

USCC Minutes

September 15, 2025, Monthly Board Meeting

Call to order

Approval of last month's Minutes

Water Report (Art Martin)

- Upcoming meeting with the water commissioner on September 17, 2025
- Water commissioner plans to spend \$450k out of a budget of \$2M on water conservation efforts including petitioning homeowners on individual use patterns in an effort to stimulate conservation.

Treasurers Report (Mark Regan)

- Provided Income/Expenses Report for 2025 to attendees.
- Budget and balances essentially unchanged from 2024 (dates on the handout need to be adjusted).
- Further discussion on \$5,000 Mesa Road Association matching funds gift, which was approved at last month's meeting.
- Discussion on pending fire break report, which will cost the Caucus no more than \$5,000 in 2026.
- The report apparently has to go through many levels of approval before it is distributed to the Caucus.

Road & Bridge Meeting Review (David Hale)

- The meeting with Road & Bridge (Andrew Knap County Engineer and DJ ?) took place on September 11, 2025, and was attended by Janice Martin, Lianne Rodgers and David Hale.
- It was determined that in order of priority, improving the Watson Divide was a "moderate priority" for Road & Bridge, whose annual budget for all of Pitkin County (150 miles plus of roads) is but \$2.5-\$3M.
- The Caucus members in attendance decided to switch strategies from attempting to address the entirety of Watson Divide to improving one or more of its component parts, with the initial focus being on altering the Dotty Fox corner.
- There was also a discussion on grading the road three times a year as opposed to two, which they do now.
- Though no firm agreement on future repairs or alterations was reached, Caucus attendees felt the tone of the meeting was generally positive compared with earlier discussions with Road & Bridge.

Wildfire Mitigation Report (Janice Martin)

- This discussion was for the most part encapsulated in the Treasures Report (see above).

- Janice will soon be distributing reflective house number signs in an effort to get all homeowners within the Caucus area (HOA's included) to add this type of signage to their property. The purpose of the signage is to make it easier for the fire department to find a specific house in the event of an emergency.

Other Business (Amy Price Carr)

- Brief discussion on Clean-up Day at the beginning of the month. While the event was thinly attended, Amy felt it was worthwhile, with Janice pointing toward it being a starting point for future community endeavors.

Call to end the meeting