

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE WILDLIFE PROTECTION BOARD OF
EAGLE RANCH ASSOCIATION**

A Meeting of the Wildlife Protection Board (the "Committee") of the Eagle Ranch Association (the "Association") was held on November 20, 2025, at the Eagle Ranch Office, 1143 Capitol Street, Eagle, CO 81631.

Committee members present:

Tom Gosiorowski
Diane Mauriello
Derek Rose
Kate Sheldon
Courtney Harris

Also present: Jamie Harrison, Coordinator
Layton Stutsman, CPW

The Committee was called to order at noon. A quorum of Committee members was established.

Kate Sheldon went on record stating that she did not spend Wildlife Protection funds on the Red Canyon lunch which was at the meeting. All lunches were purchased by the Coordinator.

Nick Richards, HOA administrator, informed the Committee that the Executive Board authorized removal of a limited number of horizontal slats on the decorative fences along Eagle Ranch Road and below Arroyo Rd. However, the Board asked that these slats be stored over the winter in a dry location and replaced when the golf course opens in the spring. The Board also asked the Committee to gather empirical evidence of the impact of this action on the elk population. The Board also expects that any damage to the fence that occurs in the process of removing and re-installing the slats be paid for with Wildlife Funds. The Board also noted that the Town must approve the activity because the fence is on Town Property. Mr. Gosiorowski recommended that the Committee send a letter to the Town asking for permission. Mr. Harrison will draft the letter.

The Committee unanimously approved the agenda.

The Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the October meeting with a revision about payment for lunches as requested by Ms. Sheldon.

Public Comment

Debbie Murphy expressed concern about the impact of bike races on the elk herd.

Mary Dowd advocated for the installation of two speed bumps on Eagle Ranch Road.

Coordinator's Report on Pending Projects

Mr. Harrison reported that the East Eagle lop and scatter project is targeted for late summer 2026. The Mule Deer Foundation has asked for a letter confirming the Committee's desire to provide funding for the project. Mr. Harrison will draft the letter with input from the Chair and Co-Chair. Mr. Harrison made clear to the Committee that the project area is available as a grazing allotment (although not presently used for that purpose).

Mr. Harrison reported that Josh Rumble, Eagle River Coalition, has requested one bid for the road improvement at the top of Abrams Creek to reduce sedimentation into the Creek. He will forward the bid to Mr. Harrison when received. Mr. Rumble was only able to find one contractor who had the capability of getting to the site and performing the work.

Parade Expenses

The Committee unanimously authorized reimbursement to Ms. Sheldon in the amount of \$344 for expenses relating to the Flight Days parade earlier this year.

Fliers for Distribution at Construction Sites

The Committee unanimously authorized an expenditure of \$100 to design a one-page flier in both Spanish and English that says, "Let Elk Cross." This will be distributed by staff to contractors in Eagle Ranch. Mr. Harrison will arrange for the design to be completed.

Signs

The Committee considered a request from Ms. Sheldon to pay for twenty signs to be placed in the pocket parks and, with permission, on private property. The signs are designed to try to encourage behavior that will prevent elk/human conflict. Mr. Stutsman expressed concern that the proposed language on the sign is not sufficiently accurate and asked that it be changed. Mr. Harrison will work with Mr. Stutsman to revise the language. Mr. Gosiorowski asked that the designs be reconsidered to be more effective. The Committee unanimously approved an expenditure of up to \$250 for creation of new designs. Mr. Harrison will coordinate the design effort with CPW and bring the new designs back to the Committee for consideration once the revised content and images are available

DHM

The Committee considered the proposal from DHM Design to conduct a stakeholder scoping process to assess habitat improvement ideas both within and outside the Town. The Committee decided that this scope was too broad and that the Committee should focus on habitat improvement projects within the Town of Eagle. The Committee asked that the Coordinator prepare an RFP for a limited stakeholder engagement process that would be designed to assess habitat improvement opportunities within the Town. The goal is to select one project area for a Committee-funded project. The Committee asked that at least three potential contractors be asked to bid on this project. Mr. Mauriello will assist in the preparation of an RFP. Mr. Harrison will contact DHM to advise them of next steps.

The Committee expressed a desire to consider smaller habitat improvement projects that would not require a stakeholder process. Mr. Gosiorowski suggested that Mr. Harrison talk with the Town's Open Space Manager, Alex Smiley, about projects that the Town supports but that currently lack funding. Mr. Harrison will do so. Ms. Mauriello will make a similar inquiry to the head of the County Open Space department.

Education Initiatives

Ms. Sheldon proposed three education initiatives.

The first was creation of a coffee table book or magazine intended to convey information to homeowners about the Wildlife Mitigation Plan. The book or magazine could contain local artists' work and information about living with wildlife. The Committee voted 3-2 to have Ms. Sheldon continue the process of creating a concrete proposal for funding the piece to present to the Committee.

The second was for the committee to purchase trail cameras to collect data on off-leash dogs and trail poaching. A motion to approve this effort did not receive a second.

The third was to hire a contractor to create an email data base of interested people, primarily within Eagle Ranch, to distribute wildlife-related information. The Committee voted unanimously to ask Ms. Sheldon to get three bids for a contractor to set up the email system.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:10.