

## Meeting Minutes

### Rich County CRM Board Meeting

Nov. 21, 2013

Randolph, Ut

(Agenda at bottom)

#### **Organization updates and reports:**

Rich County Commission – Nothing to report

Private Producers – The grazing association is getting frustrated with the Three Creeks project. Taking too much time. Discussion about not all permittees being onboard with the Three Creeks change. However, when this first started the grazing association was told 75% or more needed to be in favor, and they are well over 90% that want to make it happen. UDAF discussed more funding available for NEPA for New Canyon LLC. There was also discussion about this last summer's grazing season, and issues with the USFS. Things were hard because of the drought, but the grazing association worked it out with the USFS. There was some discussion about getting more participation from the USFS in the Rich CRM process.

USFS – Not at the meeting

BLM – Becky Hatsi is the new field manager. DLL is going through their permit process to avoid the annual exclusion they get early in the season. The BLM teamed up with the UDWR for a range trend crew, and completed vegetation measuring across sagebrush range on BLM in Rich County in 2013. BLM is still working on the NEPA for the Three Creeks Project.

NRCS – They will be proposing a juniper treatment project (WRI?) SW of Woodruff on SITLA land. Fences may be marked on private land near by.

SITLA – Not at the meeting

UDWR – Some smaller seedings have been done on private land, some PJ removal pots across Rich County.

USFWS – help with fence marking was discussed for sage-grouse. In 4 or 5 months there will be a meeting in Denver with their Ecological Services office (Region 6) to help determine what information needs to be provided for the sage-grouse listing decision. Purchasing of conservation easements in Rich County was discussed. USFWS now has the ability, but not the funding to move this program forward.

DLL – Talked about Alfalfa plantings for mid elevation projects. Forbs have been planted in low elevation areas with a drill. 6-7 mile of fence have been marked for SG, especially in critical wintering areas and around leks. The CCAA has been filed with the USFWS and BLM, covering sage-grouse and prairie dog management. The annual exclusion with BLM AUMs was brought up again, NEPA will be completed shortly.

GIP – Helped with the Three Creeks project. There is a continuing project with WRI to fix existing fence. There will be a new project with GIP and DLL proposing a water development to help grazing distribution, and to knock down some PJ.

QRM – have been helping with continued work on Duck Creek allotment, Three Creeks, and some of the other behind the scenes issues with these projects.

**Board Member Vacancies:**

USU Board Position: Dave Dahlgren replaced Todd Black, motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote unanimous

DLL Board Position: Todd Black replaced Craig Kennedy, motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote unanimous

GIP Board Position: Taylor Payne replaced Troy Forrest, motion made, 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote unanimous

Local Sportsman Position: Kelly Thompson replacing Lee Jones, motion made based on acceptance, 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote unanimous (Dave Dahlgren will contact Kelly)

Business Rep Position: Lennis Hellstrom, motion made based on acceptance, 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote unanimous (Dave Dahlgren will contact Lennis)

Land Owner Position: Yale Johnson replacing Reed Groll, motion made based on acceptance, 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote unanimous (Todd Black will contact Yale)

Land Owner Position: Matt Kennedy replacing Stuart Wamsley, motion made based on acceptance, 2<sup>nd</sup>, vote unanimous (Norm Weston will contact Matt)

**Rich County and Statewide SG Plan:**

We had a long discussion about the state plan and actions Rich County has already taken through their resolution letter. It was decided that someone from Rich Co. needed to comb through the state plan and decide on issues the county might have with the plan and where the county could support the plan. It was suggested that Mitch Poulsen (435-946-2198) would be a good candidate to perform this task.

There was significant discussion about the current BLM-USFS SG plan. Todd Black, Bill Hopkins, and Taylor Payne agreed to meet, go over the plan, and formulate official comments about the BLM proposed alternatives from the Rich CRM.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

Dec. 3, 2013 – WRI project proposal meeting

Jan. 9, 2014 – Project Database Update, and Mike Welch history of Rich CRM presentation

April 10, 2014 – Research Update meeting

Summer Field Tour – TBA

November 2014 Board Meeting – TBA

December 2014 WRI Meeting - TBA

**To do List:**

- New Board Members – Kelly Thompson (Dave Dahlgren), Lennis Hellstrom (Dave Dahlgren), Yale Johnson (Todd Black), and Matt Kennedy (Norm Weston)
- Mike Welch – Rich CRM history presentation, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> meeting
- BLM-USFS SG Plan official Comments – Todd Black, Bill Hopkins, and Taylor Payne
- Contact Mitch Poulsen to go over the state plan and Rich Co. Commission issues (Norm Weston)

## Agenda

### Organization updates and reports:

- Rich County Commission – Comm. Norm Weston
- Private Producers –
- USFS – Jennefer Parker
- BLM – Bruce Sillitoe
- NRCS – Jamison Jewkes
- SITLA – Scott Chamberlain
- UDWR – Scott Walker
- USFWS – Karl Flemming
- DLL – Todd Black
- GIP – Taylor Payne/Troy Forrest

### Taylor Payne (GIP/SGI)- project brief:

#### Board Member Vacancies:

- Reed Groll's Position – Landowner
- Stuart Wamsley's Position – Landowner
- Todd Black's USU Position – Dave Dahlgren Replacement
- Craig Kennedy's DLL Position – Todd Black Replacement
- Business rep? (Craig Hoffman not been coming)
- Special Interest – NGO (TU, TNC, MDF, SFW other conservation org) –

### Rich County and the Governor's Statewide Sage-Grouse Plan:

- Discussion about the plan
- County Commission views and Land Use issues
- What actions are the Rich CRM going to take?
- BLM/USU EIS Draft Plan – Comments from CRM

### Set Future Meeting Dates:

- Dec. 3, 1-4pm – WRI projects Meeting (already set)
- Jan 2014?
- April 2014?
- Summer field tour – TBA?
- November 2014 Board Meeting
- Dec 2014 WRI meeting