

DRAFT MINUTES

PLAN JEFFCO BOARD – Feb. 19, 2026

Approved March 19, 2026

HYBRID Meeting at Edcor, 195 S. Union Blvd. Lakewood, CO

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82563580265?pwd=8V4GFHxn3KsYuEPAO1EOfAIM7bY5X1.1>

(Note to audio-visual operator: If this is a zoom meeting at EdCor remember to turn off the TV speakers before initiating zoom.)

Upcoming Events:

Next board meeting: March 19, Zoom only; Jean chair with Michelle backup

See last page below for the complete schedule.

Open Space Advisory Committee: for past Meeting Videos and Documents: Scroll down to see Advisory Committee.

<https://www.jeffco.us/4528/Past-Meeting-Videos-and-Documents>

General meetings and agendas: TBA

2026: Regular meeting dates TBA

Other meetings: TBA

Members in attendance: Don Moore, Jean Tate, Michelle Poolet, Vicky Gits, Cathi Schramm

Secretary: Vicky Gits

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Chair - Jean; Time – 6:45 pm MST
2. **Visitor Introductions – None**
3. **Minutes of Jan. 15, 2026 – Approved**
4. **Additions to Agenda**
5. **Discussion and Action Items**
 - a. **Treasurer’s report** – Jean Tate. Approved. Jean emailed a financial report for February 2026. The savings account stands at \$12,750 as of 1/27/26. (6-month timed deposit ending 5/26 at 3.4 percent. The checking account balance is \$12,394 compared to \$13,038 as of 10/28/25, reflecting expenses for website operations, EdCor room rental, Constant Contact, 240 Union Christmas dinner and income from donations at Colorado Gives and anonymous gift from American Online Giving Foundation.
 - b. **Review of Upcoming Months and Projects/Status meeting with Aaron Roth.**

Peter is working on setting up a meeting with Aaron Roth. Agenda to be decided.

CSU Natural Heritage Reports: Generally agreed the first step in connection with approaching Roth is to understand the recommendations included the CSU studies on the natural resources of wildlife and biology available in Jefferson County. Don said a good question for Roth, other than preservation of the mountain backdrop, is anybody working on identifying and preservation of land for parks and natural resources? Jean promised to provide link to relevant documents available online. Michelle has hard

copy of 2010 version. Group was assigned to making a list of potential questions for Roth.

Consideration was given to ongoing influence of Tom Hoby who is hired as a contractor to work on the project of moving the Fairgrounds to new location on Fehringer Ranch lands. It was suggested to set up series of lunches with Roth on a regular basis and set up a method to educate him on the history of PLAN Jeffco. Michelle advised against using Hoby's name in discussions with Roth. Let him know we are available to help. (Jean) Remind him the voters in 1972 voted for preservation and creation of public lands. (Don)

- c. **Newsletter Review and Article Suggestions /Newsletter Production.** New articles on 2026 Conservation Awards (01-29-26); Miracle Makeover of former Off-Leash Evergreen Dog Park and opening of new trailhead and restroom at Stagecoach Boulevard trailhead in Elk Meadow Park. To be published: The new volunteer-tended Gardens at the Boettcher Mansion in the Lookout Mountain Nature Preserve.
 - d. **Status of information on foam noticed in creek in Prospect Park (from Katie Weeler letter).** We don't know what it was. People in Wheatridge may have better idea. (Cathi). Part of photo did not look natural to me (Jean). Possible dirty storm water or plant effluent. Don suggested turning over information and photos to state health department. Michelle said she will get back to Wheeler, who is a recently paid member of PLAN Jeffco.
 - e. **Proposal re Preservation Area Knowledge.** Jean proposed dividing responsibility among participants according to geographical boundaries. Someone suggested organizing around areas containing favorite parks. Don is working his agency contacts for suggestions. Committee of Don, Vicky and Michelle formed to study papers and maps created by John Litz. Meeting set for Sunday, Feb. 28 at Michelle's house.
5. **Reports and Information Items.**
- a. **Status of schedule of OSAC meetings and Open Space Advisory Committee Reports –** No meetings on calendar (Vicky) From Feb. 5 minutes available on Past Meetings and Documents: OSAC visited Alderfer/Three Sisters West Trailhead to see new parking and results of forest treatment on 260 acres from fall 2023 to summer 2024, mostly by hand crews. There are 1,000 burn piles remaining and need to be burned to receive final grant reimbursement.
 - b. **Clear Creek County Open Space Report – Michelle.** None
 - c. **Website report – Michelle.** Explained difference between the domain registrar (NetworkSolutions.com) which protects our domain name, i.e. PLANJeffco.org, and the website host (BlueHost.com). Unfortunately, our domain name is held at NetworkSolutions.com, while our website is hosted at Bluehost.com. This makes for management complications. Michelle has not been able to get authorization from John Litz' daughters, which would allow Michelle to transfer domain hosting from NetworkSolutions.com to BlueHost.com. If this could be done, website management would be significantly simplified. Michelle will continue to work on getting this accomplished, with no promises of success in the near future. Michelle has determined that PLAN Jeffco has been paying for multiple domain names which we no longer use, so the use of these will be dropped. The current but unused domain name planjeffco.com, will not auto-renew, nor will "inpleinsightjeffco.com". This

will eliminate over-paying for domains which we no longer use. BlueHost billing is \$215 annually.

Goals for the website include upgrading the PHP and installing new version of WordPress.

d. See youtube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J22rIrGes68> Topics, South Table Mountain.

Trails Talk Recording for JCPOS volunteers – Michelle. The meeting focused on updates and discussions regarding various trail projects and land management initiatives in Jefferson County Open Space (JCOS). Eric Fields, Jason Brum, and Scot Grossman provided updates on projects such as T-Rex Tooth, Beaver Ranch, and the Clear Creek Trail, highlighting progress, challenges, and future plans. Grossman detailed the transformation of the Peaks to Plains Trail into the Clear Creek Trail and outlined ongoing construction efforts. Participants discussed trail accessibility, the impact of e-bikes, and the management of public lands, including the use of drones for monitoring and the enforcement of regulations. Questions were raised about specific trail developments, land acquisitions, and the integration of new technologies for trail management. The meeting underscored the collaborative efforts between JCOS and various partners to enhance and preserve the trail system while balancing diverse user

Adjournment: 8:06 pm MST

PLAN Jeffco Meeting Schedule 2026

Meeting place for hybrid format: EdCor, 195 S. Union Blvd. #200; corner of Union and Cedar next to Firehouse Subs. Preferred parking is in front of the building and to the right. You're welcome to bring your dinner with you for the in-person meetings.

| Date 2026 | | |
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| Jan. 15 | Zoom | Peter |
| Feb. 19 | Hybrid@EdCor | Jean with Michelle backup |
| March 19 | Zoom | Jean with Michelle backup |
| April 16 | Zoom | Jean with Michelle backup |
| May 21 | Hybrid @ EdCor | Cathi |
| June 18 | Zoom | Cathi |
| July 16 | Zoom | Cathi |
| August 20 | Volunteer Picnic | Don |
| Sept. 17 | Zoom | Don |

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| Oct. 15 | Zoom | Don |
| Nov. 19 | Hybrid @ EdCor | Vicky |
| Dec. 17 | TBD | Vicky |
| Jan. 21 | TBD | Vicky |