
Wildwood Highlands Landowners' Association
PO Box 87, Datil, NM 87821
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting on May 17, 2025

Call to Order

The Annual General Meeting of the Wildwood Highlands Landowners' Association was held at Datil Well Group Campground on Saturday, May 17, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President Rob Sanders. With 37 ballots received, representing over one-third of the subdivision, the quorum requirement was met. Other board members present were Treasurer Aileen Law, Secretary Antoine Ribaut, Vice President Heart Cameron, and Member-at-Large John Kell.

Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting were approved.

Reports

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Aileen Law reported that as of May 17, 2025, dues have been paid for 92 lots, with total income of \$8,675 including prepaid dues, liens, and fees. Expenditures included \$15 for campground rental and \$50 for lien filings. Total balance in checking is \$14,707.91, of which \$5,000 is set aside as emergency reserve. Operating funds stand at \$9,707.81. There are eight delinquent landowners; one lien was released and one new lien filed. The report was approved.

Roads Report

President Sanders reported that due to very dry conditions, no grading has been done in 2025. The board is in contact with the grader and gravel contractor and will proceed once sufficient moisture is present. Road conditions, especially in the Wildwood section, remain a concern but will be addressed as weather permits.

Election of Directors

Thirty-seven (37) ballots were received and counted with results as follows: Rob Sanders (34 votes), Antoine Ribaut (34 votes), and Aileen Law (35 votes). Two (2) ballots were blank. All three candidates were elected to serve two-year terms.

President's Report

President Sanders thanked members for their continued support and emphasized the strong community spirit of Wildwood Highlands. He noted challenges this year largely stemmed from external issues, particularly repeated trespassing and easement misuse from neighboring Sugarloaf. The board sent a formal letter addressing violations, including unauthorized gate access, cut padlocks, and a fire caused by illegal burning during a county ban. The Sheriff has been involved, and members have installed barriers and signage to deter further infractions. The Sugarloaf Board has acknowledged the concerns and pledged cooperation.

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New Business

The Board proposed creating a legal fund alongside the existing emergency fund. An initial \$1,000 will be set aside to cover potential legal expenses should the Association need representation. A draft road agreement with the neighboring Wildwood Landowners Association was also discussed, though consensus on cost-sharing improvements has yet to be reached.

Dark Skies Preservation

Secretary Antoine Ribaut presented a report on the importance of preserving dark skies. He highlighted property value appreciation, ecological benefits, and health considerations. Practical measures such as using shielded fixtures, low-color-temperature bulbs, and timers were encouraged. Educational materials and a reference PDF will be made available online.

Fire Prevention and Safety

Vice-President Heart Cameron presented proposals for strategically placed cisterns and pumps to improve fire suppression readiness. Several landowners volunteered to host tanks on their lots. Community members noted the importance of planning equipment access and coordination during emergencies. Slash removal services were also discussed, with Catron County offering free pickup for cut vegetation placed roadside.

Other Business

Members were reminded to ensure property titles are current and properly recorded with the county. Wildlife sightings of two tagged bighorn sheep were reported, raising the possibility of establishing a herd in the area. The PHI helicopter medical evacuation program was also mentioned; residents are encouraged to confirm enrollment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Antoine Ribaut
Secretary