



## Montelores Coalition – Executive Committee

### *Balancing Sustainable Outdoor Recreation and Conservation of Natural Resources to Serve the Unique Needs of Colorado's Southwest Corner.*

Colorado Welcome Center  
928 E. Main St, Cortez, CO 81321 or on [ZOOM](#)  
September 16, 2025, 8:30-10:00 AM  
MINUTES

Attendees - James Dietrich, Tom Rice, Joe Manning, Brian Bartlett, Skip Zeller, Cara Gildar, Kelsey Girod, Eric Stiasny (online), Helen West(online)

1. Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Plan Updates
  - a. Conservation Working Group formed
  - b. Public Meeting Schedule Proposed as the weeks of November 10th and 17th.
2. Grant Update
  - a. Cara has been invited to present in Denver as part of the next step in the grant application process on the morning of September 29.
3. Roundtable Needs and Actions
  - a. Schedule Annual Meeting mid-January
  - b. Replace Sensa Wolcott with Danny Margoles
    - i. Cara motioned to put the seat replacement to a vote and the motion was seconded. Cara will send out an electronic vote to all members this week.
    - ii. **MOTION - To replace Sensa Wolcott with Danny Margoles as a member of the Roundtable Committee.**
    - iii. **ELECTRONIC VOTE PASSES**
  - c. Inviting new members to the Roundtable
    - i. Motion and seconded to invite Dolores Watershed Collaborative and High Desert Conservation District in March when we address members/seats
      1. **Motion: To extend invitations to the Dolores Watershed Collaborative and the High Desert Conservation District to join the Roundtable, with seats officially opening at the March meeting when membership and seats are formally addressed.**
      2. **ELECTRONIC VOTE PASSES**
4. Communications updates

- a. Website
- b. Communications schedule
- c. Request for Website scenery photos
- d. Request for Website bio updates

5. Executive Committee

- a. Support for grant applications-reviews and letters of support-James
- b. Regularly scheduled time for updates and networking
- c. Executive Committee Meeting location changed to Colorado Welcome Center
- d. Motion is made to clarify the rules in the charter for the public aspect of the meetings.

The motion is seconded. The motion will be sent electronically to the members.

**1. Motion: To amend the charter to state that Coalition meetings are open to the public with notice and approved minutes posted on the Coalition's website, include a public comment period of up to three (3) minutes per person at the beginning of each meeting, and provide a stakeholder comment period for Roundtable members and partner organizations to offer input and establish special relationship opportunities with the Executive Committee.**

**2. ELECTRONIC VOTE PASSES**

6. Community Updates and Event Participation

- a. DOI Secretary's Order 3434 webinar
- b. Meeting with State Park Managers
- c. Onward Meet and Greet (September 25, 3 PM-5PM) need attendees
- d. Rico Board meeting (October 15, 7PM) Tom and maybe Kalin will present
- e. Futures Fair (December 3, 8 AM-12PM) - Cara, Kelsey, and Brian will attend
- f. Montelores Coalition Holiday Open House for Executive Committee and Roundtable
  - i. December 10th from 3:30-5:30 PM
  - ii.

Future Business: Financial Review, Organizational Strategic Plan, Public Meetings for Plan Review

Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 AM