



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](#)
June 16, 2026, 8:30-10:30 AM
Minutes

Present: Cara Gildar, James Dietrich, Skip Zeller, Brian Bartlett, Kalin Grigg, Tom Rice, Heather Alvarez, Helen West
Meeting start: 8:37 AM

1. Introductions
2. Budget revisions
 - a. Personnel
 - b. Stipends and honoraria
 - i. Clarification on intent of budget line items
 1. Travel: for out of area travel expenses and ED mileage reimbursements
 2. Stipends: to remove barriers for participation in Montelores Coalition meetings, generally \$25-\$50/meeting
 3. Honoraria: also to remove participation barriers, one-time compensation for expert input
 - ii. Motion to offer a one-time \$500 honorarium to Lanea Donahoo to present Agricultural perspectives and concerns to the Executive Committee. Motion seconded and passed unanimously.
 - iii. Continue the participation stipend and honoraria discussion in August when all Executive Committee members are present, including exploration of potential sideboards for stipends and honoraria.
 - iv. Invite Mike Wight and Tori Manogue to August Executive Committee to present a statewide perspective on participation stipend and honoraria.
 - v. Gather information about how other Regional Partnerships are managing stipends.
3. Vacant Executive Committee seats
 - a. Heather will ask the Town of Mancos for an appointee and back up.
 - b. Cara will check with Paul Morey to see whether he can still represent NPS.
 - c. The Agriculture seat is vacant and the Executive Committee will actively search for a new member.
 - d. The Tribal seat is vacant. The Coalition will keep the seat open and will continue engagement with the tribe. Brian will reach out to the Tribe to ask how they would like to engage.
4. Project management options
 - a. SJMA and SCC options do not fit our current needs.

- b. Kalin will help find project management for Ranching and Public Lands project.
- 5. Charter revision update
 - a. Will explore legal aspects of adding bylaws.
 - b. In legal review
- 6. Event Sponsorship policy
 - a. Motion proposed and seconded to adopt the Event Sponsorship policy stating that : *“All events sponsored by the Montelores Coalition shall directly relate to the Topics, Goals and Strategies outlined in the Montelores Coalition Outdoor Recreation and Conservation Plan. Event sponsorships shall serve to promote awareness of the Montelores Coalition to the public. The Executive Director has the authority to choose event sponsorships for \$500 or less that fit these criteria. If an event does not meet both conditions, the Executive Committee will choose whether or not to sponsor that event.”*
The vote passed unanimously.
- 7. Development strategy update
 - a. Identified development support and a development strategy as organizational needs.
 - b. LOR Foundation will work on connecting us with external funding opportunities for development and capacity.
 - c. Executive Committee members can approach potential corporate sponsors as appropriate for capacity support. Do not commit to specific projects without review.
 - d. Cara and Kelsey will update and share materials to share with potential funders and sponsors.
 - e. Brian will reach out to Trent with the Economic Development Authority from Denver.
- 8. Osprey Lunch and Learn debrief
- 9. Strike team update
 - a. Need to determine roles and responsibilities for potential volunteer days
 - b. Avoid hunting seasons for Rico project
 - c. LOR will provide funds for Hawkins Project supplies and funds for Montelores Coalition volunteer day equipment, supplies, and food.
- 10. Unauthorized Travel Routes working group
 - a. Montelores Coalition will take on stewardship education element
 - i. Will be a long-term process, not just a one-time brochure
 - ii. Be aware of contentious nature of this work and identify which parts the Coalition takes on and which parts the agencies are taking on

Adjourned: 10:34 AM

Future Business: Stipends; Unauthorized Travel Routes; RPI Implementation project ideas; Roundtable composition review; Outreach events, Letters of Support decision matrix; Succession planning for County Commissioners