



Meeting Minutes

February 14, 2026, 10:30 a.m.

Location: Indian Mountain Community Center
Dial in number to attend via phone **1-805-706-4072**

BOARD MEMBERS

President/Secretary – Edgar Vidal

Vice President/Firewise Coordinator – Kathryn Abrahamson

Treasurer/Membership – Chad Wilcox

Events Director – Joy Ariel

Communications Director – Becca Wilhelm

Two Board Positions vacant

SCHEDULED START – 10:30 a.m. (after IMMD meeting)

SECRETARY REPORT

- Approved November 8, 2025 minutes
- Approve Agenda for the Meeting today

SPECIAL GUEST – Park County Sheriff Tom McGraw

- Deputy Sheriffs should be 21 and is short by 7. Froze 5 positions. Starting pay is \$55K
- Budget has been slashed
- Crime is very low. Domestic violence and mental problems are more common. Tractors missing at some point. He realizes that most homes up here are for vacation. Owners should keep an eye on properties. Have cameras.
- The nice thing of IM is that there are not many entrances.
- From owner: Speeders are a concern. Sheriff will get a couple of Deputy's for a while here.
- Cyberattack is happening. Make the community aware.
- McGraw is not running again: The under-sheriff Steve Spodyak is running and he supports him.
- They had to shut down the jail because of hydrogen sulfide. It has opened again, but no inmates yet. Each inmate is \$100/day if well behaved. The costs pile up having to move inmates from the valley. Chaffee County has their inmates for now. Jail in rough shape and should be maintained by the county. Detention deputies move the inmates around.
- June 25th is the golf tournament in Bailey.
- Search and rescue team. Looking for donations.
- Average 15 inmates a day in Fairplay.
- A change in sales tax affects tourists which can bring extra fund to the county.



TREASURER/MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- Insurance for the board members renewed.
- PO Box paid-for.
- Need to fix the Venmo issue.
- Letters ready to be mailed.
- Chad to send the updated list every month to Jackie.
- Track Property sales to get new members.

EVENTS COORDINATOR REPORT

- Events Coordinator from Fairplay.

COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

- Newsletter is out. Articles are welcomed.

IMMD REPORT

- Have joint events like “Mountain Living 101”. Where everything is put into it.
- Brochures needed for Firewise.

FIREWISE REPORT

- 40% of the pack so need to be ready for the fire season.
- Renewal in good standing.
- Community Assessment: 5-year plan approved.
- Three-year plan approved.
- Totally community investment, not just IMPOA: \$186K well above to be compliant.
- Gaps is the 0-5 ft fire clean area around the houses.
- Chipping Days: Need to define the day.
- Coordination with Dan of IMMD.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Cattle grazing in IM**
 - No report.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Canada Thistle Problem in IM – Presented by Cyndra Dietz**
 - Four native thistles – not noxious
 - The one of concern is the Canada Thistle
 - Roadsides and moist soils. Not by evergreens.
 - Only with up to five flowers at the end.
 - Class B weeds must be eradicated.
 - USDA Teller Conservation program. We may be able to tap into money.
 - Further into the property using a backpack sprayer.
 - End June or middle of July, then in Mid-September. Twice a year for many years.
 - Two types of contracts: By the road; by land (backpack person).



- Marissa has a grant to do a workshop in IM.
- Early summer at least do the roadside.
- Typical rates: \$180/h roadside spray. The backpack sprayer \$175/h.
- Publish the map on the website.
- Lucy is the backpack sprayer.
- Chemical lasts about 3 months. Safe all the way to the edge of the water.
- IMPOA Board needs to determine next steps in the following meeting on April.
- **New Board Member Consideration – Chad Pitts**
 - Cannot make the meeting today.
- **Other**
 - Discuss additional support from Jackie.

MEETING ADJOURNED – 12:50 p.m.



Action Items:

- Make the pdf for payment editable for filling out.

Anticipated adjournment at 2:02 p.m.