

## Meeting Minutes – East Box Elder LWG (EBARM)

12NOV2015

This was our kick-off (first) meeting of the East Box Elder Local Working Group. We met at the USU Branch Campus in Tremonton (3-5pm).

We first conducted introductions. Please see the attached list of attendees. We then discussed the purpose of a local working group (LWG) and the history of LWGs in Utah. Ernie Perkins also presented the history behind getting the East Box Elder LWG off the ground. Dave presented a powerpoint with information on current LWG in Utah.

We had a discussion on the objectives of the group. Discussion about habitat work, coordination of projects etc. took place. There was some discussion about a future meeting discussing what the agencies can offer as far as programs for private land owners.

The **objectives** of the group are as follows:

1. Understand the **limiting factors** to the sage-grouse population in East Box Elder so that management actions can be taken to help increase the population if possible.
2. Understand what the **current population** numbers and status are (i.e., lek locations, lek counts, etc.).
3. Gain a better **education** concerning conservation actions that can be taken in our area for grouse and other resources. We would like to implement an adaptive management/learning process as we move forward into future work and projects.
4. Understand **land-use management** and how to improve wildlife habitat while continuing land-use practices such as livestock grazing and farming.

We discussed the boundaries of the LWG. Currently the SGMA (set by the state) does not include some of the landowners at the table. We discussed expanding the area of the LWG and the possibility of requesting a change to the SGMA boundary through the PLPCO office. We did not decide on how to proceed though.

Bret Selman and C. J. Roberts were elected co-chairs of the East Box Elder Local Working Group.

Our next meeting was set for January 7 (Thursday) from 6-8pm at the NRCS office in Tremonton (85 S 100 E, Tremonton).

### **PARKING LOT ITEMS (things to tackle in the future)**

- Proposed Landfill - R. Moulding Property (discussed having a smaller meeting in the future with just concerned parties, not the entire LWG)
- Dam in White's Valley
- An Anchoring Project (find a kickoff project to complete) – We talked about lek searches this coming Spring for Sage-Grouse and Sharp-tailed Grouse.
- Develop a Local Working Group Plan (Dave will email examples to the group)
- Funding for projects (future meeting to consider funding options from agencies and elsewhere)

- Milk byproduct Dump (Exit 20 and perhaps other places) – Raven Attractant
- Learn about the difference between a CAA, CCAA, and ESA predictability

**To Do List:**

Email example plan to members (Dave Dahlgren)

Contact other landowners that would be interested in participating in LWG (B. Selman and C. J. Roberts)

Get a list of Sage-Grouse lek locations from trappers helicopter past experience (B. Selman)

Set up a smaller meeting for the Landfill issue (Dave Dahlgren)

**ATTENDEES**

Ernie Perkins	Volunteer
Tim Munns	Rancher
Rod Snider	Farming
Carry Snider	Farming
Avery Cook	UDWR
Jim Christensen	UDWR
Nate Long	UDWR
Alan Smith	West Box Elder CRM
Scott Walker	UDWR
Thayne Hupp	Landowner
Jeff Schick	NRCS
Brian David	NRCS
Randy Wood	UDWR
Bret Selman	Rancher
Boyd White	UDWR
Kourtney Stonehouse	NRCS
Clint Hill	Conservation District
Cole Selman	Rancher
Bracken Henderson	Conservation District
Fred Selman	Rancher
Laura Selman	Rancher
Carl Roberts	Farmer
C. J. Roberts	Farmer
Jeff Roche	Rancher
Jason Moulding	Rancher
Randy Moulding	Landowner
Ben Adams	Conservation District
David Dahlgren	USU Extension

**East Box Elder Local Working Group**

**Kick-Off Meeting**

3-5pm, 12 November 2015

USU Branch Campus, Tremonton, UT

Facilitator: Dave Dahlgren

**Purpose of this meeting:**

*Get to know each other*

*Define our goals and objectives as a group*

*Select 2 Co-Chairpersons*

*(Parking Lot: save tackling issues for future meetings)*

**Agenda:**

Grounding Exercise (share name, occupation, something unique, what do you want out of the LWG)

Role of the Facilitator – Dave Dahlgren

History of instigating this group – Ernie Perkins

Local Working Groups (big picture) – Dave Dahlgren

Local Working Group Guidelines – Dave Dahlgren

Define Objectives

Anchoring Project?

LWG Plan?

Discussion on Agency Cooperation for Landowners

Next Meeting? Meeting Schedule?