



**Open Space & Recreation Advisory Committee  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, August 5th, 2025, at 9:00 AM  
Council Chambers - Eagle Town Hall  
200 Broadway Eagle, CO 81631**

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**9:00 a.m. CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL**

**Call to Order at: 9:05am**

**Roll Call:**

Committee members present: Dan Lambert, Ernest Saeger, Phil Kirkman, Jessica Foulis, Ryan Gilmer (online), Chris Cohen, Chris Kehoe and Roger Mitchell

Committee members absent: None

Staff Present: Alex Smiley, Open Space and Trails Manager and Tom Gosiorowski, Public Works Director

Town Council Present: Ellen Bodenhemier

**9:05 a.m. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None.

### 9:10 a.m. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adapted to allow Ellen Bodenhemier to go first, for time constraints. MOTION to approve the agenda with the schedule change of Ellen Bodenheimer giving a Hay Meadow development update in the beginning, then followed by regular agenda by Saeger and second by Lambert. Motion passed with a vote of 8 in favor (Saeger, Mitchell, Kirkman, Lambert, Gilmer, Kehoe, Foulis, and Cohen) and 0 opposed.

### 9:13 a.m. APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES

Unapproved meeting minutes for June, July, and August will be added to the agenda and packet for the September OSRAC meeting.

### 9:15 a.m. DISCUSSION/ BUSINESS ITEMS

9:15 a.m. (30 min) Alan Czepinski – BLM project updates

- **Visitor Use Survey:** 53 responses so far; more outreach needed. Town support requested for promotion.
- **E-Bike Environmental Assessment (EA):**
  - Planned for winter 2025 with possible implementation in spring.
  - Focused on class 1 e-bike authorization in the Hardscrabble/Eagle SRMA.
  - BLM aims for collaborative decision-making with the Town to avoid conflicting trail designations.
  - Discussion on timing and alignment of BLM and Town decisions to ensure consistency.
- **Town & OSRAC role:**
  - Internal, streamlined engagement (no external consultants).
  - Includes:
    - One community survey
    - One open house
    - One stakeholder meeting
    - Review of existing plans and public comments
- **Next Steps:**
  - Staff (Alex Smiley and Tom Gosiorowski) to develop a detailed timeline and engagement plan.
  - OSRAC will be updated and help formulate a recommendation to Town Council.

9:45 a.m. (10 min) Alex Smiley - Brush Creek and Hernage Creek Restoration Project Update

- Project stalled after staff transition; meeting scheduled with contractors to assess feasibility for 2025.
- Potential for volunteer involvement in restoration activities.
- Seasonal closures may affect timing of work.

9:55 a.m. (15 min) Alex & Tom - Open Space Budget Update & Capitol Improvement Budget

- Operating budget for 2026 submitted; held flat from 2025.
- Includes speculative funding for a new Open Space Ranger position.
- Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) under review; restoration projects may affect 2026 priorities.
- September meeting will include a detailed update on CIP and budget alignment with management plans.

10:10 a.m. (10 min) Ellen Bodenhemier - Haymeadow Development Updates

- Ellen Bodenheimer provided an update on potential conservation efforts at Hay Meadow.
- Discussions are ongoing with the developer and council regarding land use changes and conservation strategies.
- A conservation easement is being considered, but alternatives like deed restrictions are also on the table.
- Funding discussions include the use of the Hay Meadow RETA (Real Estate Transfer Assessment).
- Council is exploring a split of RETA funds between open space, housing, and general operations.
- A potential executive session debrief with attorney or town manager will be considered.

10:20 a.m. (10 min) New Business/Future Agenda Items

#### New Business

- None.

#### Future Agenda Items

- Potential executive session debrief on Haymeadow conservation
- Updates on e-bike assessment and community engagement
- Review of Open Space Budget
  - 5 year CIP agenda
- Restoration project update

#### **10:30 a.m. ADJOURN**

MOTION to ADJOURN at 10:11 a.m. by Seager and second by Kehoe. Motion passed with a vote of 8 in favor (Saeger, Mitchell, Kirkman, Lambert, Gilmer, Kehoe, Foulis, and Cohen) and 0 opposed.