



EAGLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes July 9, 2025
5:30pm 1286 Chambers Ave, Unit #201, Eagle CO

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: 5:43

Supervisors Present: Clayton Gerard, Linn Brooks, Niki Luark, Shawn Bruckman, Scott Schlosser, Scott Jones, Wendy Sacks

Supervisors Absent: N/A

Guests Present: N/A

Approval of Minutes: Linn makes motion to approve, Wendy seconds

Roll Call Reports: Board member miles & hours spent on conservation starting with the last regular meeting held June 11, 2025.

BOARD MEMBER	HOURS	MILES
Shawn Bruckman	19	10
Scott Jones	14	10
Wendy Sacks	14	10
Scott Schlosser	9	10
Clayton Gerard	7	14
Niki Luark	16	200
Linn Brooks	20	355

Guests: N/A

NRCS Report:

- EQIP funds that were going to go to wolf mitigation are being pulled.
 - No funds for range riding, etc.
 - These funds will go now towards more irrigation projects in 2025
 - 6 or 7 projects to be funded out of the RT pool

- About 26 applications in the pool
- RCPP funds are still available and contracts are secure
- WLA - have drafted a letter to National, looking for signatures. Request to open up EQIP funds to range riding, etc. Will be provided to the board through Laura or Greg
- Drought is getting worse - D3 in most of Eagle County
- Folks should reach out to FSA if they are experiencing losses, water hauling, etc.
 - Allegra will add this to the next newsletter

CSU Ext Update:

- Horticulture & Nature Resources Specialist position accepting applications (closes July 14): [Position Posting](#)
- Fair and Rodeo
 - Wendy has set up the sponsorship (Gold Level), in ECCD's name - ECCDs banners will be up
 - Historically ECCD has donated \$500 to Junior Livestock
 - ECCD will have a booth - employees will staff the booth
 - **Scott Jones makes a motion to donate \$1000 to Junior Livestock for Fair and Rodeo, Wendy seconds. All in favor, motion passes**
 - Wendy will write the check when she is back

Topics to Discuss:

Program & Staff Updates:

- Nox Weed Cost Share:
 - See July Board Packet
- Wolf Grant Update:
 - Greg will check in with Dustin Schiflet to see if we can increase the carcass management labor rate, and the board will review the applications (both current and already approved) after receiving direction.
- Forestry Program:
 - See July Board Packet
- Colorado Soil Health program
 - Capacity funds (\$12,000)
- Seed Sales:
 - See July Board Packet
- Beyond Lawn:
 - See July Board Packet
- CIG: Virtual Fencing:
 - See July Board Packet
- FAPL: Virtual Fencing:
 - See July Board Packet

General ECCD Updates:

- CACD Resolution:
 - Currently, this resolution is in the CACD policy book
 - Possible next steps:
 - Scott recommends proceeding with this as an action item for CACD to be brought forward as a bill (based on the policy as written), rather than

- opening up the statute, for possible 2026 signing
 - ECCD can bring the statute to our next watershed meeting (next month), to continue to work with CACD on this language, before CACD meeting in September
 - Wendy recommends simultaneously getting a meeting with Dylan Roberts, to possibly sponsor a bill.
 - Dylan Roberts is on the appropriate committee (chair of the Ag and Natural Resource committee), and is our representative.
 - **Scott makes a motion that ECCD will proceed with bringing this as an action item to CACD to be brought to the legislative session as a bill, by first bringing this to our watershed meeting. Niki seconds. All in favor, motion passes.**
 - ECCD will also cultivate relationships with our representatives/senators, with this resolution on the table as a possible bill to be brought forward.
- Watershed Meeting
 - Laura will connect with Emily from GarPit to organize a watershed meeting, to happen in August.
- Meeting with Todd Winslow Pierce - Linn
 - A new reservoir has been proposed at Homestake reservoir, and a transmountain diversion to bring water to the Front Range.
 - TWP wants to put together visual materials to help fight the reservoir proposal when the time comes, and to discuss our community plan for action.
 - How to build community knowledge, impact
 - To build resistance for when a plan is brought forward again for a reservoir
 - Can we write this into the Land Use Code (1041 regulations?), or utilize the Land Use Code to help block a plan.
 - Consider legal advice to ensure that it does not impact Bolts Lake discussion
 - Could utilize writing Fens into Land Use Code?
 - TWPs question - How do we help connect people to this issue?
 - ECCD's role - continue participating in discussions
 - Add to policy book discussion
- Conferences
 - Colorado Water Congress
 - Member: \$500
 - For: Small organizations interested in connecting with Colorado's water community and learning about the state's water and water policy issues.
 - Benefits include: Attendance of CWC events at the member rate; regular member communications and policy updates
- Social Media & Newsletters:
 - Conservation Corner Columns
 - Any opinion pieces will be written and submitted by the board as a "Letter to the Editor"
 - ECCD staff will continue writing columns, and will use objective, fact based writing to get out important information
 - Social Media
 - Laura recommends hiring a social media contractor, to take on social media and newsletters. This would free up Allegra's time, and would allow for Allegra and Laura to spend more time planning larger educational events and resources.

- Contract:
 - Ensure that in contract “ECCD reserves the right to terminate at any time”
 - Ensure that metrics are provided on a quarterly basis
 - Growth has to be increasing/exponential
 - Annual contract starting July 15th
 - Aligning with our mission/vision - no opinions from the contractor
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 - **Niki makes a motion to hire Brooklyn Elmore as ECCD’s social media manager at \$40 an hour, to work no more than \$1,000 a month without prior approval. Wendy seconds. All in favor, motion passes**
- Land Use Code:
 - Wendy and Shawn went to the first Land Use Planning meeting, Denyse and Allegra went to the second Land Use Planning meeting.
 - We will review these after the Strategic Operating Plan on Friday for 30 minutes.
 - ECCD is considering hiring someone to review the Land Use Code
 - Shawn will create a draft scope of work, to send back to the potential candidate
 - covering expectations and strategy
- 3-yr Strategic Operating Planning:
 - This Friday - complete homework beforehand
- CDA- Solar (Best Practices)
 - Shawn and Laura are continuing to meet with Geoff Grimmer.
 - ECCD’s role is be a resource
 - In a meeting with Eric Eves for East Eagle, realized they are looking for an administrator.
 - Same conversation with Holy Cross
 - Laura to put together a one page fact sheet
- Forage Nitrate Strip Supplies
 - Single Use Materials:
 - Test strips & reagents: \$2-3 per test
 - Distilled water: ~\$2 per 37 tests (~0.05 per test)
 - Reusable Materials:
 - Precision scale: \$250
 - Spice/coffee grinder: \$35
 - 100 ml graduate cylinder: \$15
 - Misc. (250 ml plastic bottle, metal pan, paintbrush, spoon): \$25
 - Drill probe hay sampler: \$180
 - We will discuss the price of these tests at the next meeting

Treasurer’s Report:

[Master Financial Statement 2024/2025](#)

- \$12,000 of capacity funding received from the Colorado Soil Health Program

Upcoming Events:

- Virtual Fencing Participant Meeting: July 14th, 4pm - 7pm
- Fair and Rodeo: July 23rd - July 27th

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

Mail Review: N/A

Next Meeting Date: August 13, 2025

Adjourn: 8:27pm

Minutes taken by: Allegra Waterman-Snow , Program Manager

Action Items:

JULY BOARD PACKET

STAFF	
Laura Bohannon Executive Director	Allegra Waterman-Snow Program Manager
<p>Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accounting & Financials Statutory Requirements Elections Human Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biannual "Check-Ins" w/ Staff Public Relations + Partnerships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Presentations Grant Financial Reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> w/ Program Manager Grant Writing Project Development Oversight: 3-Yr Strategic Operating Plan <p>Stakeholder Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate Action Collaborative Colorado Basin Roundtable 	<p>Manager/Oversight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beyond Lawn Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HOA Engagement Virtual Fencing Projects (+ Admin) Noxious Weed Cost-Share Forestry Program Future Projects <p>Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant Program Reporting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> w/ Executive Director Final Review: All cost-share/rebate applications Research Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data Collection + Analysis <p>Education/Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly Newsletters Social Media Vail Daily Articles
Denyse Schrenker NR + Hort Specialist	Greg Welsh Conservation Technician
<p>Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beyond Lawn <ul style="list-style-type: none"> w/ Hort Seasonal <p>On-the-Ground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beyond Lawn Landscape and Irrigation Evaluations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beyond Lawn Evaluation Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> w/ Hort Seasonal On-Site Visits: Noxious Weed Cost-Share <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Integrated Treatment Plans On-Site Visits (non-program related) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> w/ Conservation Technician <p>Education/Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshops + Classes Vail Daily Articles 	<p>Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NRCS Farm Bill Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Workgroup Meetings Planning / Contract Assistance CO Soil Health Program Wolf Conflict Mitigation Program Noxious Weed Cost-Share Forestry Program Seed/Seedling Sales <p>On-the-Ground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On-Site Visits: Noxious Weed Cost-Share <ul style="list-style-type: none"> w/ NR + Hort Specialist On-Site Visits (non-program related) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> w/ NR + Hort Specialist <p>Stakeholder Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eagle River Wildfire Collaborative Eagle County Community Wildlife Roundtable

SEASONAL	
Ryan Vlaar Horticulture Specialist	Kim Wynn & Hayes Henderson Virtual Fencing Techs
Beyond Lawn Administration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BeyondLawn@eccddistrict.org email On-the-Ground <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beyond Lawn Landscape and Irrigation Evaluations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Beyond Lawn Evaluation Reports Education/Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beyond Lawn Workshops: DIY Landscape and Irrigation • Vail Daily Articles Advertising Materials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beyond Lawn 	On-the-Ground <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data Collection (4th season) VENCE Program

PROGRAM & STAFF UPDATES
Beyond Lawn Program
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Program Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ CWCB - Beyond Lawn Phase II grant submitted, for \$349,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ We will find out the status of the application in late September ◦ ERWSD Quarterly report submitted on 7/1 ◦ Laura and Allegra will submit funding requests to towns for 2026 matching funds ◦ DIY workshop held 06/16. 12 households in attendance. ◦ Demonstration garden completed at the Eagle County Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 267 waterwise plants installed ■ 6,930 square feet of turf converted ◦ Vail Daily Conservation Corner Turf Removal Article • Landscape and Irrigation Evaluations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 25 Evaluations Completed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 22 Residences ■ 3 HOAs • HOA Engagement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 3 HOA Evaluations completed • Turf Replacement Rebate Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 2 Rebate Applications Submitted ◦ \$6,868 awarded

- Melissa Hoster
 - Carole Bukovich
- Efficient Irrigation System Rebate Applications
 - 1 rebate application submitted (HOA)
 - \$1,425 awarded
 - River Oaks HOA
- Financials
 - \$74,225 remains in grant funding to award towards Turf Replacement rebates
 - An additional \$21,505 remains from towns
 - \$34,269 remains in grant funding to awards towards Efficient Irrigation rebates
 - An additional \$9,080 remains from towns

Noxious Weed Cost-Share Program

- General Program Updates
 - Increasing interest from Bellyache Ridge HOA, Ruedi Shores HOA and Pilgrim Downs HOA for both open space and private landowners
- On-Site Evaluations (YTD)
 - 21 individual intake forms submitted
 - 20 site visits completed
- Applications
 - N/A
- Financials
 - N/A

Wolf Conflict Mitigation Project

- General Program Updates
 - GPS collars for livestock dogs **not eligible** for reimbursement
 - Mobile GPS applications for tracking carcasses, livestock, etc. **is eligible** for reimbursement
- On-Site Evaluations
 - N/A
- Applications
 - 4 total applications have been submitted (2 have been approved)
 - 2 new applications to be reviewed at upcoming board meeting
 - Requests = \$3,368.16
- Financials
 - Total approved reimbursement requests = \$1,106.00
 - \$33,894 left

CIG Virtual Fencing

- General Program Updates
 - Informal meeting for producers involved in the program is happening on

July 14th, to discuss preliminary vegetation monitoring results and future funding opportunities for Virtual Fencing.

- July 14th
- Road and Bridge
- 4pm - 7pm

Foundation for America's Public Lands: Virtual Fencing

- General Program Updates
 - Waiting on budget amendment approval from the Foundation before contracting with Halter and SnapLands
 - Working with Kristy on weed mitigation techniques and ideas for Bocco mountain, including signage, an event with Sage, etc.

CO Soil Health Program (+2.0)

- General Program Updates
 - Received final capacity payment of \$12,000 (an increase from the promised \$1,500)

Seed Sales

- Financials
 - Total Revenue for 2025 = \$4,150.33

STAFF Miscellaneous

- Other on-site visits- N/A
- Events-N/A
- Workshops-N/A
- Presentations
 - TOE town council: June 24 on ECCD program updates and Beyond Lawn participation

BOARD UPDATES

Land Use Code- Wendy Sacks & Shawn Bruckman

Link to rewrite: <https://online.encodeplus.com/regs/eaglecounty-co-lur/doc-viewer.aspx#secid-27>

2.1.1.1. C. language is confusing. The word permitted can mean either allowed or allowed after obtaining a necessary permit. Everyone knows what use by right is. "As-of-right" does not make sense in the English language.

2.1.2.1 a. & b. could not be any more vague. The old standards gave much more concrete guidance.

In fact, most of these new zone districts except for 3.a.& b., 4.b. and 5.a. are confusing

2.1.2.1 Zoning Districts Established

C.2. Agricultural Should include an option under 20 acres

2.1.3.2

A. Detached dwelling unit You mean a single family house??? Since you have to include HB24 I think the single unit detached dwelling would be clearer

2.1.3.3 why is race track included?

2.1.3.4 Tables

Regarding AG2, AG3, & AG4

Should include all Special Residential Land Uses as S because there may be circumstances that ag can be therapeutic for these groups of residents

Many of the uses in Hospitality, Recreation, and Entertainment section should be considered as P or L

Retails sales & service should b P

ALL uses in Agricultural, Veterinary, and Other Animal-Related should be P, especially boarding and agritainment

In the section Community, Civic, Educational, Medical, and Institutional, should include L uses for adult & child day care and vocational or trade schools

Many of the uses in Industrial, Processing, Recycling, Storage, and Disposal Land Uses should be considered as P, L or S

2.1.3.5

Riding stable and boarding stable should be a use by right on 35 acres or more. This is an overreach of the county to require a special use permit if I want to allow a couple of boarder

horses. There are such limited places one can board a horse anymore, why is the county making it more difficult?

Agriculture and ranching is, once again, very vague but since it's allowed, I guess that leaves it wide open to interpretation as to what is necessary to conduct those activities.

Agricultural building should allow Dwellings for persons and their immediate families employed

principally or seasonally in a bonafide agricultural or ranching activity on a minimum of 35 acres

A kennel should be allowed on larger parcels by special use permit.

2.1.3.7

Light Industry or Business-to-Business Services should be allowed in the AR categories. This needs to be better defined. Perhaps a special use permit should be required under certain

circumstances.

2.1.3.12 Prohibited Uses in All Zoning Districts (WHY: I dont agree)

The following uses are prohibited in all zoning districts:

1. A. Concentrated solar device.
2. B. Marijuana social club or lounge.

C. Intensive agriculture.

2.1.6.1 ADU should be 1500 sq. ft. in AR3

2.2.2.2 Development

Zone - nothing under 20 acres can be ag. We should petition for an additional ag classification for ag under 20 acres. CSU extension has a position specifically focused on service small acreage agriculture and horticulture. Many market gardens and farmsteads in the county are under 20 acres.

2.3.2 Lot standards various residential (do we have any comments on set backs & building coverage

Where do we find details on landscape requirements?

2.3.3 Non-residential & mixed use - worth looking closer

2.4 Supplemental - we should definitely look into this in detail

2.4.2.1 fences & walls

C says required, D2 says allowed

2.4.2.4 Refuse, Recycling, and Compost Containers

Should include design with adequate space to accommodate trash recycle and compost infrastructure

2.4.3.2 outdoor storage

C1 evergreen trees might not be the best option for some areas - consider native trees and shrubs that serve similar function (service berry, buffalo berry, sand cherry, etc)

Signs - how does this affect our constituents?

Chapter 3 Landscaping

3.1.4.3 Resource Protection Priorities

B 2. Agricultural Land. Irrigated agricultural and ranching landscapes and areas with the most productive soils shall be prioritized for preservation. (WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?)

Why is it only valuable if its irrigated?

Parking

Why would the standards be less for urban areas? We should require parking equally

We should look into all of these tables in detail and give feedback

3.4.2.1 Approved and Prohibited Plant Lists

ECCD should be involved in providing and maintaining this list

B3 should include native

3.4.3.2 Groundcovers Turf

B - turf installation should require a minimum organic matter content of 5% in the soil

3.4.4

Is tree lawn really the correct term - perhaps "road verge"

Chapter 4

4.3 wildlife protection

4.5 waterways

4.6 irrigation ditches

Engineering criteria manual

Grading permits

Do you need a permit to plow your field - does it need to be signed by engineer

Grading permits should not be required for agricultural purposes.