

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 25, 2025

1:30 PM

Open Space Visitor Center

Members Present

Don Meaders, Barbara Taylor, Michael Scisco, Robert “Bob” Cornish, Diane Souder, Anthony Fleg

Members Absent

Corrina Jaramillo Feldman

Staff Members Present

Brianda Reza (Sr. Office Assistant, Open Space Division), Colleen Langan-McRoberts (Superintendent, Open Space Division), James Lewis (Open Space Assistant Superintendent, Stefany Olivas (Local Ag Comm Coord, Open Space Division)

Visitors Present

N/A

1. Call to Order and Introductions

Chair Don Meaders called the meeting to order at **1:41 pm**.

2. Action: Approval of Agenda

Bob Cornish moved to approve agenda, second by Diane Souder. Motion passes 5-0

3. Action: Approval of the January 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve by Barbara Taylor, second by Diane Souder. Motion passes 5-0

4. Public Comment

N/A

5. Announcements and Correspondence

- Goats in the Bosque have been well received, with positive results. Staff and board members agreed it was a great idea for public relations, as well as an opportunity for staff to engage with the public and answer questions.
- Fire response has been timely, and efforts are underway to enhance technology for quicker fire prevention and response.

6. Conservation Officers Update

Superintendent Colleen Langan-McRoberts updated the board on the new conservation officers starting soon

- 5 new Conservation officers are currently in training and are expected to complete their program by May. They are exclusively designated to Open Space areas.
- Open Space currently has 1 Conservation Officer and 4 PSA. Once the conservation officers are done with training, we will have 6 Conservation Officers.

7. Board and Responsibilities and Trainings Check-In

- Bob will bring his certificate for next meeting.

8. Local Agriculture Community Coordinator Update

Local Ag Community Coordinator Stefany Olivas spoke to the board on upcoming projects within Open Space

9. Staff Updates and Q&A

Superintendent Langan-McRoberts updated the board on upcoming and ongoing projects within Open Space

10. Board Procedures

N/A

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:18pm