

Advisory Board of the Environment – ABE
Minutes
856 Costello Avenue, Fairplay, CO 80440
Conducted in person room 1101, and by Zoom video conference
Tuesday June 20, 2023

Attending (logged-in)

Ramon Castro – In person
John Reiber – In person
Patrick Schilken – In person
Tyler Stoltzfu– In person
Wendy Kerner - Zoom

Absent:

Bernie Petersen
Jennifer Migliorato

Park County personnel present: Noah Vaughan, Planning Department, Park County Colorado.
Emmy Glancy West, Public Affairs Officer, Park County Colorado

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Reiber at 1:06 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 June 20, 2023, agenda. Mr. Stoltzfu motioned that the agenda as written be approved. Ms. Kerner seconded the motion to approve. The agenda was approved as presented.

Review and approval of minutes of the May 16, 2023, meeting. Ms. Kerner motioned the May 16, 2023, Minutes be accepted. Mr. Stoltzfu 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. Jennie Gannon Park County Colorado Planning Department regarding 23 ZON-04 and 23 SUP-02.

Presentation of pending Land Use Actions and ABE response:

1. **23 ZON-04:** CORE Electric Cooperative owns a 35.2-acre parcel which is currently zoned both Commercial (23.3 acres) and Residential (11.9 acres). They are asking to rezone the 11.9 acres from Residential to Commercial, so the entire lot is in the Commercial zone district.

ABE RECOMMENDATION: ABE believes that if the substation is built it will be in a wildlife migration area and that every effort should be made to minimize the impact on wildlife. ABE recommends that minimizing the fenced area around the substation will reduce impact to the wildlife migration pattern. ABE also recommends that the applicant consider making the area to the south of the buildings and substation a conservation easement to reduce the opportunity of future impact to the wildlife migration corridor. ABE found no environmental concerns.

2. **23 CUP-02:** CORE Electric Cooperative owns a 35.2-acre parcel which is currently zoned both Commercial (23.3 acres) and Residential (11.9 acres). The applicants are requesting a Conditional Use Permit for an electrical substation.
 - a. (Same comments as 23ZON-04)
 - b. ABE believes that if the substation is built it will be in a wildlife migration area and that every effort should be made to minimize the impact on wildlife. ABE recommends that minimizing the fenced area around the substation will reduce impact to the wildlife migration pattern. ABE also recommends that the applicant consider making the area to the south of the buildings and substation a conservation easement to reduce the opportunity of future impact to the wildlife migration corridor. ABE found no environmental concerns.
3. **23 SUP-02:** Applicant is requesting a Special Use Permit for building a 72-foot monopole telecommunications tower, disguised as a flagpole.

ABE RECOMMENDATION: ABE finds no conflict with wildlife or the environment.

Old business:

- **Eddie Kochman Memorial Project.** The dedication was held on June 17, 2023, at 1pm. Mr. Castor reported that there were 30 people at the ceremony. The Memorial Project will now be an annual event.
- **Wildlife Migratory Patterns Update.** Mr. Stotlzfus reported that the study will be ongoing for the next 5 to 7 years. With respect to the wildlife corridor property purchase, a contract for purchase has been submitted and funding for the purchase has been approved. The parties are now waiting for an appraisal.
- **Kite Lake Forest Service Study Update.** Any updates will be reported at the next meeting of ABE.

New business: None

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be July 18, 2023, at 1:00 PM.

Adjourn. Mr. Reiber motioned the meeting be adjourned. The Motion was seconded and unanimously passed; the meeting was adjourned at 1:58 PM.