



MINUTES
AGNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS & MEMBER MEETING
September 16, 2026
9:00 am – 1:30pm
CNCC Library, 2801 W. 9th Street, Craig, CO 81625

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Pledge of allegiance

Call to order – Vice Chairman Doug Overton called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

Approval of minutes – Mike Samson made a motion to approve the July 22, 2026, meeting minutes; Chris Nichols seconded the motion; and the motion passed unanimously.

Financial report – Tiffany Dickenson presented the profit and loss statement. She said that she has started to work on the budget for next year and will present it at the next board meeting. She noted that EZ Contribution Project Admin fees have surpassed the budget for the year and that there is still one more quarter to bill. She spoke about the expense for the DOLA REDI grant. Mike Samson asked how dues are going and Tiffany said she would like to see Palisade and GJ rejoin. Mike asked if they need to have presentations at their town council meetings. Tiffany said she had spoken to GJ and will reach out to Palisade. She also spoke about the Amicus Brief and how to pay for it because it was not budgeted. Doug Overton asked how much AGNC will need to contribute and Toni Barrett said it should be between \$25-30K based on the amounts the counties have agreed to contribute. Tiffany then spoke about the Balance Sheet, the Accounts Receivable outstanding amounts, and the check register. She noted the large payment amounts listed and the details for the credit card purchases. A motion to approve the financial reports was made by Tony Bohrer; the motion was seconded by Mike Samson; and the motion passed unanimously.

Votes for Ratification and Approval:

A motion to ratify the AGNC letter to Governor Polis regarding CPW concerns was made by Mike Samson; the motion was seconded by Grady Hazelton; and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to ratify AGNC serve as the fiscal agent for EDCC grant funding was made by Mike Samson; the motion was seconded by Tony Bohrer; and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to ratify the AGNC letter regarding Wolf Creek Reservoir was made by Tony Borher; the motion was seconded by Chris Nichols; and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to ratify AGNC receive CHIPS grant funding was made by Grady Hazelton; the motion was seconded by Mike Samson; and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve AGNC apply for an EDA matching funds grant was made by Mike Samson; the motion was seconded by Chris Nichols; and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion to approve AGNC apply for a CPW RPI Phase 3 grant was made by Mike Samson; the motion was seconded by Tony Bohrer; and the motion passed unanimously.

Tiffany Dickenson presented a letter for approval from AGNC to Downtown Colorado, Inc. regarding the formation of a brownfields coalition. Chris Nichols spoke about his concerns that this would make the grant applications more competitive. He said the City of Craig has made multiple applications and have been awarded one so far. He said he would like more information about how this might complicate the application process. Bill Shrum with DCI joined by zoom and said that he understands that AGNC committing to work with DCI means that AGNC would not be able to apply with others, but that the City of Craig can continue to run their program and not compete with AGNC. Chris asked if they were not with the coalition and they submit their own application, how it would be weighed against the coalition. Bill said he believes that applications are only scored based on their own merits. Tiffany said that she included Rangely in the letter and would include any others in the region that need it. Bill spoke about the ability to have flexibility of who is served and when they are served based on the relationship between AGNC and DCI. He said DCI would be running the program and AGNC would only be referring communities to DCI. A motion to approve the letter was made by Cody Davis; the motion was seconded by Mike Samson; and the motion passed with only Chris Nichols dissenting.

Municipal Roundtable

Town of Rangely – Jonah Bollinger spoke about the business pitch funding they have coming up. Mistalynn Meyeraan noted that she will attend as a judge. Jonah said they faced issues with the river and had to stop pulling water for their municipal water source. He said they were able to have a release from Kenney Reservoir that has hopefully gotten them through the crisis. He said that he was very grateful to Rio Blanco County for their help.

Town of New Castle – Grady Hazelton spoke about the bear issues they have been facing. He said they had their 54th annual Burning Mountain Festival. He said they recently approved a subdivision development for 66 units. He said that Valley View Hospital would like to make a presence in New Castle for urgent care and primary care and has purchased land for a building. He said the town is also working on the budget and planning.

City of Craig – Chris Nichols spoke about the new city manager, KC Hume, that has been on the job for 6 months. KC then spoke about bears and racoons, the effects of the drought, the 3rd round of business pitch competition, and that they are still looking for an economic coordinator. He spoke about a new collaborative effort with the city and county for the highway 40 paved trail on the east side of town. He said they have an industrial park moving into phase two. Chris spoke about the regional transit authority and that they are going to have a ½ cent tax on the November ballot. KC said the RTA is also working on a \$5M grant application to purchase buses.

Town of Meeker – Margie Joy reported they are also working on their budget. She said many of their street repair projects have been completed. She said they are also looking at addressing housing needs. She reported they are starting a new program with the chamber of commerce called The Road Ahead to bring together business owners and local leaders to highlight available resources.

City of Fruita – Todd Kumro reported that the banners on the co-op towers are being replaced with new ones done by a local artist. He spoke about the 111th Fruita Fall Festival. He said the Museum of the West is moving their location to the Dinosaur Museum. He then spoke about additional housing developments.

Project and Committee Reports

Area Agency on Aging – Heather Jones, NW CO AAoA Director joined via zoom and provided an overview of AAA efforts as outlined in her written report. She spoke about SUA monitoring of legal service providers. She spoke about the upcoming fall virtual law series. She spoke about the federal carryover funds they anticipate receiving in the amount of \$67K. She spoke about the IFF Workgroup that she has been participating in. She said she will begin providing monitor visits. She will also be participating in the Caregiver and Family Resource Fair. She spoke about an assisted living facility that will be closing in GJ. She spoke about the four-year area plan and that it will be out for public comment. She said she hopes to have it available to present at the November board meeting. Mike Samson asked Heather if she was aware of the concerns in Garfield County regarding Valley Meals. Mike said they sent a letter to the person with concerns to outline that they are following all the federal rules, and that he will get Heather a copy of the letter. Heather's report is attached as Appendix A.

Grants Update – Mistalynn Meyeraan shared the AGNC grants spreadsheet including amounts spent and amounts remaining. She spoke about the RPI grants and asked Jon Miller to speak about the remaining funds. Jon spoke about working with the BLM in the White River and Little Snake offices. He said they will be working with them to provide signage for vacant kiosk locations. He said that each one will have maps and information. Mistalynn asked Kari Brennan to give a brief update on the steering committee. Kari said they have paused the in-person meetings due to busy schedules, but they will have a zoom meeting in October. She said they have also been utilizing google forms and doodle-polls for votes by the committee. Mistalynn said that Phase 2 of the grant will be focused on the asset map. She also spoke about the REDI grant that was recently completed.

United Wolf Coalition – John Swartout reported via Zoom. He reported on recent wolf depredations which he said have been far worse than anything previously seen. He said that it is complicated by the drought and the ability to confirm depredations because other animals are quick to be on the kills. He said it has been a hard year for producers. He said that CPW is continuing to be politically interfered with by the governor's office. He said it creates a lot of animosity with the landowners. He said several producers met with CPW last week and learned that the governor still intends to release more wolves in December. He said they still do not have a source for the wolves. He said he thinks they have a strong case with USFW to put a pause on further reintroductions. He spoke about the upcoming CPW commission meeting. He said the new commissioners are radical and seem to be taking things out of order. He said they have stated on the record that they need to get their initiatives done before they are off the commission in March. He said that he heard that they intend to introduce removal of lethal take at the next CPW meeting. He also spoke about the intention to ban lead in ammunition. He spoke about the erosion of collaboration with CPW and landowners. He said that Gov. Polis turned partners and collaborators into adversaries. Mike Samson commented that he appreciates John being blunt and straightforward with his comments. John said there was a move at the last commission meeting to ban elected officials from having extra time during public comments. He said that Tiffany kickstarted an effort to push back and put in a lot of work to oppose it. He said it was defeated by the commission 6-5 in part thanks to Tiffany's work. Callie Scritchfield asked if John knew when public comment would take place at the November meeting. He said that he expects it could be on the 5th but may take place for specific issues on the 4th. Callie spoke about the importance of emails to the CPW opposing these issues. Dianna Orf said the CPW Commission is on record stating that the rules of operation are too complicated to follow. Delaney Deskin commented that the federal delegates appreciate being included in all the comments sent to CPW.

Legislative Update – Richard Orf presented his written report. He spoke about the large number of initiatives on the ballot this year. He said there will be a lot of tax issues. He spoke about the upcoming legislative session and the makeup of the leadership. He said they are waiting to see if the state senate has a super

majority. He said they are beginning to hear about bill titles including stream access, data centers, worker health/safety, drought response, green initiatives and filling federal regulatory gaps. Dianna Orf joined by zoom and spoke about a climate superfund bill. Richard said they also expect social justice and housing issues to be addressed. Jeff Comstock asked if right to float legislation would be introduced, and Richard said he fully expects it will. Callie Scritchfield asked if they should reach out to any legislators regarding the issue and Richard said he would suggest Sen. Roberts. The written report is attached as Appendix B.

USDA Rural Development State Director for Colorado – Sallie Clark presented a PowerPoint presentation. She spoke about building stronger rural communities. She said that she is a former city council member and county commissioner. She said that rural development is a subdivision of the USDA. She spoke about the ABCs of rural development – affordable housing, business & economic development, and community infrastructure. She spoke about the local offices and mentioned that the Craig office does not currently have any staff. She said they can still assist people at any of the other offices and provide contact information. She spoke about all the different ways they can provide assistance. Chris commented that DOLA has provided funding for infrastructure that has been diminished by the state. He said that the application process through a federal grant can be daunting. Sally said they are aware of the challenges, and they are continuing to implement new systems. Tiffany Dickenson asked if USDA would have any funding that might make up the loss of the DOLA funding. Sally said to always bring ideas to her, and they can investigate if there may be funding available. The slides from the presentation can be viewed here: [USDA 9.16.26 Presentation](#)

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 am for EDD Meeting

Meeting reconvened at 11:38 am

Right to Hunt and Fish – Lauren Dobson presented via zoom representing Coloradans for Responsible Wildlife Management. She spoke about the importance of hunting and fishing to the rural communities. She then spoke about the politics that are intervening in these operations. She spoke about the work to protect rural Colorado with the Right to Hunt and Fish initiative. She said the initiative is meant to protect long-held traditions and science-based wildlife decisions. John Swartout spoke about the need to have these protections in the state constitution. He spoke about the funding for conservation that is provided by hunting and fishing. Richard Orf asked if this passes if any guardrails may be introduced by the legislature to tie this up using statute. John said he believes legislators are more understanding of rural Colorado than the activists who push ballot initiatives. Mike Samson commented that he encourages other counties to pass a right to hunt and fish resolution like Garfield County has done. Lauren said she could provide a template to the counties. Tiffany Dickenson asked how counties can help with the initiative. Lauren said they will be getting signs soon and can provide small to large signs for anyone to post. Lauren said she will send out her contact information. Mike Samson suggested having the signs available at the Club 20 meeting.

Proposition 137 – Doug Vilsack spoke about the initiative for Colorado's Land and Water. He said the initiative would allow the state to keep the money it receives from the existing sales tax on outdoor sports equipment and use that money for crucial conservation projects. He said the funds would be used to reduce risk of wildfires, protect drinking water, create new state parks and open space, restore rivers and forests, provide better outdoor access for youth and families, and outdoor industry workforce development.

Doug Overton spoke about the Amicus Brief regarding Boulder County and Suncor and said that Rio Blanco County has been receiving some media inquiries. He said there are some local ranchers that have been opposing the counties' support of the brief. He said these ranchers don't represent all the ranchers in the area and seem to be more environmentalists concerned that the county is not recognizing the importance of combating climate change. Callie Scritchfield said that it seems that they are reaching out to broad media to engage them in their opposition. She said they are also making it about climate change when in fact the county

is not using that as a reason for participating in the amicus brief, but rather oppose the precedent it would set. She asked if it would be appropriate to have AGNC create some talking points. Richard Orf suggested referring the reporters to the interest brief. He also said he doesn't see the point engaging the media other than stirring up public opinion. Jeff Comstock said that support of the brief was never about climate change but about other counties not being subject to Boulder County's opinions.

Callie Scritchfield spoke about orphan wells. She said that there are over 400 orphan wells in Rio Blanco County and over 4000 statewide. She said that the BLM is struggling because the state is kicking out companies who then don't have the ability to be responsible for the orphan wells. The wells then become the responsibility of the BLM who are understaffed and underfunded to deal with the problem. Callie proposed trying to convene a meeting with the state and federal officials to find a solution to the problem. Jeff Comstock said that he knows in Moffat County that ECMC is plugging those wells on private lands, but he isn't sure about federal lands. Jeff suggested that Callie contact ECMC about the state orphan well program.

Federal Delegates Updates

Rep. Hurd – Riley Scott reported about the bills for geothermal permitting reform that they are working on. She said they also introduced a recreation permitting act. She spoke about the Spirit Act reducing the federal excise tax when utilizing local agricultural products. She spoke about the Quantum Minerals Critical Mapping legislation they are working on. She reported they continue to push for wildfire assistance. She spoke about the 21st Century Road to Housing Act for improvements and modernizations to existing programs. She spoke about a group of legislators that flew over burn scars in Colorado, as well as touring Mesa Verde National Park.

Sen. Hickenlooper – Janeth Stancle reported they just finished many trips to rural parts of Colorado. She spoke about the wildfires and funding for those. She spoke about the Fix Our Forests Act. She spoke about the Colorado River conversations and that they are pushing for a 7 states agreement. She spoke about reauthorization of water funding. She said they have been working on a Geo-Power Act to allow for larger projects. She then spoke about the Afford Act.

Executive Director Update – Tiffany Dickenson presented her written report include the Economic Development Summit, Governor's Colorado Competitiveness Council Listening Session, Colorado Cooperation, JOLT Energy Summit 2027, September CPW Commission Meetings and upcoming meetings and events. Tiffany spoke about CPW Commissioners May and Sylva-Blaney and recognizing and thanking them for their efforts. Tony Bohrer commented that he believes the comments should be specific if there are emails sent thanking them. Tiffany's written report is attached as Appendix C.

Tiffany then presented a proposed meeting schedule for 2027. She asked for input regarding where to meet in April for Rio Blanco County. Jonah Bolinger said he would like to see the meeting alternate back to Meeker next year. She also asked about the date in May which may conflict with the Club 20 DC fly-in dates. She pointed out the JOLT conference in June and asked if the board meeting should be coordinated to align with the JOLT dates. Mike Samson commented that June 9th would be his preference.

New Business –

Next meeting October 21, 2026, 9am – 1:30pm, Garfield County Administration Building, 2nd Floor Meeting Room, 195 W. 14th Street, Rifle, CO 81650

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 1:23pm.

Attendance:

IN PERSON	VIA ZOOM
Richard Orf	Dianna Orf
Callie Scritchfield	Cody Davis
KC Hume	Heather Jones
Chris Nichols	Margie Joy
Grady Hazelton	Kari Brennan
Tiffany Dickenson	Todd Kumro
Mike Samson	Bill Shrum
Doug Overton	John Swartouot
Tony Bohrer	Tony Haschke
Tom Kleinschnitz	Jennifer O'Hearon
Sallie Clark	Ashley Dishman
Beth Cascaddan	Lauren Dobson
Sasha Nelson	
Amy Mund	
Janeth Stancle	
Jon Miller	
Riley Scott	
Delaney Deskin	
Jeff Comstock	
John Bristol	
Doug Vilsack	
Mistalynn Meyeraan	
Toni Barrett	

APPENDIX A



Updates from AAA 9-16-2026

- The State Unit on Aging (SUA) completed their monitoring with our contracted legal services providers Alpine Legal Services and Colorado Legal Services. The SUA found no compliance issues with our legal service providers.
- The State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Office completed their monitoring visit of our Long-Term Care Ombudsman program the last week of July 2026. The SUA found no compliance issues.
- Colorado Legal Services will be doing their fall virtual law series starting in September 18th - November 6th. Please see attached flyer.
- The AAA will be getting some carryover funds from the last fiscal year. The amount will be roughly \$67,122, plus some potential state funding. I will probably find out the exact amount in October 2026. This is about a 55.5% decrease from the last fiscal year, which was \$150,928. This is due to the fact that most contracted providers spent all of their funding in State Fiscal Year 2026. Additionally, starting this fiscal year the AAA is not allowed to carryover more than 10% by each funding part. If we have more than 10% in a funding part, the excess will be taken back by the state and reallocated to other AAAs who did not go over their 10% amount. The AAA has leftover funding in Part B funds (supportive services), Part E (caregiver services) and a small amount left in Ombudsman funding. There was no nutrition funds leftover. I'm hoping if we get some state funding it can go towards nutrition programs.
- The AAA is sitting on the State Unit on Aging's Intrastate Funding Formula (IFF) Workgroup. When the Older Americans Act was updated in 2024, it required State's to look at their IFF requirements and see if any adjustments need to be made.

At the workgroup we have been examining funding formulas from other states. Currently Colorado calculates its IFF by

- o 40% for the population aged 60 and older
- o 15% for the rural population aged 60 and older
- o 15% for the minority population aged 60 and older
- o 15% for the low-income population aged 60 and older, and
- o 15% for the population aged 75 and older.

- o The formula currently includes a hold harmless provision intended to redistribute funds if any region experiences a greater than 1% reduction in their funding ratio.
- The AAA will be starting provider monitoring visits at the beginning of October 2026.
- The AAA will also be participating in the Caregiver and Family Resource Fair on September 24, 2026, from 9am-12pm. The event will be at Western Region One Source in Grand Junction.
- We have an assisted living facility closing in Grand Junction. Thirty-six residents will need to find a new place to live. Our long-term care ombudsmen are working with the residents to make sure they are given a choice on a new place to live and being a source of support.
- I do have a rough draft completed of the Four-Year Area Plan. I hope to get it out for public comment by the end of this month.

APPENDIX B



Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC)

Government Affairs Report

September 15, 2026

The 2027 General Assembly which convenes on January 11 will be noticeably different, as many of the leaders from the previous decade will be missing due to term limits, resignations, or election losses. The primary elections resulted in the loss of three Democrat House incumbents, as previously unknown challengers will take their seats in politically safe districts. Primary elections saw winners associated with the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) which, as a political identity, is seeing increasing success across the country. The question for Colorado is “what influence will these new voices have on the selection of legislative leadership?” Following recent elections, the Progressive wing of the Democratic party has pushed for more influence in House leadership, thereby forcing an increasingly liberal legislative agenda. While it is unlikely that the overall composition of the legislature will change much, the potential for a super-majority of Democrats in both House and Senate remains strong as the Majority caucus targets seats in formerly Republican strongholds such as Douglas and El Paso counties. The significance of a super-majority, of course, lies in its ability to not only override a Governor’s veto, but to refer constitutional measures to the ballot. And the majority party obtains a proportional number of seats on legislative committees that review and adopt bills throughout the session.

Orientation for newly elected legislators begins Nov. 12-13, with additional sessions Dec. 1-3. The legislative session will convene January 11 to provide time to certify election results and swear in new legislators and statewide officials. Bills that were submitted for drafting December 1 and delivered to their respective chambers will be formally introduced, receiving official numbers and committee assignments. We anticipate that several issues will be carried over from previous legislative sessions and be reintroduced for consideration under a new Administration and legislative leadership. In addition to the topics listed below, we are tracking potential recommendations from CCI and will consult with that organization and CML regarding their local government priorities for the upcoming session.

- **Climate Superfund.** Climate advocacy NGOs are planning legislation in 2027 to establish a Climate Superfund. This is part of a multi-faceted strategy parallel to the various state law- based litigation seeking damages for climate-related injury including the Suncor suit instituted by Boulder county to which AGNC submitted an amicus brief. Organizing efforts have begun in metropolitan areas across the state including legislators in safe districts, although reportedly no bill sponsors have been identified.
- ***Stream Access.*** Given the level of interest in this bill during the 2026 session, it seems likely that the issue will return.
- **Data Centers.** Although legislation was unsuccessful in 2026, we understand there will be multiple bills during the coming session. Currently a major effort is being headed by Sen. Cathy Kipp (D-Larimer county) and Rep. Kyle Brown (D-Louisville) who call their effort “the guardrails bill”. Starting point for discussion is the May 8 version of SB 26-102. The first of six planned stakeholder meetings was held Sept. 9 with over 100 zoom participants. Topics during the meetings will include organizations invited to present their perspective and hear concerns from participants. Topics for discussion include Energy Resources, Ratepayer Impacts & Utility Considerations, Water, Workforce & Economic Development, Community Impacts & Benefits, and Incentives for Data Centers

- Worker health/safety. Two bills were introduced in the 2026 General Assembly – HB 26-1054 sought to establish a state-level OSHA) program; That bill failed in the Senate, and did not include federal, state, or local governments. One of the primary advocates of a *state-level OSHA-like program* (Rep. Manny Rutinel) will not be returning due to his campaign for the 8th Congressional District. However, other legislators have expressed interest in picking up the issue. Another 2026 bill established a process to track *extreme temperature* related illness. This bill did cover the state of Colorado, local governments, and political subdivisions of the state as defined in section 1-7 .5-103 (6). Although as enacted it requires only data collection, It is likely that a bill will follow on with requirements for employers.
- Drought response. We may see a number of bills focused on the *increasing drought and stress* on the Colorado River. A bill directing *legislative involvement* in development of any mandatory *conservation plans* could be forthcoming. Environmental groups may seek *Authority for Shepherding* (movement of water for delivery of upstream water to the state line and beyond) to address deficits in Lakes Powell and Mead could be on the table.
- Department of Natural Resources priorities. Potential issues include State assumption of *underground injection control* programs from EPA and *unpermitted storage ponds*.
- Green Initiative – *Right to Clean and healthy environment*. This was proposed In 2026 but was successfully prevented from introduction. Under new legislative leadership it could reappear.
- Filling federal regulatory gaps. As in 2026, legislators are seeking ways to overturn relaxation of environmental and worker protection rules. Issues under discussion include strengthened *state protection for Endangered Species habitat*. Another topic of concern is Air permits for some minor sources, particularly if associated with data centers, as well as standards for *water discharge from closed loop systems* at data centers.
- *Any Bills to implement successful ballot measures*. Some may be self-executing, while others could require statutory changes to implement. See attached document from Secretary of Stage listing measures that will appear on the November ballot.

APPENDIX C

Executive Director's Update – September 2026

Economic Development Summit

We held our 11th Annual Economic Development Summit on August 19. The Summit was a great success. We had the opportunity to have candid conversations about what is happening in each of our communities, where our challenges overlap, and where we can better work together as a region. This year's focus on pioneering advanced industries also gave us an opportunity to look beyond the challenges immediately in front of us and talk about where the next economic opportunities may be for Northwest Colorado. Thank you to Tri-State and CHFA for being EDD Members, providing sponsorship for the ED Summit.

Governor's Colorado Competitiveness Council Listening Session

I participated in the Governor's Colorado Competitiveness Council Listening Session in Grand Junction on September 8. The Grand Junction session brought together Western Slope business, community, and economic development leaders to provide input on the barriers affecting our competitiveness and gave us an important opportunity to make sure Northwest Colorado was represented as the Council develops its recommendations.

Colorado Cooperation

I was asked to join the planning committee for Colorado Cooperation, giving AGNC an opportunity to help shape these statewide conversations and ensure Northwest Colorado is represented in the planning process. The next Colorado Cooperation meeting will be December 10–11 in Greeley.

JOLT Energy Summit 2027

Ray Beck asked me to share that JOLT has established the dates for next year's Energy Summit. The 2027 JOLT Energy Summit will be held **June 10–11 at Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction.**

September CPW Commission Meeting

The September 2–3 Parks and Wildlife Commission meeting in La Junta was extremely concerning, again. The Commission voted to begin rulemaking to ban recreational prairie dog shooting on public lands. Commissioner Dallas May asked to hold off rulemaking until January, leading to procedural issues surrounding the vote and subsequent motions. This prompted calls for the Commission to establish clear procedural rules.

It became clear the 5 unconfirmed commissioners are trying to rush these changes as they believe their tenure on the Commission may be coming to an end in January.

Commissioners Dallas May and Fran Sylva Blaney were successful in overturning Chair Tutchton's new public comment policy. They also held firm on the procedural issues and the need to establish rules for

the Commission. Both have faced significant criticism and harassment for asking difficult questions, insisting on proper process, and ensuring affected communities have a meaningful voice in wildlife decisions.

I would like to discuss an appropriate way for AGNC to recognize and encourage both Commissioners. I think it is important that they hear from Northwest Colorado that we see and appreciate their efforts.

Next CPW Commission Meeting – November 4–5

The next CPW Commission meeting will be November 4–5 in Fort Morgan. We expect the Commission to address 2 pending wolf petitions that could have significant consequences for livestock producers:

- **Wolf Damage Compensation Petition** — Seeks to change Colorado's livestock compensation program by creating a duty for producers to mitigate wolf conflicts, allowing compensation to be reduced or denied based on mitigation efforts, increasing requirements for proving indirect losses, and changing how missing livestock losses are compensated.
- **Wolf Chronic Depredation Petition** — Seeks to make it more difficult for CPW to lethally remove wolves that repeatedly depredate livestock by placing additional requirements on lethal control and requiring greater use and documentation of nonlethal measures.

Please consider attending the meeting or providing online public comment. Please also consider writing emails to the CPW Commissioners. They need to hear from us more often!

Upcoming Meetings & Events

- **CLUB 20 Leadership Meetings & Steak Fry** — September 18, Grand Junction
- **CLUB 20 Western Colorado Candidate Debates** — September 19, Grand Junction
- **EDCC Drive | Lead | Succeed** — September 27–30
- **CPW Commission Meeting** — November 4–5, Fort Morgan
- **Colorado Cooperation** — December 10–11, Greeley