

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE WILDLIFE COMMITTEE OF EAGLE RANCH ASSOCIATION

A Meeting of the Wildlife Committee of the Eagle Ranch Association (the "Association") was held on July 9, 2025, at the Eagle Ranch Office, 1143 Capitol Street, Eagle, CO 81631.

Committee Members Present:

Derek Rose, Committee Member
Kate Sheldon, Committee Member
Tom Gosiorowski, Town of Eagle

Others Present:

Nick Jaramillo, BLM (via telephone)
Valerie Glimp, Eagle Ranch homeowners

The order of business was as follows:

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 2:05pm by Derek Rose. With Chairperson Hugh Fairfield-Smith having resigned it was identified and established that Derek Rose was now the acting chairperson, per *Eagle Ranch Wildlife Committee Roles & Responsibilities*.

A quorum of Committee members was present.

2. Approval of Minutes. Since former coordinator Stacey Todd resigned there were no minutes to approve.

3. New Business.

- a. Jamie Harrison's proposed contract for coordinator position: Kate, Derek and Tom discussed what Jamie Harrison wrote in his memo which accompanied his proposed contract; Jamie wrote: *"Regarding the chairperson, I suggest some discussion about what responsibilities this entails. In my role, I anticipate handling most, if not all, of the normal responsibilities of a chair, including running meetings. If that is not how the Committee wants to operate, it needs to let me know. The only specific responsibility that I think a chair should assume is to work with me to develop agendas. But if the committee wants the chair to take more of these other responsibilities, you should decide which ones."*

Upon motion made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved Jamie Harrison's contract with the condition that "the chair would still be the chair"; that the chair would run meetings and develop agendas, and that the coordinator would be excluded from these tasks. It was decided that Chairperson Rose would convey this information to Jamie Harrison.

- b. Project Evaluator Rubric: Kate presented the next iteration for refinement to the board. Discussion on whether some previous funded projects should have been funded and how that would help guide future funding decisions. Comments from Mitigation Plan co-author Bill Heicher were discussed regarding topics such as the wildlife fencing around the community garden, fencing the dog park, Corky's parcel, Haymeadow and other projects.
- c. Habitat Enhancement Project on BLM Lands within 5 miles of Eagle Ranch: Nick Jaramillo of BLM was invited by Layton Stutsman, and spoke via phone regarding an East Eagle Lop & Scatter project which had just received NEPA approval. He addressed multiple habitat opportunities from Pinon Juniper management, to an aspen stands prescribed burn, thinning and reseeding, and targeted grazing with goats or sheep for noxious weed management. Procedure of project management discussed and timeline would include narrow windows between certain hunting seasons between October and December 1. Discussed using fire crews during shoulder seasons. Discussed wildlife guzzlers. Discussed habitat enhancement focus on the bases/bottoms of the larger draws. Potential funding partnership with RMEF, MDF, CPW and Dept of Ag. Project manager dynamics was discussed. Next step is for BLM to get bids, analyze, then they would ask what the Wildlife Committee could give. Projects would not be all implemented at once, they would roll out with various rounds of funding.
- d. Noxious weed education effort: Kate created a flyer for homeowners to eradicate White Top with assistance from Eagle County Conservation District, since White Top outcompetes wildlife natural forage. Kate proposed an educational outreach with a schedule of predictable noxious weeds and times of year to help homeowners and wildlife (thistles, knapweed, etc). Kate reported that ER HOA management said they would not circulate the White Top flyer to homeowners. Derek and Tom suggested creating a Wildlife Committee gmail account and asking the HOA for the email list of owners/residents, so the committee could send email blasts directly to ER owners and residents.

Since Board Member Tom Gosiorowski had to depart the meeting the quorum was lost and the meeting was adjourned at 2:58p.m. MST.

Respectfully submitted,

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