



# EAGLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes September 16, 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:** 5:36pm

**Supervisors Present:** Scott Jones, Scott Schlosser , Shawn Bruckman , Wendy Sacks, Niki Luark

**Supervisors Absent:** Linn Brooks, Clayton Gerard

**Guests Present:** David Norris (ERWSD), Lanny Ellis (New Roots), Stephen Jaouen (NRCS)

**Approval of Minutes:** Motioned by Scott, Niki seconds

**Roll Call Reports:** Board member miles & hours spent on conservation starting with the last regular meeting held August 13, 2025.

BOARD MEMBER	HOURS	MILES
Shawn Bruckman	60	185
Scott Jones	70	210
Wendy Sacks	20	10
Scott Schlosser	15	25
Clayton Gerard		
Niki Luark	9	210
Linn Brooks		

**Guests:**

- David Norris (ERWSD): ballot question for the Nov. 2025 election (Ballot Issue 6A)
  - ERWSD Letter of Support
    - **Scott Jones makes motion to write LOS for ERWSD ballot measure 6A**
      - Wendy seconds motion to approve
        - **Motion passes**
- Lanny Ellis (New Roots): Harvest Festival

- New Roots Harvest Festival Sponsorship
  - **Scott Jones makes motion to donate \$2,000 to help sponsor Harvest Festival and pay admission fees**
    - Wendy seconds motion to approve
      - **Motion passes**

#### **NRCS Report:**

- Finishing CSP certifications for 2025
  - Looking into new CSP applicants in October
- Taking EQIP applications
- Derby Fire assistance opportunities
  - Emergency Watershed Protection Program (EWP)
    - NRCS will conduct site assessments to determine values at risk and potential project sites
    - Eagle County Emergency Management team gave verbal to sponsor potential projects

#### **CSU Ext.**

- Oct. 1 start date for CSU Ext. Horticulture and Natural Resources staff (Sarah McCracken)
  - ECCD to invite her to board meetings starting November

#### **Topics to Discuss:**

##### Program & Staff Updates:

- Nox Weed Cost Share:
  - See Board Packet
- Wolf Grant Update:
  - See Board Packet
- Forestry Program:
  - See Board Packet
- Seed Sales:
  - See Board Packet
- CO Soil Health Program:
  - \$12,000 Capacity: Opportunities to fund soil health projects in 2026+
  - Program Updates:
    - Needs: financial assistance, technical assistance & soil moisture monitoring
    - The existing probes can stay on producers lands
      - Future subscription: \$200/year
  - CWCB Grants- RFP for soil health projects that focus on soil and water use
  - From NRCS - For producers with moisture monitors, it is recommended to attend CO Master Irrigator (CMI) courses
    - <https://www.comasterirrigator.org/>
- Beyond Lawn:
  - See Board Packet
- CIG: Virtual Fencing:
  - 2026 Future Collar Cost Share

- Board wants to support future of virtual fencing, specifics TBD
- FAPL: Virtual Fencing:
  - 2026 Collar Update
    - Several producers in Eagle County interested in collars for their operation
    - Cost of Collars
      - Funds cover \$52k/yr in collars (\$50/head) = ~1,000 collars
    - Board to determine recipients of collars after conversation of transparency and vetting process
      - **Wendy makes motion to fund three producers (\$60,550) with additional costs (\$8,550) allocated from ECCD's contingency funds provided reallocation of funds is not allowed**
        - Scott Jones seconds motion
          - **Motion passes**
      - Additional financial assistance may be available in the future for other interested producers to help fund collars/towers through NRCS EQIP

#### General ECCD Updates:

- Board Member Policy Book & Legal
  - Scott Schlosser recommends to follow Robert's Rule in future discussion that relate to distribution of funds to board members
  - Recommended to review CSCB templates for creating policy
  - Agricultural representation on board to be included in policy book
- Annual Meeting:
  - Conservationist of the Year:
    - Ken Marchetti
    - Kristy Wallner
  - Raffle Prizes:
    - Beaver Creek Stables
    - Sage Outfitters
    - 4 Eagle Ranch Sleigh Ride
- RFP- 2026 Audit Firm
  - Laura will be working on proposals
- Post Wildfire Mitigation Opportunities
  - Emergency Watershed Protection Program (NRCS)
  - Emergency Conservation Program (FSA)
    - Information to be put in newsletter
- CO River Watershed Association Meeting Update
  - ECCD Resolution:
    - Meeting pushed back to special meeting on 9/18
      - ECCD to vote that majority of board represents agriculture
  - Zebra Mussels Grant:
    - CACD submitted grant
      - If awarded, ECCD will assist carrying out prevention and response plan
- Land Use Code Update:
  - To be discussed in depth during working group meeting
    - Next meetings: 9/29; 10/6

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Master Financial Statement 2025-2029**

- 2026 overview
- Funds dedicated to Conservation Handbook- \$10,000-\$15,000
- Categorize Sponsorships

**Upcoming Events:**

- 9/18: CO Waterwise Symposium (ECCD to present on Beyond Lawn)
- 10/8: ECCD Annual Meeting

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

**Mail Review:** N/A

**Next Meeting Date:** 10/8/25

**Adjourn:** 9:22 pm

**Minutes taken by:** Greg Welsh, DCT

**Action Items:** N/A

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

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ w/ Conservation Technician</li> </ul> <p>Education/Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Workshops + Classes</li> <li>● Vail Daily Articles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● On-Site Visits (non-program related) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ w/ NR + Hort Specialist</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Stakeholder Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Eagle River Wildfire Collaborative</li> <li>● Eagle County Community Wildlife Roundtable</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ryan Vlaar</b> Horticulture Specialist</p>	
<p>Beyond Lawn Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="mailto:BeyondLawn@eccddistrict.org">BeyondLawn@eccddistrict.org</a> email</li> </ul> <p>On-the-Ground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Beyond Lawn Landscape and Irrigation Evaluations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Beyond Lawn Evaluation Reports</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Education/Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Beyond Lawn Workshops: DIY Landscape and Irrigation</li> <li>● Vail Daily Articles</li> </ul> <p>Advertising Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Beyond Lawn</li> </ul>	

PROGRAM & STAFF UPDATES
Beyond Lawn Program
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● General Program Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The CWCB reviewing staff have evaluated ECCD's Colorado Water Plan Grant application for Beyond Lawn Phase II and will be presenting our request at the next CWCB board meeting with a recommendation for approval. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Staff will present the application to the board on Tuesday, 9/16</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Laura and Allegra spoke with CRD, and requested an extension on ECCD's Beyond Lawn grant with CRD. This extension has been approved, and the grant deadline has been updated to Spring 2027. This allows ECCD more time to distribute the rebate funds within the grant, extending rebate funding from CRD into the 2026 season.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Turf Replacement Rebate Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2 applications approved since the last board meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Turf removed = 2,439 sqft</li> <li>■ Rebates awarded = \$2,700</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Efficient Irrigation System Rebate Applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 2 applications approved since the last board meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Rebates awarded = \$408.04</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

- Financials
  - Turf Replacement:
    - \$96,674.99 spent on turf replacement rebates
    - \$87,239.43 remaining funds
  - Irrigation Upgrades:
    - \$29,400.73 spent on irrigation upgrades
    - \$19,705.37 remaining funds

### Noxious Weed Cost-Share Program

- General Program Updates
  - The updated process requires pre **and** post-control site visits for landowners. Currently in process of conducting post-control site visits throughout September and into October, if necessary.
- On-Site Evaluations (YTD)
  - 24 intake forms
  - 21 initial site visits
  - 6 post control site visits
- Applications
  - N/A
    - Requiring post-control site visits - we expect most applications to come in between Sept-Dec as many landowners will be implementing fall control.
- Financials
  - N/A

### Wolf Conflict Mitigation Project

- General Program Updates
  - Reminder that carcass burial labor has been updated to a flat rate of \$100/carcass
- On-Site Evaluations
  - N/A
- Applications
  - N/A
- Financials
  - Total reimbursements = \$6,114.16

### CIG Virtual Fencing

- General Program Updates
  - Field staff have completed the final season of data collection for the CIG grant. They will continue working part time through September, to help finalize data entry

- ECCD's contract with CSU has been extended through the end of the year, to help provide additional analysis and begin working on deliverables for the grant report due in Feb. 2026

### Foundation for America's Public Lands: Virtual Fencing

- General Program Updates
  - Bocco Mountain Allotment restoration:
    - ECCD is funding weed spraying, reseeding, and signage on the allotment this fall. There is some additional hand thinning planned before winter
  - The grant renewal period is upcoming - Oct. 2025. Allegra is working with FAPL to determine renewal needs, funding, and timeline.

### CO Soil Health Program (+2.0)

- General Program Updates
  - 9/15 webinar with CDA staff, discussing CSHP. Will update board during meeting

### Seed Sales

- Revenue (YTD)
  - \$8,386.80

### STAFF Miscellaneous

- Emergency program funding for landowners impacted by Derby Fire
  - NRCS
    - [Emergency Watershed Protection \(EWP\) Program](#)
    - After meeting with NRCS and EC, Eagle County Emergency Team has verbally volunteered to become a sponsor for potential projects (sponsorship required under EWP).
      - Next steps: NRCS team will be conducting surveys in near future to identify potential project areas.
    - ECCD's role will include planning assistance, landowner communication, evaluations, etc., if needed. Will provide overall support for GWS field office.
  - FSA
    - [Emergency Conservation Program \(ECP\)](#)
    - For questions, please contact Rose Hurley at GWS FSA office.



