



## HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025

### AGENDA

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Wednesday, August 27, 2025

6:00 PM

Prairie Canyon Ranch  
4620 S CO-83  
Franktown, CO 80116-8604

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Meeting on Location/ No Virtual Option  
Special Meeting Time 4:15 PM

1. Call To Order

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of the Agenda

2. Approval of the Minutes

**Attachments:**    [Unofficial Minutes from July 25, 2025](#)

3. Citizen Comment (5 min. per participant)

4. Discussion and Action Items

- a. Parks, Trails, and Rueter-Hess Update July 2025

**Attachments:**    [Parks, Trails, and Rueter-Hess Update for July 2025](#)

- b. Historic Sites for Website Content

- c. Tour of Historic Resources

5. Other Business and Discussion

6. Adjournment

*\*\*The Next Regular Meeting Will be Held on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. \*\**

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**MEETING DATE:** August 27, 2025

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Unofficial Minutes from July 25  
2025



## HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025

### MINUTES

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Wednesday, June 25, 2025	6:00 PM	100 Third Street, Castle Rock, CO Conference Room – A and B
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#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

##### a. Roll Call

###### **PRESENT**

Board Member Chris E. Schutzenberger  
Board Member George Price  
Board Member Jeffrey E. Popp  
Board Member Mary O'Pry  
Board Member Michael R. Drennan

###### STAFF

###### **PRESENT**

Lauren Pulver, Planning Supervisor  
Brittany Cassell, Curator  
Celeste Deal, County Liaison

##### b. Approval of the Agenda

Board Chair, Chris Schutzenberger, made a motion for the HPB to approve today's agenda.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Chris E. Schutzenberger

**SECONDER:** Mary O'Pry

**AYES:** Schutzenberger, Price, Popp, O'Pry, Drennan

#### 2. Approval of Minutes

Board Chair, Chris Schutzenberger, made a motion to approve the Minutes from June 4, 2025.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Chris E. Schutzenberger

**SECONDER:** George Price

**AYES:** Schutzenberger, Price, Popp, O'Pry, Drennan

#### 3. Citizen Comment (5 min. per participant)

There were none.

#### 4. Discussion and Action Items

## a. Review and Discuss Historic Resources Scorecard for Funding Requests

The HPB reviewed the scoring sheet and discussed the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) priority of the importance of public access to historic and natural resources in the County. The issue was discussed and the HPB made a decision to modify the scorecard to increase the points available for public access.

Board Member, George Price, made a motion to increase the number of points for public access from 7 to 9 points on the scoring rubric, giving public access the same weight and points as disrepair and urgency starting on June 25, 2025.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** George Price

**SECONDER:** Mary O'Pry

**AYES:** Schutzenberger, Price, Popp, O'Pry, Drennan

## b. Review and Score 2026 Funding Requests

Each of projects below were reviewed, discussed, individually scored and the HPB members made comments for recommendation.

## i. Cherokee Ranch and Castle

The HPB discussed the items and would like to recommend funding for the historic structure repairs and not fund replacement of décor type items. The HPB would recommend funding the following:

- Concrete repairs to the west side (rear) of the Castle, including Stairways
- Interior historic repairs
- Exterior painting and roofing repairs

Board Chair, Chris Schutzenberger, made a motion to recommend funding 50% of the request from the Historic Preservation fund, but for the funding be limited to areas of historic structure and preservation only specific to the items identified by HPB above.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Chris E. Schutzenberger

**SECONDER:** George Price

**AYES:** Schutzenberger, Price, Popp, O'Pry, Drennan

## ii. Prairie Canyon Ranch

Brittany Cassell, Curator, briefed the HPB on the property and which areas of the property are the most urgent.

Board Chair, Chris Schutzenberger, made a motion to make a recommendation to fund the \$1,637,600 with 50% of the request from the Historic Preservation Fund and 50% from the Open Space fund with the most urgent work being completed first.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Chris E. Schutzenberger

**SECONDER:** George Price

**AYES:** Schutzenberger, Price, Popp, O'Pry, Drennan

iii. Sandstone Ranch

Brittany Cassell, Curator, briefed the HPB on the property and which areas are most critical for preservation.

Board Chair, Chris Schutzenberger, made a motion to make a recommendation to fund the \$1,688,000 with 50% of the request from the Historic Preservation Fund and 50% from the Open Space fund with the most urgent work being completed first.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Chris E. Schutzenberger

**SECONDER:** George Price

**AYES:** Schutzenberger, Price, Popp, O'Pry, Drennan

iv. 2026 Repository Public Display and Artifact Care Project

This funding request will not need to be scored but will be put into the base budget for 2026. Staff spoke about the different artifacts and the urgency of their restoration.

Board Chair, Chris Schutzenberger, made a motion to recommend to fund 100% of the \$150,000 from the Historic Preservation Fund.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Chris E. Schutzenberger

**SECONDER:** Jeffrey E. Popp

**AYES:** Schutzenberger, Price, Popp, O'Pry, Drennan

v. Contracted Professional Services

This funding request will not need to be scored but will be put into the base budget for 2026.

Board Chair, Chris Schutzenberger, made a motion to recommend to fund 100% of the \$100,000 from the Historic Preservation Fund.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Chris E. Schutzenberger

**SECONDER:** George Price

**AYES:** Schutzenberger, Price, Popp, O'Pry, Drennan

vi. Evans Homestead

Board Chair, Chris Schutzenberger, made a motion to recommend to fund 100% of the \$350,000 request from the Historic Preservation Fund.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Chris E. Schutzenberger

**SECONDER:** Mary O'Pry

**AYES:** Schutzenberger, Price, Popp, O'Pry, Drennan

## vii. William Converse Ranch

Brittany Cassell, Curator, went over the increased urgency and the condition of the property. The property is located at Hidden Mesa Open Space.

Board Chair, Chris Schutzenberger, made a motion to recommend to fund the \$135,000 with 50% of the request from the Historic Preservation Fund and 50% from the Open Space fund.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Chris E. Schutzenberger

**SECONDER:** Mary O'Pry

**AYES:** Schutzenberger, Price, Popp, O'Pry, Drennan

## viii. County Owned Historic Properties Maintenance

This budget request is for unforeseen damages, damages from wildlife and weather, paint, and repairs.

Board Chair, Chris Schutzenberger, made a motion to recommend to fund 100% of the \$100,00 from the Historic Preservation Fund.

**RESULT:** APPROVED

**MOVER:** Chris E. Schutzenberger

**SECONDER:** George Price

**AYES:** Schutzenberger, Price, Popp, O'Pry, Drennan

## c. HPB Attendance at Douglas County Fair &amp; Rodeo

Board Vice Chair, Mary O'Pry, gave detailed information on staffing Friday, July 25th or August 1st from 11 am to 8 pm at the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo. Both staff and HPB members are invited to volunteer at the booth in the Event Hall. The Historic Preservation booth will feature the activity, "Guess that artifact".

d. Curator Updates

Brittany Cassell, Curator, briefed the HPB on the following:

Projects

- New Unit Furnishing and lockers for the Repository Expansion. This will be a general fund request. Other funding sources are being researched. The workspace will be expanded and have a conference room. Each of the areas is being cataloged both digitally and on paper. Other Historic Entities are interested in the storage and labeling of artifacts. All the climate control artifacts will be housed in this new area.
- Greenland Post Office- State Historical Fund award and next steps, we have been granted \$163,000 and will be going before the BOCC for the cash match. Work has been contracted from 2024 and Staff is working on beginning the process.

Repository

- Reorganizing list of landmarked historic sites on DC website

Updates

- Brittany will be presenting the Budget to COSAC on July 10th

**5. Other Business and Discussion**

a. Sedalia Museum's Annual 4th of July Event

Vice Chair, Mary O’Pry, reminded the HPB of the Sedalia Museum’s annual 4th of July festivities with homemade ice cream from 10-2 pm on Friday, July 4, 2025.

**6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

*\*\*The Next Regular Meeting Will be Held on Wednesday July 23, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.\*\**



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**MEETING DATE:** August 27, 2025

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Parks

Trails

and Rueter-Hess Update for July 2025

## Memorandum

Date: August 4, 2025

To: Douglas County Advisory Boards

Through: Douglas J. DeBord, County Manager

From: Nick Giauque, CPRP, Parks Program Manager  
Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess  
Morgan Morehart, LICT CPSI, Parks Operations Manager  
Luke Thornton, CPRP, Parks Program Coordinator

CC: Steve Shoultz, Assistant Director of Parks, Trails, and Building Grounds

Subject: **Parks, Trails, and Rueter-Hess Update for July 2025**

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### OPERATIONS UPDATE

#### **A. CDL Testing**

Shane Faulk and Josiah Schmidt successfully passed the testing for their Commercial Drivers License. After several weeks of practice and studying, both attained the Class A License allowing them to drive all of the vehicle combinations the Parks Division uses in daily activities.

#### **B. Outfield Fence Coping**

Chain-link is a standard for outfield fences at baseball facilities and the top of the fence can pose a risk for players trying to make a catch on a potential home run. Parks staff recently installed a protective cap to all three fields at Fairgrounds Regional Park to improve the safety of the facility.



### C. Parker Hawks

Every August, the Parker Hawks hosts a football scrimmage for the entire organization at Challenger Regional Park. 22 Hawks teams participated with roughly 3000 people in attendance.





## **PROGRAM UPDATE**

### **A. Volunteer Program Update:**

Six events were hosted in July with 32 volunteers providing 64 hours of service.

On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, one volunteer helped paint the box culvert under Castle Pines Parkway, providing two hours of service. The fresh coat of paint made a huge difference!



American Family Insurance volunteered at Dotts Park on July 8<sup>th</sup> with 12 volunteers providing 24 hours of service. At Dotts they painted the trash can, pulled weeds, planted wildflower seeds and refilled the playground mulch. This is the second year of partnership with American Family Insurance.



On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, one volunteer helped paint the box culvert under Parker Road, providing two hours of service.



On July 10<sup>th</sup>, three volunteers provided six hours of service while pruning trail on the East/West Regional Trail

On July 12<sup>th</sup>, 14 volunteers helped plant six trees at Fairgrounds Regional Park, providing 28 hours of service.



On July 14<sup>th</sup>, one volunteer provided two hours of service for the monthly shoreline cleanup event at Bingham Lake.

**B. Volunteer Statistics for 2025:**

2025	# of Hosted Events	# of Volunteers	Hours of Service	Bags of Trash Collected	Trees Planted	Beds Maintained	Mullein Weeds Eradicated	Culverts Painted	Miles of Trail Maintained
March	2	6	12	5	-	-	-	-	-
April	3	86	243	14	45	-	-	-	-
May	6	16	35	2	3	3	-	-	1
June	7	17	33	2	6	3	4,250	1	1
July	6	32	64	2	6	-	-	2	2
Totals	24	157	387	25	60	6	4,250	3	4

The volunteer program is offering the following events in August:

- 8/6 – Trash Pickup at Challenger Regional Park
- 8/9 – Tree Planting at Bayou Gulch Regional Park
- 8/20 – Shoreline Cleanup at Bingham Lake

**A. Counter Update as of July 30, 2025:**

Location	2024 totals through July	2025 totals through July
Bayou Gulch Regional Park – Dog Park	11,305	13,200
Bingham Lake	44,979	51,397
Bluffs Regional Park*	86,325	69,744
Cherry Creek Regional Trail – Pinery	14,810	22,186
East/West Regional Trail – Grigs Trailhead	27,384	24,916
East/West Regional Trail – High Point	N/A	23,522
East/West Regional Trail – Monarch Trailhead	10,098	10,932
East/West Regional Trail – Schweiger Ranch	7,712	8,677
East/West Regional Trail – Stepping Stone	18,568	24,037
Fairgrounds Regional Park – Dog Park	29,626	29,399
High Line Canal – East	-	5,877
High Line Canal – West	20,138	24,400
Rueter-Hess Reservoir – Coyote Run Loop	6,055	8,156
Rueter-Hess Reservoir – Incline Trailhead	41,772	42,808
Rueter-Hess Reservoir – Newlin's Gold	617	1,057
<b>Totals</b>	<b>319,389</b>	<b>360,308</b>
*Portions of Bluffs were closed in March and April 2025 for construction, including the counter location.		

**RUETER-HESS RESERVOIR UPDATE**

Beginning July 1, 2025, Douglas County implemented new recreation rules that improve fishing at Rueter-Hess Reservoir. These new rules allow limited catch-and-keep fishing, marking a key milestone for recreation. Additionally, barbed hooks and scented baits are now allowed. Live bait remains prohibited.

The catch-and-keep fishing limits in effect are:

- Walleye: 16”– 20” with a bag limit of 2 fish per angler
- Largemouth Bass: 14”–18” with a bag limit of 1 fish per angler
- Yellow Perch: Over 6” with a bag limit of 5 fish per angler

A Douglas County resident became the first angler to reach the full catch limit of yellow perch. His haul included fish measuring up to 12.5 inches, a promising sign for the reservoir’s thriving



ecosystem. Rangers help anglers check the size and species to maintain the health of the fishery.

Additionally, trolling electric motors are now allowed when actively engaged in fishing. They must be hand-tilled and rated at no more than 55 pounds of thrust. All watercraft must be launched by hand; trailers are not permitted.

For full fishing guidelines and permit requirements, please visit the official Rueter-Hess recreation site <https://www.douglas.co.us/rueter-hess-recreation/>



#### RUETER-HESS YEAR TO DATE STATISTICS

Visitation	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	2025 Total
Reservoir Visitors	9	14	223	224	544	1719	2292	5,025
Trails Visitors	2894	4338	7571	7626	9230	10395	8964	51,018
Total Visitors	2903	4352	7794	7850	9774	12114	11256	56,043
Adult Anglers	0	0	94	114	189	266	376	1,039
Youth Anglers	0	0	37	26	48	133	155	399
Total Anglers	0	0	131	140	237	399	531	1,438
Total Watercraft Inspections	0	0	0	0	202	830	1242	2,274
Public Safety	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	2025 Total
Number Of People Helped To Recreate Safely	0	0	0	0	9	23	8	40