



EAGLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes April 7, 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: 5:39pm

Supervisors Present: Scott Jones, Ken Marchetti, Shawn Bruckman, Scott Schlosser, Jay Taylor, Wendy Sacks

Supervisors Absent: Clayton Gerard

Guests Present: Linn Brooks, Niki Luark

Approval of Minutes: Ken makes a motion to approve, Scott seconds, all in favor, motion passes

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

BOARD MEMBER	HOURS	MILES
Scott Jones	36	4000
Scott Schlosser	8	15
Wendy Sacks	10	20
Clayton Gerard		
Shawn Bruckman	8	0
Jay Taylor	15	96
Ken Marchetti	4	2

Treasurer's Report:

Master Financial Statement 2024/2025

- 2nd Forecast Column:
 - Still working under forecast 2 column with Bocco Mountain grant withdrawn
 - No revenue updates
 - Expenditures

- Work Truck
 - \$27,932
- Allegra's funding - 50% of these funds now come from the Vence budget, now that we know what our final funding needs are for batteries/collars.

Topics to Discuss:

DCT Update:

- Local workgroup meeting: April 30th, 5pm - 7pm
 - Option 1: Cowboy catering
 - Other options: Moe's or Smokes, Cowboy Kitchen
 - Costco beverages
- Nox Weed Cost Share:
 - Online application now through Google forms - not published quite yet, would like a few more eyes on it before publishing. Greg will send out the board for review
- Wolf Grant Update:
 - Greg has been sending this out, we have only had one application thus far
 - Ear tag/collar lights, night watch - possible grant opportunities
 - Application received:
 - March 13th - 4 calves buried
 - 3 hours, 4 calves, \$35/hr
 - \$105 total requested
 - **Scott S. makes a motion to approve the application. Shawn seconds the motion. All in favor, motion passed.**
- Forestry Program:
 - Continue to meet with foresters from other conservation districts
 - Greg is now attending ERWC meetings
- Colorado Soil Health program
 - 3 producers in round two, they are in their second year
 - Greg is conducting interviews with producers
- Seed Sales:
 - New reclamation mix
 - New full sun water-wise mix
 - New native pollinator mix
 - Over a dozen orders already
 - We will sell to landowners in person at the office, and website orders will be picked up at Wiggle Worm

Program Updates

- Beyond Lawn:
 - CWCB Water Plan Grant
 - Phase 2 grant proposal
 - Updates from the towns
 - Edwards - will provide matching dollars for irrigation only in 2025 25K is reserved
 - Avon - do not have funds allocated for 2025
 - Eagle - still have 10K from last year that we can use but no funds reserved for this year
 - Gypsum - 20K for this year

- Laura working on getting on Minturn and Vail's calendars
- Opened up the 2025 schedule today to the waitlist (~30 folks)
- We will open up the schedule to the general public next Wednesday
- Currently working with 5 HOAs to start the process
- BoCC has approved a demo garden, for planting in June (we are providing \$12,500 to BoCC for the demo garden)
- Exploring ideas for Denyse/Ryan to build out
- Send Beyond Lawn Scheduler to board
- Virtual Fencing:
 - Collars are being ordered and delivered to all participating producers
 - Working with Kristy and BLM to deliver materials
 - Vence is shipping collars based on turn out date, due to production delays
 - Currently preparing for the last monitoring field season
- FAPL:
 - On pause
 - Tour with FAPL & BLM to Bocco Mountain and/or Trail Gulch on 4/23, 1pm-3pm

General Updates:

- Office
 - Laura and Scott S. looked at an office today
 - 676 sq ft at \$16/sqft/month
 - \$1000/mo + taxes/utilities
 - CAM + taxes are \$8/sqft
 - Total cost = \$1538/months
 - Annually = \$18,000. We have \$30,000 budgeted for an office space so this would come under budget
 - 2 year lease
 - General discussion of tax-exempt lease - we would work with the county and the landlords to secure
 - Work with the lease to amend and negotiate any refunds based on tax-exempt status
 - Available May 1st
 - \$5000 in administrative and supplies funds, + extra money from the office space fund to furnish the office space
 - **Scott S makes a motion to secure a 3 year lease with two 2 year options for the office space on Chambers. Ken seconds the motion. All in favor, motion passed.**
- Toyota Tacoma
 - Work truck was purchased - \$35,000K (put \$25,000 down and are financing the rest for the next 36 months)
 - Paying interest over the 3 years of ~\$1,700
 - **Broad discussion of using the contingency funds to pay off the rest of the loan - we will revisit at the end of the summer**
 - **Need vehicle purchase line item and vehicle operating expense line item**
 - Inspection reports + expectation contract for employees

- Weekly inspection reports, liable for own tickets, notify ECCD of any changes to personal drivers license, truck notes every week, truck is always parked at ECCD office
 - Gas/maintenance will be covered under the Vence budget
 - Budget for car washes, logo (~\$1000)
 - Insurance - State Farm (same people we have been using)
 - \$600/6 months, \$500 deductible
 - Ken mentions Special District liability and coverage (SDA) - general liability. Compare this with our State Farm, Laura and Wendy will look into (Ensure State Farm and/or SDA covers everything we will be using the truck for - private property etc)
- New Employees & Training
 - ECCD has officially hired Denyse Schrenker as the full time NR + Horticulture Specialist
 - Main responsibilities: Beyond Lawn, site visits, working with agriculture, noxious weeds, etc.
 - ECCD has hired Ryan Vlaar as a Seasonal Horticulture Specialist (May - September)
 - His role will be to build workshops, continue to build Beyond Lawn program alongside Denyse, work as BL specialist.
 - Organizational chart of employee responsibilities
 - Annual check-ins between Laura/Board
 - Annual check-ins between Laura/Staff
 - Staff report to Laura, Laura reports to the board
- Board Election Con't:
 - Laura has filed notice of cancellation, and it will be published through all three counties. It is posted on our website and it is submitted to DOLA.
 - May board meeting - we will be able to swear in Niki Luark and Linn Brooks
 - Shawn has offered to become president of the board, with Scott J's approval. This will be an agenda item on the next board meeting.
 - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer
- Outreach Opportunities
 - ERWC open house on May 2nd. ECCD created a seed mix based on the data collected in that project. ERWC wants to promote that mix of seeds for residents to purchase from ECCD (seeding property adjacent to open space). ERWC wants to hand out seed packets.
 - April 19th - Farm Tour with CAC, luncheon open house at Wiggle Worm after the tour
 - April 21st - Eagle Town Hall meeting that Laura is on the panel for
 - Ask - does ECCD want to cover the cost of the seed to make these seed packets? Wiggle worm has a license to repackage seed, and will repackage the seed with a QR code and instructions. Wiggle Worm also has wildflower seeds to contribute. ECCD will have a link on our website outlining the project. Shawn also would like to
 - Cost - 200 packets (1.6oz per pack) = 20 lbs of seeds = \$400
 - Ken makes a motion to pay up to \$500 for seed and materials for this project. Scott S. seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.
- 3-yr Strategic Planning next steps:
 - Dallas has mailed Emergenitcs packet to the board
- Eagle County Land Use Regulation Rewrite update:

- <https://online.encodeplus.com/regs/eaglecounty-co-lur/doc-viewer.aspx#secid-49>
- Board will focus on chapter two and chapter four, to discuss at the next board meeting

Upcoming Events:

- 4/19: ECCD Farm Tour- 10-2pm. Meet at Wiggle worm. Clayton will send waivers for participants.
- 4/21: Land Use Panel - Eagle Town Hall
- 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.

- The board has decided to change the agenda format:
 - Hours/Miles
 - Guests
 - CSU Extension/NRCS
 - Staff and Program Updates
 - General Updates
 - Treasures Report/Budget
- Colorado Department of Soil Health Advisory Committee is creating guidance on best practices regarding solar, to help with education and to mitigate conflicts with land use. Shawn is working on getting information about workshops, and a letter of guidance, and will send it out to the board.
 - Current conversations about the East Eagle plan - ECCD needs to be in the conversation

NRCS Report:

- N/A

CSU Ext Update:

Upcoming events:

Your Estate: Leaving a Lasting Legacy

When: Tuesday, April 22nd from 4-8pm

Where: Eagle Valley Land Trust Conservation Center ([33601 HWY 6, Edwards, CO 81632](https://www.eaglevalleylandtrust.org/33601-Hwy-6-Edwards-CO-81632))

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

Topics to be covered:

1. Where are you?
 - a. Assessing one's current circumstances.
2. Where do you want to go?
 - a. Setting goals and wishes for the future of the family and the business.
3. How can you best get there?

- a. Strategies for getting from where you are to where you want to go.
 - b. Selected issues and topics important to the process.
 - c. Selecting and mentoring successors.
4. Family communications.
 - a. 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. Lunch is included in class cost. Contact Denyse Schrenker at denyse.schrenker@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 denyse.schrenker@eaglecounty.us with questions.

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Mail Review:

Next Meeting Date: May 14, 2025

Adjourn: 8:31pm

Minutes taken by: Allegra Waterman-Snow, Program Manager

Action Items:

- If we change the location of the meeting, we have to post the change in two locations
- Laura to text Clayton about the Land Use Rewrite

- Allegra to include request for input from landowners in the next newsletter.
- Send Eric Eves an email to loop us into the planning process for East Eagle