

**OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025
MINUTES**

Call to Order

I. RECURRING ITEMS

ROLL CALL

Jay Sage, Chair – Present
Jim Guerra, Vice Chair – Present
Jennifer Drybread, Committee Member – Present
Mark Giebel, Committee Member – Present
Patti Hostetler, Committee Member – Present
Gregory Ochs, Committee Member - Present
Brian O’Malley, Committee Member – Excused
Tom Rundell, Committee Member – Present
Elizabeth Snow, Committee Member – Present
Kathie Shandro, Committee Member – Excused

II. Disclosure for Items on the Agenda

No disclosures

III. Motion to Approve Agenda

RESULT: Approved
MOVER: Hostetler
SECONDER: Guerra
AYES: Sage, Guerra, Snow, Ochs, Drybread, Giebel, Hostetler, Rundell
ABSENT: O’Malley, Shandro

IV. Motion to Approve Minutes from September 4, 2025

RESULT: Approved
MOVER: Hostetler
SECONDER: Rundell
AYES: Sage, Guerra, Snow, Ochs, Drybread, Giebel, Hostetler, Rundell
ABSENT: O’Malley, Shandro

V. Public Comment

No update provided

VI. Administrative Announcements

Parks and Trails Update, no update provided

Historic Preservation Update, no update provided

Dan Dertz, Director, provided the following updates:

- Term Limits for a few COSAC members are coming up.
- Patti Hostetler has been appointed to the Cherokee Ranch Castle Board
- Wildcat funding of \$3.5 million approved by the Board of County Commissioners
- Commissioner Teal videos (2). Open Space participated in one of the videos.
- Kirk Inderbitzen is the Operations Manager and Ryan Smith is the Ranger Supervisor
- Jackie Sanderson's retirement
- COSA Conference and sponsorship for 2026
- Conservation Easement on Sterling Ranch Open Space lands
- Budget Tool Review and COSAC External NextGen group for resources

Kirk Inderbitzen, Operations Manager, provided the following updates:

- Operations Manager responsibilities moving forward
- Staff changes: Congratulations Ryan Smith, the new Ranger Supervisor
- Cassidy Brown hired as a new Ranger
- Rangers taking on Jackie Sanderson's duties due to her retirement

Ryan Smith, Ranger Supervisor, provided the following updates:

- Prescribed Fire Burn at Spruce Meadows November 10th – 14th
- Intellectual Development Disabilities Partner Opportunities

Jackie Sanderson, Naturalist

- Almost complete with this year's conservation easements.

Jay Sage, COSAC Chair, provided the following updates

- No update provided

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Memorial for Mark Weston at Spruce Mountain Request, Brooke Fox, Kathleen Weston, and Bill Boroughs. Brook Fox represented a large group of community members that are requesting Douglas County Open Space and Natural resources honor Mark Weston for all of his contributions, efforts, impact and commitment to Douglas County and Open Spaces. Brooke, Kathleen and Bill asked that this request be brought to the Board of County Commissioners, work session, to honor Mark Weston by renaming Spruce Mountain to Mark Weston Open Space at Spruce Mountain.

VIII. Motion to move this concept forward to the Board of County Commissioners at an upcoming work session.

RESULT: Approved

MOVER: Hostetler

SECONDER: Guerra

AYES: Sage, Guerra, Snow, Ochs, Drybread, Giebel, Hostetler, Rundell

ABSENT: O'Malley, Shandro

Comment details on COSAC votes

Jim Guerra Is in support of moving forward with recognizing Mark Weston's contributions.

Brian O'Malley No comment provided

Elizabeth Snow No comment provided

Kathie Shandro No comment provided

Mark Giebel No comment provided

Patti Hostetler Agrees with Jennifer Drybread's comments. It would be phenomenal to memorialize Mark in some way with some sort of signage to tell Mark's story to make people appreciate what has been accomplished.

Tom Rundell No comment provided

Jay Sage Mark's morals and ethics impressed Jay Sage. Mark was a local, state, and national leader. We all think in our COSAC meetings "what would Mark Weston do"? Agrees in naming a trail head and if we move forward to renaming a property it needs to go to the Board of County Commissioners.

Greg Ochs No comment provided

Jennifer Drybread Mark was integral not only COSAC but one of 4 that were key participants that helped to get the sales and use tax passed in 1994. He was key. Supports Brooke Fox's suggestion and encourages COSAC to consider it. It would be an honor to have Mark recognized.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

COSAC entered executive session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a),(b) and discussed the potential acquisition of specific real property in Douglas County for preservation as open space. The discussion included the costs, benefits, and relative merits of potential property acquisitions, existing protections and encumbrances, limitations upon use, wildlife, natural resources, terrain, surrounding properties, and how the property relates to the objectives of COSAC and Douglas County. COSAC also received legal advice from an assistant county attorney regarding executive sessions and compliance with the Colorado Open Meetings Law.

Motion for COSAC to enter an executive session.

RESULT: Approved

MOVER: Hostetler

SECONDER: Rundell

AYES: Sage, Guerera, Snow, Ochs, Drybread, Giebel, Hostetler, Rundell

ABSENT: O'Malley, Sandro

X.COSAC Discussion for the Good of the Order

COSAC members and staff engaged in a collective discussion pertaining to the scorecard completion and process of evaluating projects. COSAC will discuss project scoring at an upcoming premeeting.

XI. Motion to make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners concerning whether to enter into negotiations for the acquisitions of certain properties up to and not to exceed the appraised value.

RESULT: Approved

MOVER: Drybread

SECONDER: Hostetler

AYES: Sage, Guerra, Snow, Ochs, Drybread, Giebel, Hostetler, Rundell

ABSENT: O'Malley, Shandro

Comment details on COSAC votes

Jim Guerra No comment provided

Brian O'Malley No comment provided

Elizabeth Snow No comment provided

Kathie Shandro No comment provided

Mark Giebel No comment given

Patti Hostetler No comment provided

Tom Rundell No comment provided

Jay Sage No comment provided

Greg Ochs No comment given

Jennifer Drybread No comment provided

ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

After adjourning the executive session, COSAC members came back to the regular COSAC meeting. COSAC Chair, Jay Sage stated that COSAC was now finished with the executive session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(a),(b) for the purposes of discussing the potential acquisition of specific properties and legal advice, stated that no decisions were made in the executive session, and asked for a motion for adjournment.

Motion to adjourn the regular COSAC meeting.

RESULT: Approved

MOVER: Giebel

SECONDER: Ochs

AYES: Sage, Guerra, Snow, Ochs, Drybread, Giebel, Hostetler, Rundell

ABSENT: O'Malley, Shandro