Space, Big Harvest: Veggies for High Elevation Gardens

When: Wednesday, March 26th from 5:30 - 6:30pm

Where: Edwards Field House - Mountain Recreation

[Click the link to register](#)

Ready to grow your own veggies but short on space and or dealing with higher elevation.

This 1-hour class is perfect for anyone looking to maximize their garden potential! Learn practical tips for growing a variety of easy-to-grow vegetables in small spaces like balconies, patios, or even windowsills. We'll also cover a few high-elevation gardening techniques to help you grow successfully in challenging climates. Whether you're a beginner or looking to fine-tune your garden, this class will give you the tools you need to grow fresh, homegrown produce with ease. Class costs \$5.

Water-wise Garden Plants for the Mountains

Monday, March 31st: 6 - 7pm @ Gypsum Library (47 Lundgren Blvd, Gypsum, CO 81637)

Thursday, April 3rd: 6 - 7pm @ Eagle Library (600 Broadway St, Eagle, CO 81631)

Tuesday, April 8th: 6 - 7pm @ Avon Library (200 Mikaela Wy, Avon, CO 81620)

Low water use gardens can be lush and beautiful! Don't settle for a moonscape, join Colorado Master Gardener, Denyse Schrenker, to learn about garden plants that thrive in the mountains and won't blow your budget on water bills. Program is free and open to the public. No registration is required. Contact extension@eaglecounty.us with questions.

Vegetables with Altitude: Growing Vegetables in the Mountains

Monday, April 28: 6 - 7pm @ Gypsum Library (47 Lundgren Blvd, Gypsum, CO 81637)
Tuesday, April 29: 6 - 7pm @ Avon Library (200 Mikaela Wy, Avon, CO 81620)
Thursday, May 1st: 6 - 7pm @ Eagle Library (600 Broadway St, Eagle, CO 81631)

Don't let high altitude prevent you from growing your own food! Join Colorado Master Gardener, Denyse Schrenker, to learn what vegetables to grow in the mountains and tips and tricks for growing food at high elevation. Program is free and open to the public. No registration is required. Contact extension@eaglecounty.us with questions.

BQA Stockmanship for Predation Seminar

When: Thursday, May 22 from 7:30am - 4:30pm

Where: Garfield County Fairgrounds (1001 Railroad Ave, Rifle, CO 81650)

Register at: <http://www.cobqa.org/bqa-stockmanship-for-predation.html>

Explore how implementing Beef Quality Assurance practices on your operation can enhance cattle health, improve stockmanship skills, and influence livestock-predator dynamics.

Special guests Curt Pate, NCBA Stockmanship Clinician, and Dr. Tina Saitone of UC Davis will provide guidance on cattle-predator interactions. Plus, you'll earn or renew your BQA Certification!

Ongoing: Small Acreage Management Webinars

Every third Friday of the month from noon to 1pm

Check out the schedule and register:

<https://sam.extension.colostate.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2025/02/SAM-2025-Webinar-Series.pdf>

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Mail Review: N/A

Next Meeting Date: April 9, 2025

Adjourn: Wendy moves to adjourn

Minutes taken by: Allegra Waterman-Snow, Program Manager

Action Items: