

DRAFT MINUTES

PLAN JEFFCO BOARD – Date XXXX

Approved XXXX

Zoom Only Meeting Date: Oct. 15, 2026

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82563580265?pwd=8V4GFHxn3KsYuEPAO1EOFAIM7bY5X1.1>

Upcoming Events:

Next board meeting: Nov. 19, Hybrid@EdCor. 195 S. Union Blvd. #200; corner of Union and Cedar next to Firehouse Subs. Preferred parking at front of the building and to the right.

See last page below for the complete schedule.

Open Space Advisory Committee: No meeting since Sept. 3. For past Meeting Videos and Documents, scroll down to see Advisory Committee.

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

Events: Staff Sneak Peek, Nov. 4, Wednesday. Huntsman Trailhead, Clear Creek Canyon Park. 25651 US Highway 6. 1 to 3 pm. Meet at Open Space headquarters parking lot for carpooling. The public opening is the next day Nov. 5.

Nov. 4 & 5: **Front Range Open Space Symposium**

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/9a086d1ea4d74139929f6f4310e7a8b7>

Online only. 9 to 12:30.

Members in attendance: Vicky Gits, Don Moore, Peter Morales, Michelle Poollet, Jean Tate

Secretary: Vicky Gits

1. **Call Meeting to Order.** Chair – Don Moore. Time 6:33 pm
2. **Visitor Introductions** – None
3. **Minutes of September 17, 2026:** Approved
4. **Additions to Agenda:** National Public Lands Day Activities; Comments of Mary Ann Bonnell regarding the disposition of the sign at the Karlin Overlook in Elk Meadow Park.
5. **Review of August Board Meeting.** Michelle said Director Aaron Roth expressed interest in attending a board meeting. She recently received a note from Roth’s assistant asking for possible dates. Consensus was the meeting should be in person rather than on Zoom. Possible dates would be Nov. 19 and Feb. 19

6. Discussion and Action Items

- a. **Treasurer's report** – Jean Tate. Basically, no activity occurred since last month. Jean is still looking into source of \$4.90 item and other miscellaneous charges. Interest in the CD so far is \$266.62. Could not get into PayPal for some reason. Jean will look into the prospect of obtaining a debit card.
- b. **Review of Upcoming Months and Projects** – Main event is the opening of the second half of the Huntsman Segment of the Clear Creek Trail (about 1.5 miles beyond the CCR trailhead that opened last year.) This will be a self-guided, drop-in style event. Expect to walk one mile to do the entire loop. Light refreshments will be provided. This makes total contiguous mileage 4.75 miles from the Gateway Trailhead on the east. Next one mile segment known as Green Bridge is to be completed in one to two years. The next five miles is unfunded. At the western end Mayhem Gulch and Big Easy Trailheads (3 trail miles) opened in 2016.

See newest 10/7/26 video: <https://www.jeffco.us/3792/Clear-Creek-Trail>

Or see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TDDDnXrQuGA>

- c. **Newsletter Review and Article Suggestions /Newsletter Production.** Michelle will use space in the newsletter monthly to feature events at the Boettcher Mansion on Lookout Mountain. Vicky is working on report on the decision to reduce funding for the Clear Creek Trail. Open Space will continue to fund design of the last 5 miles but will seek sources of funding other than taxpayer funds. Article on construction of \$9 million Beaver Ranch park in Conifer was suggested.

7. Reports and Information Items

- a. **September OSAC** – No meeting since September 3.
- b. **Website Report** – Michelle. None
- c. **LGL Report** – Michelle. Continuing to look at alternatives, such as Zeffy.
- d. **Property Search** – Don. Continues to work with a couple of realtors to identify prospects for future parks and conservation.
- e. **SOLVE/NoCo Places** – Michelle. Alliance formed to coordinate efforts to protect and maintain public lands in **Front Range-northern Colorado** counties. Has received grant to eliminate social and unauthorized trails. SOLVE working on protecting local herd of wild sheep and the Geneva Creek **Iron Fens** of Clear Creek County without closing off entirely to the public. Some think Climax Mine could become a data center when it closes in 2035.
- f. **National Public Lands Day** – Michelle visited the Macintyre Trail on Clear Creek in Lakewood where she and Cathi collected enough weeds to fill up the back of a pickup truck. Vicky was at the Majestic View Nature Center, 7030 Garrison St. in Arvada, with a crew planting 10-inch spruce trees as part of a vast restoration project.
- g. **Mary Ann Bonnell** – Responded to Vicky's email asking for her comments on the disappearance of the "Living Room to Legacy" sign in Elk Meadow Park. In her previous position as Visitor Services Manager with Jeffco Open Space she said she supported the removal of the historical sign about the history of the creation of the **Open Space Park System**. She said the sign was removed with her approval sometime around 2024 because she thought neither the graphics nor the location was

appropriate. She thought the sign was in poor condition and not contributing to the visitor experience in a positive way. Vicky shared photos of the founders' sign, and other historical signs at Welch Ditch and the Walker Ruins. Vicky sent photos to board members.

8. Adjournment: 7:45 pm

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