

Meeting of the Delegates Minutes

Minutes from August 20, 2024



Agenda

Agenda item: Call to Order **Presenter:** Monica Wasden

President Wasden called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Agenda item: Guest Speaker, Douglas County School District **Presenter:** Erin Kane

Superintendent Erin Kane presented a PowerPoint on behalf of the Douglas County School District. Within her report:

- Douglas County School District points of pride – DCSD is the top school district in the Denver Metro area.
- An update on ballot tax initiative 5A and what it provided to the district. Many initiatives have already been implemented.
- Growth and decline challenges and the next plan and engage steps through August 2026.

Time was allotted for Q & A.

Agenda item: Pledge of Allegiance **Presenter:** Monica Wasden

President Wasden led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda item: Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum **Presenter:** Theresa Hill

Conclusions:

A quorum was established; 21,954 of 31,934 lots were present.

Agenda item: Proof of Notice of Meeting **Presenter:** Dan DeBacco

Dan DeBacco confirmed the Proof of Notice of Meeting.

Agenda item: Approval of Minutes for the Meeting of the Delegates for the July 16, 2024, Meeting **Presenter:** Monica Wasden

Conclusions:

The July 2024 minutes were approved — motioned by Elizabeth Strock, representing District 16, and seconded by Andy Natalie, representing District 83. Motion carried.



Agenda item: Member Forum

Presenter: Members

Discussion:

- None

Agenda item: Board of Directors Report

Presenter: Monica Wasden

Conclusions:

President Wasden presented a PowerPoint. Within her report:

- An update about the Wildcat Regional Park project and the community wide study that was sent out August 20. President Wasden asked for Delegates to complete the survey.
- An update regarding the Board Working Session/Retreat scheduled on August 9. President Wasden shared that the Board toured Westridge. President Wasden shared potential capital improvement projects slated for 2025.

Discussion: Time was allotted for Delegate Q&A.

Agenda item: Board of Director Comments

Presenter: Board of Directors

Conclusions:

- Todd Landgrave: Shared that he is grateful for President Wasden's work on the Wildcat Regional Park project.

Agenda item: General Manager Report

Presenter: Mike Bailey

Conclusions:

General Manager Bailey presented a PowerPoint. Within his report:

An update on the visit from the Reston Association that occurred August 4-6.

The budget process timeline and information on work that staff has begun.

Westridge xeriscaping project update.

Volunteer Dinner proposed date of December 10



Agenda item: Department Updates – Backcountry Wilderness Area

Presenter: Mark Giebel

Conclusions:

Mark Giebel presented a PowerPoint. Within his report:

- A recap of Summer 2024 at Camp Backcountry and Horse Camp.
- Information regarding the early childhood program Wild Roots.
- Information on Summer Camp survey results.
- Programs for the fall and winter sessions.
- An update on the bison reintegration which will start in the Spring of 2025, with the bison being reintroduced Summer 2025.
- Trail camera partnership information and improved processes within the Backcountry Wilderness Area.
- Monitoring of the wildlife within the Backcountry and reports on which wildlife have been seen in 2024.
- An update on the 501c3 and fundraising throughout the year.

Agenda item: Continued Business

Monica Wasden

None

Agenda item: New Business

Dennis Epperly, Delegate District 2, shared information regarding the power outages he has experienced at his residence and the cause of them. Dennis Epperly made a motion to have the Board of Directors send a letter to Xcel expressing their concerns over aging infrastructure and requesting to know what their plan is for updating the infrastructure of the high voltage lines within Highlands Ranch. Seconded by Bethany Koch, District 49.

Time was allotted for discussion.

The Board agreed to have a representative from Xcel out to speak to the Delegate Body. Dennis Epperly withdrew his motion.

Agenda item: Delegate Forum

Presenter: Delegates

Discussion:

Lauren Nobles – Mike Woodland's Proxy | District 111: Urged Delegates to send information regarding the Wildcat Regional Park project to their communities and shared the information about the grass roots efforts which can be found on rightideawronglocation.net.



Kyoko Okada (1652 Spring Water Lane, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129): Shared her concerns with the Board regarding the amount of trash in Highlands Ranch and offered a solution for waste reduction through Pay as you Throw. Kyoko asked Delegates to consider asking Waste Management and Waste Connections to consider a Pay as you Throw program in Highlands Ranch.

Agenda item: Adjournment

Presenter: Monica Wasden

Conclusions:

Motioned by Dennis Epperly representing District 2 and seconded by Al Pelkowski, representing District 94. The Meeting of the Delegates was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jim Allen", is written over a horizontal line.

Jim Allen, Secretary