

**Advisory Board of the Environment – ABE**  
**Minutes**  
**856 Costello Avenue, Fairplay, CO 80440**  
**Conducted in person room 1101, and by Zoom video conference**  
**Tuesday April 18, 2023**

**Attending (logged-in)**

Ramon Castro – In person  
John Reiber – In person  
Patrick Schilken – Zoom  
Bernie Petersen – In person  
Wendy Kerner - Zoom

**Absent:**

Jennifer Migliorato  
Tyler Stoltzfu

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**Park County personnel present:** Tom Eisenman, County Manager, Park County Colorado.

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order by Mr. Reiber at 1:07 PM.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was performed.

**Roll call of Board members present.** A Quorum is present.

**Consideration of proposed additions to or modifications of the April 18, 2023, agenda.** Mr. Petersen motioned that the agenda as written be approved. Mr. Castro seconded the motion to approve. The agenda was approved as presented.

**Review and approval of minutes of the March 21, 2023, meeting.** Mr. Petersen motioned the March 21, 2023, Minutes be accepted. Ms. Kerner seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved as presented.

**Introduction of members of the public.** None present.

**Remarks or input from members of the public.** None presented.

**Discussion with Park County personnel regarding all things ABE.** Tom Eisenman arrived at 1:36pm.

**Presentation of pending Land Use Actions and ABE response:** None presented.

**Old business:**

- **Eddie Kochman Memorial Project.** The plaque has been ordered and will be ready for the dedication. There are still ongoing discussions on the location of the memorial bench. Hopefully weather permitting, the bench will be installed before the dedication. The dedication date is June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- **Wildlife Migratory Patterns Update.** None presented.

- **Kite Lake Forest Service Study Update.** Mr. Reiber reported that there will be significant expansion of the use of the land under the control of the Forest Service. Currently the Town of Alma is the concessionaire of the site. There is a revenue sharing agreement between the Town of Alma and the Forest Service. The fees collected are for the caretaking of the Kite Lake area and vault toilets.

### **New business:**

- 1. ABE's Role in requesting a 1041 Study.** ABE welcomed Tom Eisenman to discuss the request for a County 1041 study. ABE recently reviewed the referrals from Tumbling River Ranch and the Geneva Creek Campground. With respect to any referral made to ABE, the committee should focus on the action being requested and address that issue with the referral request form. ABE should address the wildlife issues and other issues within ABE's purview.
  - a. Additional or Future Concerns and Issues the ABE wants Addressed:** Once the main issue for the referral has been addressed, ABE should address and segregate any future concerns regarding the referral. It is possible that the Park County Planning department, or another committee has raised concerns about the same issue. It is also possible that the concerns raised by ABE were inadvertently overlooked. The objective in having these committees review the referrals is to utilize the collective experiences and expertise to provide the best possible guidance to the referral while protecting the interests of the County and its residents. Whether the future concerns are addressed or not, ABE needs to memorialize their concerns in a separate submittal along with the response to the referral.
  - b. ABE requests for Future Study:** The County has enacted several local 1041 regulations. ABE has requested the current 1041 regulations that were approved. Once a 1041 study request has been made by ABE, it may have no impact, or a 1041 study is in order. Along with the 1041 studies available to the County, there are still issues that need to be addressed by the State of Colorado.
  - c. ABE and Future Oversight:** If appropriate, ABE should request that the future issues with the referral be given back to ABE for review.
  - d. ABE and Planning Department Recommendations:** It is up to each planner to shepherd their referrals. Some planners will directly refer to actions requested by some committees, others will not. It is a good practice to include the County Manager and the chair person of the County Commissions on ABE responses to referrals.
- 2. ABE membership Interest.** There has been some renewed interest from a Park county resident in joining ABE. There is an available position as an alternative member. The applicant will need to apply with the Board of County Commissioners. The application can be submitted to the County Manager.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be May 16, 2023, at 1:00 PM.

**Adjourn.** Mr. Reiber motioned the meeting be adjourned. The Motion was seconded by Mr. Castro and unanimously passed; the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.