

## ROAD COMMITTEE BOARD REPORT

At the May 24, 2021 Board meeting, Road Committee Secretary Amelia Adair presented the following highlights of recent Road Committee activities:

- 1) Welcome to the **new directors**, especially Joseph Gutierrez, who has been instrumental in improving communications and relationships between Santa Fe County and the ECIA regarding roads.
- 2) The mission of the Road Committee is to monitor the public roads throughout Eldorado, which are owned and maintained by Santa Fe County, and advise the Board on issues relating to the roads. Typically we meet on the first Wednesday of each month, but Chair James A. Mason is on vacation for a month, which means we did not meet in May, and will not meet in June. Our next meeting will be July 7. This is the first vacation James has taken in several years. We certainly appreciate all the time James has devoted to the community.
- 3) The Cerrado Loop paving project has recently been completed by the County. Thank you to Road Committee member Paul Ingraham who has been monitoring and photo documenting that project.
- 4) Meanwhile, the members of the Road Committee are working on reviewing Eldorado roads, with a focus on the dirt and gravel roads, and documenting drainage issues on those roads using Google Earth. We use this information to provide input to the County.
- 5) Coming up, the Road Committee will be working on putting together a recommendation for the Board's ICIP (Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan) request to Santa Fe County for 2022 later this year. James has developed a ratio to evaluate unpaved roads for maintenance and improvement based on the number of homes it serves, the County's traffic counts, and the quality of the road surface.

## STABLE COMMITTEE BOARD REPORT

At the May 24, 2021 Board meeting, Stable Committee Chair Amelia Adair presented the following highlights of recent Stable Committee activities:

- 1) Welcome to the **new directors**, including barn owner Jonathan Turkle, and thank you to Erika Penczer who is taking over as the alternate Stable Committee liaison. The Stable Committee invited new director James Caruso to schedule a tour of the Stables. Likewise any Eldorado resident is welcome to visit the Stables or contact the Stable Committee for a tour.
- 2) The Eldorado Community Stables hosted our first **Wine and Weeds Walk** on May 15 with guest speaker Susan Tweit, a barn owner and a botanist with experience in wild land restoration, who

educated us about beneficial dry land plants found at the Stable, while encouraging us to hand-graze and pull invasive weeds. 14 people, 4 horses and a dog enjoyed the evening event and helped reduce weeds. The next *Wine and Weeds Walk* is scheduled for June 16 at 5:30 pm at the Stables. Everyone is welcome to join us.

- 3) **Insurance changes** at the Stables: last week I participated in a conference call with ECIA's insurance agents from Daniels' insurance, a representative from Horse Insurance Specialists, who insures about half the barn owners and sharers at the Stables, Julie Navarro and Jessica Collins. Horse Insurance Specialists is able to provide the two additional coverages requested by Daniels. Based on the discussion, the Stable Committee will be drafting a revision to the Stable Rule concerning insurance, which will require those coverages from all barn owners and sharers in addition to the liability coverage we currently carry naming the ECIA as an additional insured.
- 4) **Increased availability of turnout** is a key concern identified on our annual survey of barn owners and sharers, and identified at our "annual meeting" in February. At our recent Stable Committee meeting, we discussed potential options for increasing turnout, including improving the footing in the other two arenas, without spending much money.
- 5) The primary outcome of the May Stable Committee meeting was agreeing on our recommended **2022 operating budget for the Stables**, including planning small projects under \$1,500. As a result, the Stable Committee is ready to meet with Julie Navarro and Mike Rogers to plan for next year. At our June meeting, we plan to go over Stable reserve and replacement items and make sure the Stables information in Asset Panda is accurate.

### **F&G MEETING BOARD REPORT**

F&G Town Hall meeting went well. Some takeaways from the meeting include:

- Request for a Handicap Parking Space near pool entrance. Space will be completed by May 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - Addition of one new bench at Compadres Park.
  - Family rec time at the pool
  - Return of swim lessons at the pool
  - New shovels added at the Dog Park to decrease usage of bags.
- 1) Committee expressed gratitude to the BOD for their efforts to keep everyone safe during pandemic. All amenities are currently open and ready for resident use.
  - 2) Survey in development for interest in padlocks at the Dog Parks. Registered users will make the decision.

## **ELECTION COMMITTEE BOARD REPORT**

### **1) Staff training and communication**

Suggestion: Review Election Procedures, Bylaws, Key Election Dates, Replacement Ballot

Staff benefited from training prior to and during the Election Process. All went smoothly in 2021.

Responsibility: Election Committee/ECIA Staff

### **2) Security paper for Ballots – Different types of security paper was used to print ballots. Some of the stock was acceptable such that if the ballot was photocopied, it clearly showed “VOID” on the copy. However other stock would display “COPIED” which could be barely discerned.**

Suggestion: All Ballots to be printed using the same lot of security paper which clearly shows “VOID” when photocopied.

Responsibility: GM/Printer/Election Committee

### **3) Owners of multiple lots confused by receiving multiple packets (one per lot)**

Suggestion: Is it possible to have the Election Committee ask staff to send a letter to multiple lot owners advising them to expect a packet (and ballot) per lot? Additionally, Election Committee can advertise this fact via communications sent out to the community prior to the election.

Responsibility: Election Committee/ECIA Staff

### **4) Candidate for the BOD submitted an incomplete Nomination Petition which was deemed invalid.**

Suggestion: Election Committee to review the Nomination Petition to see if there is any way to make it even more clear regarding submission requirements of candidates. Perhaps enumerating or using a checkbox for the candidates to mark off to ensure they are including all submission requirements.

Responsibility: Election Committee

### **5) Election Procedures / Section 9.5 / Sorting Quorum Proxy Statements**

Suggestion: Election Committee to review procedures as to what is an invalid Quorum Proxy Statement.

Responsibility: Election Committee

### **6) Use of Zoom to allow Members to view ballot counting**

Suggestion: Use this virtual media to stream ballot counting. The “OWL” system was utilized and worked well. Continue process.

Responsibility: EC and Staff

## CONSERVATION COMMITTEE BOARD REPORT

ATV tracks were reported on the 300 series trails by two different residents. ATV travel in the Preserve is prohibited. Posting of additional "No Trespassing" signs along the southern border of the Preserve was discussed. The need for additional fencing of the Preserve perimeter was discussed briefly.

On April 10, Committee Members John Reynolds and Susan Will hosted a tour of Preserve Ecological restoration project sites, led by Jan-Willem Jansens of Ecotone Landscape Planning, for members of the Santa Fe Conservation Trust. The Trust recently completed purchase of the Old Thornton Ranch Homestead Property in the Galisteo Basin Preserve area, and is planning a number of ecological restoration projects on that property.

Planning updates for ecological restoration and erosion control projects at the Trail 401 dam site were made. It is anticipated that the trail re-route and erosion control projects on the south side of the site will be completed by the end of June and the project on the north side of the site in late summer or fall. A tour of the site was given to Board members Carol Sanguinetti and Erica Penczer on May 8.

Two old picnic tables and a bench, all in poor condition, will be removed from the Preserve. A recommendation to the Board to not permit installation of benches in the Preserve in the future was approved by a majority of the Committee members.

There was discussion of projects to improve existing Greenbelt trails and a related effort to identify the greenbelt boundaries at some of the more heavily-used access points as a prerequisite to subsequent projects to eliminate trespassing onto private property and reduce erosion in the greenbelts at those access points.

Greenbelt wildfire risk management initiatives were discussed. These include development of SOP for identifying and removing hazardous accumulations of dead trees and brush in the greenbelts with minimal negative impact on habitat. On May 29, Committee members will meet to evaluate a pilot site in Pueblo Canyon Park, adjacent to the Rail Trail, for hands-on evaluation of the drafts of the identification SOP and the SOP for removal of hazardous fuel accumulations.

Committee coordination and oversight of a project to prepare new walk-through access points, with appropriate signage, to NM State Trust Lands west of Eldorado continues. Mike Rogers is the lead on the project.

Paul Butt

ECIA Conservation Committee Chair

5/16/21

