



EAGLE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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Monthly Board Meeting Minutes October 8, 2025, 4:30pm
4 Eagle Ranch, Wolcott, 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: 4:40

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

Supervisors Absent:

Guests Present: N/A

Approval of Minutes:

Roll Call Reports: Board member miles & hours spent on conservation starting with the last regular meeting held September 17, 2025.

BOARD MEMBER	HOURS	MILES
Shawn Bruckman	40	15
Scott Jones	12	60
Wendy Sacks	25	10
Scott Schlosser		
Clayton Gerard		
Niki Luark	14	210
Linn Brooks	9	120

Guests: N/A

NRCS Report: N/A

CSU Ext.: N/A

Topics to Discuss:

Program & Staff Updates:

- Nox Weed Cost Share:
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- Wolf Grant Update:
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- Forestry Program:
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- Seed Sales:
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- CO Soil Health Program:
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- Beyond Lawn:
 - CWCB grant was awarded in September
- CIG: Virtual Fencing:
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- FAPL: Virtual Fencing:
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General ECCD Updates:

- RFP- 2026 Audit Firm
 - McMahan and Associates, L.L.C. Proposal: **Linn moves to move forward to retain McMahan and Associates, LLC as ECCD's auditor. Wendy seconds. All in favor, motion passes.**
 - Ken suggests moving forward with them, Linn has also worked with them previously
- CO River Watershed Association (Special Meeting) Update
 - Our resolution did not pass at the CO River Watershed Meeting
 - There were other two resolutions at the table, including one from Bookcliff requesting wording to make sure that there are enough ag representatives on a CD.
 - Concerns from Bookcliff/Mt Sopris that this would not be a good time to run this as a bill.
 - Laura recommends that a lawyer is present during the process, as board members and staff were not equipped to answer detailed legal questions
 - ECCD will need to budget for a lawyer and lobbyist in the future, if we continue to pursue this resolution.
- DCT Position
 - Laura will be putting together a job description at the end of the month, hoping to conduct interviews in December and have someone onboarded in January. Greg has offered to stay on for two additional weeks in January to help train the new employee
 - **Wendy moves to keep Greg employed for two weeks overlapping the new employee. Linn seconded the motion, all in favor, the motion passes.**
- Land Use Code Update:
 - Laura will set up a meeting with the board and Meaghan to go through the table line by line, to determine Ag zoning considerations.

Treasurer's Report:

Master Financial Statement 2025-2029

- Laura added in the new CWCB grant fund to the budget - increased revenue.
- Conservation Projects - \$50,000 to use. Do we want to use this as an internal ECCD grant program, to award landowner projects within the community?
 - Deadline
 - Ranking system
 - Cap on funds
 - Determine who manages the grant

Upcoming Events:

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

Niki - visited with Hickenlooper and Neguse staff, about a proposal to create a new wilderness area

Mail Review: N/A

Next Meeting Date:

Adjourn: 5:25

Minutes taken by: Allegra Waterman-Snow , Program Manager

Action Items:

Laura - put “working with a lawyer on ECCD’s resolution” on the next board meeting agenda

Laura - write a letter with Niki to oppose the Wilderness Area Proposal, that will be reviewed by the board at the next meeting. Additionally, look into other options such as an Ag exemption, restoration, soil and water health restoration exemptions.

PROGRAM & STAFF UPDATES

Beyond Lawn Program

- General Program Updates
 - ECCD has been awarded the CWCB Beyond Lawn Phase II Grant for \$346,018.90.
 - Beyond Lawn Panel breakout session at Colorado WaterWise Symposium
 - Q3 Report submitted to ERWSD
- Turf Replacement Rebate Applications
 - 5 applications approved since the last board meeting (1 HOA, 4 Residential)
 - Turf removed = 16,118sqft
 - Rebates awarded = \$18,510
- Efficient Irrigation System Rebate Applications
 - 2 applications approved since the last board meeting
 - Rebates awarded = \$6,238
- Financials
 - Turf Replacement:
 - \$120,184 spent on turf replacement rebates
 - \$51,579 remaining funds
 - Irrigation Upgrades:
 - \$44,528 spent on irrigation upgrades
 - \$14,449 remaining funds

Noxious Weed Cost-Share Program

- General Program Updates
 - Have conducted several post-control site visits
 - No additional interest in October for post-control site visits
 - Application deadline in November by Thanksgiving
- On-Site Evaluations (YTD)
 - 24 intake forms
 - 21 initial site visits
 - 7 post control site visits
- Applications
 - 2 to be potentially be reviewed in November
 - Waiting on additional application information from one landowner
 - Based on landowner comms, we expect more applications to come in before Thanksgiving deadline
- Financials
 - N/A

Wolf Conflict Mitigation Project

- General Program Updates
 - Deadline June 2026
- On-Site Evaluations
 - N/A
- Applications
 - N/A
- Financials
 - Total reimbursements = \$6,114.16

CIG Virtual Fencing

- General Program Updates
 - Continuing to work with CSU on final technical analysis and report for vegetation monitoring
 - Continuing to work with Geospatial contractor on final containment/analysis report
 - Continuing to work with CSU extension on final feedback report
 - Poster presentation at the Sustaining Colorado Watersheds conference outlining the project

Foundation for America's Public Lands: Virtual Fencing

- General Program Updates
 - ECCD wrapped up year 1 of the project. The total unutilized funds from Year 1 amount to \$32,552.19. These funds are from the Personnel and Fringe Benefits categories (\$22,401.86), along with associated administration costs (\$10,150.33), which were unspent due to the three-month pause in the spring.
 - The Bocco Mountain grazing permit was approved as the first ever virtual fence permit in the county
 - Year 2 budget was submitted to the Foundation - awaiting approval
 - Semi-annual financial and progress reports were submitted to the Foundation

CO Soil Health Program (+2.0)

- General Program Updates
 - CDA offering tax credit (announcement [Link](#))
 - Agricultural Stewardship Tax Credit (overview [Link](#))
 - Looking forward to receiving more info about future programming with CDA
 - To do: Allocate capacity funding to continue providing assistance to landowners

Seed Sales

- Revenue (YTD)
 - \$15,392.68

- Total Sold
 - 974 pounds
- Inventory
 - 314 pounds

STAFF Miscellaneous

- NRCS and Eagle County Emergency Team met and determined that there would likely not be a need for EWP funding in response to Derby Fire
- FSA will have the opportunity to fund certain landowners through ECP to replace fencing among other financial assistance.
 - FSA to conduct site visits upon return (post-shutdown) to find project opportunities