



ELBERT COUNTY, COLORADO
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
Regular Meeting Held in the BOCC Meeting Room
June 24, 2025 at 1:00 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM. Chief Deputy Clerk Corey Johnston called the roll.

Mike Buck – Present
Byron McDaniel – Present
Dallas Schroeder – Present

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: Approval of Agenda as presented.

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

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

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

Motion: To Open a Public Hearing for Xcel Energy, Colorado's Power Pathway, 1041-2024-9235 and SUR-2024-9236

Commissioner Dallas Schroeder made a motion to Open a Public Hearing for Xcel Energy, Colorado's Power Pathway, 1041-2024-9235 and SUR-2024-9236. Commissioner Mike Buck seconded the motion.

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

Public Hearing Opened at 1:02 PM

1. Xcel Energy, Colorado's Power Pathway, 1041-2024-9235

2. Xcel Energy, Colorado's Power Pathway, SUR-2024-9236

Stephanie Blochowiak with SWCA Environmental Consultants Inc. on behalf of Elbert County Community and Economic Development Services presented the applications for both the 1041 Permit and the SUR.

Applicant Heather Brickbey, Project Director for Xcel, gave a presentation on the project.

Commissioner McDaniel called a recess at 2:11 PM.

The Land Use Hearing reconvened at 2:28 PM.

The following citizens testified at the hearing:





Josh Lowenstein – Director Our American
Lands – San Luis Valley
Gary Austin – Kiowa
Colleen Austin - Kiowa
Leah Braton – Calhan
Don Gray – Kiowa
Deb Gray – Kiowa
Kerry Jibblits – Kiowa
Eric Jibblits – Kiowa
Pam Struthers – Kiowa
Susie Dodge – Kiowa
John Mott – Kiowa
Peggy Patzkowsky – Rush
Nicole Ray – Kiowa
Beverly Durant – Kiowa
Debra Siskl – Kiowa
Sherri Christensen – Kiowa
Mark Kanipe – Calhan
Sandi Claeys – Ramah
Doug Bennett – Kiowa
Laura Tietje – Kiowa
Steve Barnhardt – Bennett
Suni Mills – Kiowa
Reed Pelton – Cheyenne Wells
Gabriele Wiemers – Ramah
Chuck Hughes – Kioa
Nancy Washburn – Kiowa
Laurel Enslen – Kiowa
Darrel Littlefield – Simla
Dan Mason – Kiowa
Trent Chappel – Kiowa
Tiffany Gwynn – Kiowa
Kathy Davis – Elizabeth
Molly Stuchlik – Kiowa
Pam deCastro – Elizabeth
Stacy Millet – Elizabeth
Susan Knapp – Kiowa
Brenda Kelly – Simla
Sally Randle – Kiowa
Sherry Celcy – Kiowa
Michelle Hendersen – Kiowa
Roxanne Beardall – Kiowa
Kerry Heurlin – Kiowa

Drenda Herrick – Kiowa
Dave Johnson – Elbert
Shannon Rose – Elizabeth
Chris Richardson – Elizabeth
Debby Mortenseon – Kiowa
Jim Vigil – Elizabeth
Pamela Chapel – 5013C Livestock Rescue
Gary Piper – Nebraska
Alicia Wells – Kiowa
Jessica Heaton – Kiowa
Patrick Draper – Bennett
Julian Ellis – Elbert

Commissioner McDaniel called for a recess at 6:27 PM and reconvened at 6:44 PM

Applicants for Xcel addressed the public comment

Commissioner McDaniel called a recess at 7:23 PM to continue June 25th, 2025 at 1:30 PM at the BOCC.

NOTICE:

These Minutes are Action Minutes and summarized actions taken at the meeting. The full audio/video and agenda packet is available at <https://www.elbertcounty-co.gov/>.

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Rhonda Braun Recorder, Elbert County, Co





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BYRON MCDANIEL, Chair, COMMISSIONER District 3

DALLAS SCHROEDER, COMMISSIONER District 2

MIKE BUCK, Vice Chair, COMMISSIONER District 1

ATTEST: Rhonda Braun

County Clerk

BY:

Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners