

ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

Regular Meeting Held in the BOCC Meeting Room

March 12, 2025 at 9:00 AM

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Rhonda Braun Recorder, Elbert County, Co



A. INVOCATION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Pastor Jim Kimbriel from Redemption Valley Church provided the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting was called to order at 9:04 AM

Roll Call:

Commissioner Schroeder: Present

Commissioner McDaniel: Present

Commissioner Buck: Present

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Buck made a motion to Approve the Agenda as presented. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye - Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck, Dallas Schroeder

Nay - None

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Approval of Consent Agenda

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Commissioner Buck seconded the motion.

Aye - Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck, Dallas Schroeder

Nay - None

1. Approval of CDS Mylars as needed
2. Approval of Vouchers as needed
3. Acknowledgment of Development Projects Report
4. Approval of Liquor License Renewal for South 40 Bar and Grill

E. ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS/STAFF REPORTS

Prior to staff reports, Commissioner McDaniel recognized Elizabeth Mayor Angela Ternus and Chairman of the Republican Party Bob Free thanking them for attending today.

Commissioner Dallas Schroeder

Commissioner Schroeder has been selected by Colorado House Minority Leader Rose Pugliese to be on the Colorado Property Tax Commission to represent commissioners in the state of Colorado. Mr. Schroeder provided updates from their first meeting last week:



- Ms. Howell with the State Treasurer's Office reported on tax deferral program that assists low-income residents in paying their property taxes.
- Amber Egbert from The Department of Revenue provided an update on property tax, rent and heat credit for the very low-income earning residents.
- Commissioner Schroeder is proud to serve on this commission. The commission has been tasked by the Governor to present a report by May 4 with legislative changes needed to help even out property taxes.

Office of Emergency Management Director Aaron Borne was at the Capital this past Monday as a Representative of the Legislative Affairs Committee for Colorado Emergency Managers Association. It was a lobbying effort advocating for Elbert County and specific policy measures. Mr. Borne said it was a beneficial meeting.

Mr. Borne announced the launch of Mulch Madness. Elbert County is partnering with Mountain View Electric Association to provide an opportunity for residents to bring items that need chipping or mulching free of charge. The event will take place at the Elbert County fairgrounds on April 5, 2025 from 10AM-2PM.

Mr. Borne provided an update to the Elbert Road Fire that occurred on March 3, 2025. Elbert Fire was first on scene and the Elbert Road and Bridge crews along with multiple agencies responded assist with fighting the fire and protecting the Town of Elbert. A big thank you to Elizabeth School District and Elbert School District for providing buses to assist in evacuations.

Public Works Director Monty Hankins presented a slideshow of the Elbert Road Fire. -Mr. Hankins said it was a great coordinated effort from all the agencies to get the fire out and was thankful it did end up snowing to assist in extinguishing any hot spots that were left behind.

F. CITIZEN PUBLIC COMMENT

Kerry Jiblits – 19656 Wedemeyer Rd – Ms. Jiblits gave an update on the Xcel project.

Kristi Coffin – 28978 CR 17/21 – Ms. Coffin made a comment about a fence line dispute on her property-

Brenda Dyche – 8825 Newman Dr – Ms. Dyche shared her concerns over the flight training noise coming out of Centennial airport. Asked for support for her to join the board at the Centennial Roundtable to address the issues of the noise.

Pam Thompson – 16719 E Easter Ave – Ms. Thompson is the Vice-Chair to the Centennial Noise Roundtable and presented the Commissioners with documentation regarding the 3 towers training and bylaws of the Noise Roundtable.

Commissioner McDaniels called a recess at 9:38 AM.
The regular meeting reconvened at 9:50 AM.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Noxious Weed Advisory Board Presentation - Chairman Kevin Hall

Chairman Kevin Hall gave an update to the work the noxious weed advisory board has been doing to improve the weed population in Elbert County. Mr. Hall presented a video featuring Marilyn Tyson and her husband's work over the decades showcasing their work with weed control. Ms. Tyson was presented with the 2025 Jeanne Allen Memorial Award for her dedication. Mr. Hall's board meets every other Wednesday in the Ag building at 10AM.



2. Discussion on Tree Removal Policy Updates - Public Works Director Monty Hankins

Mr. Hankins provided information about weed spraying and trees in right of ways. Mr. Hankins noted the 2016 policy does need updating. Notifications for weed spraying and/or tree removal will be updated to residents to include the PIO/County website, and by mail for specific locations and times of work.

Commissioner McDaniel requested this item be placed on the next agenda for approval.

3. Discussion on Rural Economic Development Initiative - Finance Manager Tiffany Hermes

Finance Director Tiffany Hermes presented information to the Commissioners for a grant proposal for a feasibility study for the fairgrounds. A master plan was completed in 2012 and this grant would provide the opportunity to update the plan and upgrade the fairgrounds to grow with the county. It is a 50/50 grant, \$25,000 from the grant and \$25,000 from the county. The finance department is requesting approval to apply for the grant.

Commissioner Schroeder requested a motion to move the Rural Economic Development Initiative to Action Item H6. Commissioner Buck seconded the motion.

Aye - Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck, Dallas Schroeder

Nay - None

H. ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration of February 26, 2025 Minutes

Motion: Approve February 26, 2025 Minutes

Commissioner Buck made a motion to Approve the February 26, 2025 Minutes and dispense with the reading. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye - Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck, Dallas Schroeder

Nay - None

2. Consideration of March 3, 2025 Minutes

Motion: Approve March 3, 2025 Minutes

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Approve the March 3, 2025 Minutes and dispense with the reading. Commissioner Buck seconded the motion.

Aye - Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck, Dallas Schroeder

Nay - None

3. Consideration of Approval of the Elbert County Debris Management Plan - OEM Director Aaron Borne

Mr. Borne provided further information about the Debris Management Plan noting that Elbert County is setting a standard for other counties in Colorado. He was approached by several colleagues in other counties for a copy of this plan.

Motion: Approve the Elbert County Debris Management Plan



Commissioner Buck made a motion to Approve the Elbert County Debris Management Plan. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye - Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck, Dallas Schroeder

Nay – None

4. Consideration of Appointment of Daniel McCallin to the Planning Commission to represent District 3

Motion: Approval of Appointment of Daniel McCallin to the Planning Commissioner to represent District 3.

Commissioner Buck made a motion to Approve the Appointment of Daniel McCallin to the Planning Commissioner to represent District 3. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye - Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck, Dallas Schroeder

Nay – None

5. Consideration of Appointment of Diana Edstrom to the Planning Commission to represent District 2

Commissioner Buck voiced concerns about letters of recommendation for Ms. Edstrom received from 2 of the largest developers in the county.

Commissioner McDaniel apologized for the way Ms. Edstrom has been treated, noting the Commissioners have received 42 letters of recommendation.

Commissioner Schroeder provided support for her nomination.

Public Comment:

Kim Boyd -- Town of Kiowa Administrator - Ms. Boyd is in opposition of appointment

Debbie Ullom – 11195 Copper Canyon Cir – Ms. Ullom supports of the appointment

Danny Willcox– 5372 Timber Ridge Dr – Mr. Willcox supports the appointment. Mr. Willcox commented on the process of appointing planning commission members, noting that removing the appointment from the consent agenda set the venue for attacks on social media. This has never been the process for appointing a volunteer and it was discouraging for Ms. Edstrom as a respected female in this community.

Commissioner McDaniel explained that the Commissioners had received information they felt that they needed to investigate and they owed it to the county and to the citizens to look into accusations. They felt it was better to change the policy and review applicants for planning commission and vet everyone in the same way rather than just approving a “John Doe” appointed by a commissioner. They felt they had done their due diligence.

Motion: Appointment of Diana Edstrom to the Planning Commission to represent District 2

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Approve the Appointment of Diana Edstrom to the Planning Commission to represent District 2. Commissioner Buck seconded the motion.

Aye - Byron McDaniel, Dallas Schroeder

Abstain – Mike Buck

6. Consideration of Approval for the Rural Economic Development Initiative

Motion: Approval of the Rural Economic Development Initiative

Commissioner Buck made a motion to Approve the Rural Economic Development Initiative. Commissioner Schroeder seconded the motion.

Aye - Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck, Dallas Schroeder
Nay - None

I. BOARD PLANNING

1. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- A) Resolution for the Appointment of Daniel McCallin
- B) Resolution for the Appointment of Diane Edstrom
- C) Inclusion of a cut-off period for Land Use Hearings to be at 3:45 PM on Wednesdays
- D) CTSI and Insurance Pool
- E) Tree Policy Removal Update

J. LAND USE HEARINGS 1:00 P.M.

None scheduled

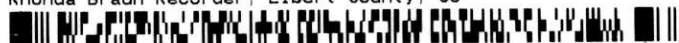
K. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Adjourn

Commissioner Schroeder made a motion to Adjourn. Commissioner Buck seconded the motion.

Aye - Byron McDaniel, Mike Buck, Dallas Schroeder
Nay - None

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM



I am writing this to endorse Diana Edstrom to be appointed to the Elbert County Planning Commission.

I have known Diana for several years. I first met her when she was writer, editor, owner of the Elbert County Tribune. She wrote great articles about people, places and things going on in our County. They reflected her passion about our County and the "Country" way of life she and her husband moved out to Elbert County to enjoy.

Even though the Elbert County Tribune is no longer in print form, Diana's passion for Elbert County and it's people are still evident in what she posts on social media and in her attendance and speaking out at public meetings.

Diana is a tireless researcher for facts, processes and policies to be followed and ordinances and statutes that come into play in making decisions regarding the governing of our county and the towns within its boundaries.

I know that she would be a great addition to the Elbert County Planning Commission. She has been reading all the regulations, reviewing prior meetings, researching how other counties and towns write their regulations, etc. She is inquisitive and seeks to understand what should be done and how to do it properly. She will read for understanding what ever is presented to her in an application. She will then make her recommendations for or against approval based on the facts, the rules, and regulations governing those applications.

Get to know her before you pass judgement on her based on her merits and not the opinions of others who have their own agenda.

Concerned Citizen in Elbert County

Angela Ternus



Eric Carlson
6451 ARROWHEAD TRL
Elizabeth, CO 80107

March 11, 2025

Elbert County Board of County Commissioners
215 Commanche St.
Kiowa, CO 80117

Subject: Letter of Recommendation for Diana Edstrom – Elbert County Planning Commission, District 2

Dear Commissioners,

I am pleased to submit this letter in strong support of Diana Edstrom's nomination to the Elbert County Planning Commission representing District 2. I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Diana, and I can confidently say she is a person of sound character, integrity, and unwavering dedication to our community.

Diana's judgment is guided by thorough research, a commitment to fairness, and an ability to carefully weigh all available information before making decisions. Her detail-oriented nature ensures that no aspect of an issue goes unexamined, and she will bring this same diligence to the Planning Commission. I have no doubt that she will be a strong advocate for what is right for Elbert County, always prioritizing the best interests of our residents and the future of our community.

Diana's service to Elbert County is already well established. She has consistently stepped up to serve, including volunteering as an election judge, where she demonstrated professionalism, reliability, and an unwavering commitment to ensuring fair and transparent elections. Her willingness to contribute her time and expertise speaks volumes about her dedication to Elbert County.

I wholeheartedly recommend Diana Edstrom for this position and urge you to give her nomination your full consideration. She will be a valuable asset to the Planning Commission and will serve with the same integrity and commitment that she has always demonstrated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Eric Carlson



Character Reference for Diana Edstrom

To The Board of Elbert County Commissioners,

I am pleased to give a character reference for Diana Edstrom, who is a candidate for an appointment by the Elbert County Commissioners to the Elbert County Planning Commission. I have known Diana Edstrom as an acquaintance while I was the Business Manager for Elbert School District #200 back in the early 2020s prior to my retirement 2022 from the school district. In retirement, I still work part-time for Elbert Water and Sanitation District and the Elbert Public Library Branch of the Pines and Plains Library District.

Among Diana's work with the Elbert County Tribune, she is also an administrator of the Elbert 411-Public account on social media. Diana has continuously demonstrated her commitment to staying informed about the issues in Elbert County. Whether dealing with the County, local governments, special districts, or schools, she is always engaging with County citizens to get a well-rounded understanding of various viewpoints on numerous issues.

I served a term on the planning commission in the 1990s and for many years on the Board of Adjustment for Elbert County, I feel confident that Diana's knowledge of Elbert County and her professional demeanor make her an excellent candidate for the Elbert County Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

Bev McGuire
Elbert, Colorado
303-570-4008

March 9, 2025

To whom it may concern

Elbert County Commissioners

Re: Appointment of Diana Edstrom

As a resident, and business owner who has served on many boards and committees throughout the county, I respectfully ask that you appoint Diana Edstrom as a planning commission member. Her insight, dedication and follow-through are priceless in the citizens of Elbert County.

As the previous President of KWWA (Kiowa Water and Wastewater Authority) for over 6 years, I have seen many changes in Kiowa administration. I worked closely with Diana as we explored rules and regulations. We worked together on many projects even asking the previous county commissioners to consider a moratorium on development applications to allow time to update the master plan, traffic study and a water study.

Diana is willing to stand for what is right when rules are broken, even when it is not the popular opinion. I trust her to always know right from wrong. Her support of Tim Craft was regarding a position on a board. Not regarding the proposed developments. There have been some accusations thrown out that I believe are vindictive and unfounded.

Support from a realtor may not be advantageous. But I have lived in Elbert County for 48 years, raised my family and my grandchildren call this home. We will be here, no matter what- it is HOME. I am so much more than a realtor. I LOVE Elbert County and trust Diana Edstrom to protect everything my family LOVES about Elbert County.

Over the years, Diana has been supportive of events throughout the county, the schools and fire districts. She is an asset to any committee, and I have depended on her research abilities many times. I am proud to call Diana Edstrom a friend and hopefully a member of the Elbert County Planning Commission. Thank you for your consideration.

Debbie Ullom

720-878-8239

Lifetime Properties

Kiowa Outdoor Adventures

March 8, 2025

Board of County Commissioners
Elbert County
Kiowa, CO

Re: Diana Edstrom

Dear Commissioners,

As a long time resident of Elbert County I would like to acknowledge Diana Edstrom as a good and valuable friend.

Diana and I met at Elbert Christian Church in 2013 and became fast friends. She had/has a strong Christian ethic which made being friends quite easy. She also was a strong Republican so we had a lot in common. We were both interested in the betterment of the Town of Elbert and we began a "clean up Elbert day" in 2014. We were actually interviewed by the local paper at that time. We continue with this project for several years until the Elbert Volunteer Fire Department took over the project. Diana was also a member of the Elbert Woman's Club for several years and was very active in the Elbert Days Festival. She also worked for the past several years with the Voting Registration group and I believe was active on the Election Committee as well.

Additionally, we attended many community meetings throughout the years together including concerns about the County. And of course, some Board Meetings (although Diana attended far more than me). She has a deep concern regarding the County and has studied the laws, rules and regs, and other documents relating to the County. I dare say she knows as much about the planning rules and regs as just about anyone on the Board or in the county, and that is a good thing. I would think the type of information she has amassed could and would certainly be most beneficial to the Planning Board as well as the County Commissioners.

Diana is a reliable and trustworthy person. She follows through with whatever is needed to be done and is pleasant doing so. I would be very happy to provide more information to the Board of Commissioners if you need further recommendation.

Thank you.

Debra Sherman
Previous resident and business owner
In Elbert County for over 20 years.
303-909-2724



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Rhonda Braun Recorder, Elbert County, Co


Tim Craft
Craft Companies, LLC
1288 S. Clayton Street
Denver, CO 80210

March 10, 2025

Subject: Recommendation for Diana Edstrom – Planning Commission

Dear Elbert County Commissioners Mike Buck, Dallas Schroeder, and Byron McDaniel:

I am pleased to recommend Diana Edstrom for a position on the Elbert County Planning Commission. While we have not always seen eye to eye on every issue, I can confidently say that Diana is a fair and rational individual who is deeply invested in the well-being of our community.

She has consistently demonstrated her commitment to Elbert County through her involvement and well-meaning approach to community matters. She is dedicated to working for the betterment of the county, always considering the needs and perspectives of its residents. Her balanced judgment and thoughtful decision-making would make her a valuable addition to the Planning Commission.

I appreciate your consideration of Diana for this role. Please feel free to reach out if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

Tim Craft



Eric Carlson
6451 ARROWHEAD TRL
Elizabeth, CO 80107

March 11, 2025

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215 Commanche St.
Kiowa, CO 80117

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I wholeheartedly recommend Diana Edstrom for this position and urge you to give her nomination your full consideration. She will be a valuable asset to the Planning Commission and will serve with the same integrity and commitment that she has always demonstrated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,

Eric Carlson



Kiowa Fire Protection District
403 County Road 45
Kiowa, CO 80117
303-621-2233

March 7, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

I am pleased to write this letter of recommendation for Diana Edstrom for the District 2 Planning Commission.

With over 40 years as a career firefighter in the Denver Metro area, 30 of those as a Chief Officer and the last 14 as the Fire Chief for the Kiowa Fire Protection District. I have had the opportunity to work with many dedicated individuals. Diana is one of them.

I have interacted with Diana for at least six years, and her attention to detail, dedication, and active involvement in the community make it clear that she always has the best interests of the community at heart. Her commitment and passion for service would make her a valuable asset to the District 2 Planning Commission.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gerry Lamansky

Fire Chief

Kiowa Fire Protection District

g.lamansky@kiowafire.com

303-621-2233

March 8, 2025

Dear Elbert County Board of County Commissioners,

I am writing to provide a character reference for Diana Edstrom. I have had the privilege of knowing Ms. Edstrom professionally for approximately five years. Our initial interaction occurred when she owned the *Elbert County Tribune*, and I served as the Assistant Town Administrator for Elizabeth. In this capacity, I worked closely with Ms. Edstrom on various matters involving government-media relations.

From the outset, I was impressed by her ability to approach issues with fairness, balance, and thoroughness as a reporter. It was clear to me then that Ms. Edstrom was dedicated to presenting all sides of a story, and that same approach continues to define her work today. Her natural inclination to consider multiple perspectives is a hallmark of her background as a journalist.

While Ms. Edstrom and I may not always see eye to eye on every issue, we are able to engage in respectful and constructive conversations. I deeply respect her willingness to engage in meaningful dialogue, and I admire her commitment to staying informed and educated on current issues. She consistently seeks out facts and strives for a deeper understanding, which speaks to her integrity and dedication.

Ms. Edstrom's interest in volunteering for a government role is driven by a genuine desire to contribute to the community. In my experience, it is increasingly rare to find individuals who are motivated by pure altruism rather than special interests, and I believe this speaks to her character.

For these reasons, I am confident in her suitability for a position on the Elbert County Planning Commission. Given her professional background, dedication to continuous learning, and active involvement in the community, I believe she would be a valuable asset to Elbert County.

Sincerely,

Grace K. Erickson

From: Heather Booth <hpbbooth@me.com>

Date: 3/10/25 10:34 AM (GMT-07:00)

To: diana@rollingeranch.com

Subject: Character Reference for Diana Edstrom - Planning Commission

To whom it may concern

I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to offer my wholehearted recommendation for Diana Edstrom to be considered for a position on the Planning Commission.

During my time serving on the school board, Diana was an invaluable asset. She was instrumental in supporting our efforts to navigate a difficult period where misinformation and untruths were being spread about the activities and decisions of the board. Diana's commitment to transparency and integrity played a crucial role in helping us clarify the facts and ensure that the community was informed with the truth.

Her ability to handle complex issues with a clear sense of fairness, a strong work ethic, and a collaborative spirit was a key factor in our success. She is not only incredibly knowledgeable but also has a deep understanding of the importance of community involvement in decision-making processes.

I believe Diana would bring a great deal of insight, dedication, and integrity to the Planning Commission, and I have no doubt that she would serve the community well in this new capacity.

Thank you for considering her application. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you need further information.

Warm regards,

Heather Booth

March 7, 2025

To: Elbert County Government

From Jim Marshall

Re Diana Edstrom

I am writing in reference to Diana Edstrom.

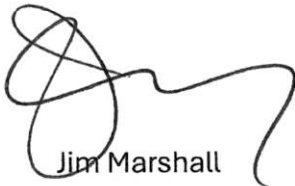
As many of you are aware, I have been actively developing in the northwestern quadrant of Elbert County since 2000 when I commenced with my Spring Valley Ranch master planned golf course community.

Several years ago, I was introduced to Diana primarily in her capacity as a journalist for a county based newspaper. Although I am generally opposed to doing interviews with public media sources due to their irresponsible approach and desire to miscommunicate facts, I sensed that Diana was different.

I have found Diana to be absolutely genuine and professional in all of my interactions with her over the past 15 or so years. She is a faith based woman who cares deeply about the future of Elbert County and its residents. Diana will use her gifts of integrity, honesty and good character to manage the process of responsible growth while protecting the rural nature of Elbert County.

I believe that she will be a good addition to the Elbert County Planning Commission.

Sincerely



Jim Marshall



March 09, 2025

To: Elbert County Commissioners
Dallas Schroeder
Byron McDaniel
Mike Buck

Subject: Elbert County Planning Commission Vacancy

Diana Eckstrom has shown a sincere interest in serving Elbert County by her frequent attendance at County Commission and Planning Commission meetings where she asks the right questions. We have observed, through her journalism and discussions with her of issues important to the citizens of the County, that she exhibits attention to detail and understands the issues, which is a very desirable trait.

She has had discussions with Kermit on the Elbert County Water Master Plan. Diana is direct and asks the hard questions demonstrating her thorough review of the document and proposed recommendations. Diana is direct in her approach in analyzing issues and drawing conclusions.

Diana's appointment to the Planning Commission is in the best interest of Elbert County. Her analysis of issues brought before the Commission will be reviewed and well thought out, making her an asset to the Planning Commission.

Sincerely,

Kermit and Maggie Witherbee
44447 Homestead Rd
Elizabeth, CO 80107
kwitherb@protonmail.com

540.223.5554

March 10, 2025

Elbert County Board of Commissioners
215 Commanche Street
P.O. Box 7
Kiowa, CO 80117

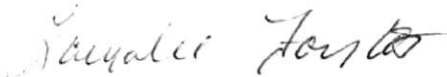
Dear Elbert County Commissioners,

It is with great pleasure that I write to provide a character reference for Diana Edstrom to be appointed as a member of the Elbert County Planning Commission. I have known Ms. Edstrom for almost 5 years as a fellow Elbert County Citizen. During this time, I have been extremely impressed with her knowledge, dedication to the community, honesty and work ethic.

In every instance I have had the pleasure of interacting with Ms. Edstrom, she has always demonstrated fairness and knowledge of the subject matter which has been presented to her. Ms. Edstrom has been actively involved as a citizen in several applications that have been previously brought before the Elbert County Planning Commission. In each application that I was also involved in, Ms. Edstrom always provided valuable information relating to the application. She always did her due diligence to ensure that the information that was being provided was accurate. Whenever situations arose where information was needed, Ms. Edstrom volunteered to complete the necessary research and provided information that far exceeded expectations.

It is because of the information provided above, and much more, that I highly recommend Ms. Edstrom to be appointed as a member of the Elbert County Planning Commission. She is a person of outstanding character and would be a wonderful addition to the Commission.

Kind Regards,



Lauralee (Laurie) Forington
Elbert County Citizen

March 8, 2025

Elbert County Board of Commissioners
Kiowa, CO

Re: Diana Edstrom

Dear Commissioners,

This letter is to advise you that I know Diana Edstrom and find her to be a reliable, intelligent and concerned citizen.

She has been involved in many meetings that I have attended and she was also in attendance at a few of the Elbert County Fire Board meetings when I was a volunteer member on that Board. She has a love of this County and would be valuable to any committee that she may participate in.

Thank you for this opportunity to recommend Diana Edstrom as a future Planning Committee member.

Lee Sherman

Past resident of Elbert County
Past President of the Elbert County
Volunteer Fire Department
Past Owner of State Farm Insurance
Company in Elbert



March 7, 2025

To: Elbert County Board of Commissioners

My wife and I have had the pleasure to meet and work with Diana Edstrom at various community meetings and events. Diana shares our perspective and thoughts on how the future growth of Elbert County should evolve with regards to housing density, managing water supply and our quality of life in Elbert County.

Diana is analytical in her approach to researching factual information, holding discussions and problem solving. Her journalism background and life experience help her analyze and respect different points of view.

We strongly encourage the Commissioners to appoint Diana to the Planning Commission for District 2.

Larry Gable and Lisa Krasinski
33265 Wyndham Circle
Elizabeth, CO 80107



We have been neighbors to Peter and Diana for several years now. Though we do not see each other often, Diana has stopped by several times to ask how we are and remind us that if we ever need anything she is right behind us. She has taken the time to notify us on several county issues and meetings that were upcoming. While I am unable to attend several of these functions, the ones I have been able to attend, she has always been at. She is concerned about the well being of not only her close neighbors but those of Elbert County.

- Mikala Nealy



Subject:Reference Letter

Date:2025-03-10 11:22

From:Sue Santos <SSantos@associacolorado.com>

To:"Diana@rollingeranch.com" <Diana@rollingeranch.com>

Hi Diana,

I would be more than happy to write you a reference for the Elbert County Planning Committee! I believe that you would be fantastic for that position! Your past career experience as a project manager makes you an ideal fit for this role. Beyond that, your steady demeanor, strong temperament, and depth of character will make you an invaluable asset when working with others in such an important capacity.

As a 20+ year Community Association manager, the success of my communities often starts with the planning of the cities/ counties where the community resides. In my opinion, being on a planning commission takes people with vision, detail, and the ability to communicate important information. The commission needs people who can listen, ask questions, and take the time to understand all sides of the issue before coming forward with an answer. Commissioners are selfless fiduciaries that do what is best for those they serve – the county and the residents who live there. You understand this responsibility.

I think the last thing that I will say is that you are not afraid to roll up your sleeves and get to work. Research, check. Interviewing and talking to people, check. Engaging in tough discussions, check. What is needed, you do. That is who you are, and you have done it well throughout the 25+ years that I have known you!

It is my pleasure to provide your recommendation for the Planning Commissioner position. Elbert County will be better for getting such a quality community member on their committee.

Take care and let me know how it goes!

Sue Santos PCAM, CMCA
General Manager, Backcountry Association, Inc.

Colorado Association Services, AAMC® – an Associa Company

10989 Sundial Rim Rd, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126

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To Whom It May Concern;

I have known Diana Edstrom for approximately 6-7 years here in Elbert County. In her previous role with the Elbert County Tribune, and with me as the Chairman of the Elbert County Republicans, she would often request information or have questions regarding a policy issue or a position of the Party. I have always found Diana to be polite, respectful, and thoughtful.

Oftentimes, she was an advocate for conservative values and strong in her convictions. I learned that Diana was someone that could be trusted and a person of integrity.

I think Diana would be an asset to the Elbert County Planning Commission. She would do her homework, come to meetings well prepared, and be professional in her dealings with other commissioners, the applicants, and the public. Her views are consistent with many citizens of Elbert County and she would present a perspective that would be helpful.

Thank you for your consideration and I am available if you have any questions.

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It is with great honor that I recommend Diana Edstrom to be a member of the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission makes recommendations on land uses cases and code changes. Diana researches everything she does to make sure she has all the information that is needed for any decisions she makes. Keeping others informed is a part of Diana's life. I have worked with Diana in several different groups and found that she listens to understand what a person has to say. It is important when a person is on the planning commission to be able conduct yourself that promotes public confidence. There are rules and processes in place to make sure that land owners and the county are protected from any wrongdoing. A Planning commission member should not be afraid of giving recommendations, no matter how the community reacts. Keeping discussions respectful and informative is the best way to sum up Diana Edstrom's way of life.

Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Wendy Walp

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