

Notes for the November 13, 2012 CRMP meeting

Attending: Ron Greer, Troy Forest, Clint Hill, Beth Burritt, Spencer Morris, Bryan , Dixon, Brian Morris, Buck Swaney, Ken Spackman, Scott Nannenga, Jeff Schick, Diane Tanner, Rachele Williams, Brian Morris, Neal Artz, Three boy scouts

Meeting began 6:00 Neal Artz led a discussion

Cirrus Ecological Solutions and Logan Simpson Design have been working to distill the many possible strategies presented at the October meeting to a manageable few. They have tried to save the Committee some time by integrating across the planning elements to develop a half dozen "projects" that the CRMC, can focus on in the next year or two.

The question was raised if West Box Elder has a "Fire Plan". The county has one pack in 2005 that was county wide. Scott Nannenga said that he would look into it. Having a plan in place would help toward funding for projects of PJ removal.

Diane is to check out from Mike Hansen and Todd Adams if the Division of Water Resourced has the budget and reservoir feasibility study ready. We need to work with the division to develop cost estimates.

Winter rangeland Improvement is focusing on forage for winter feeding. This is particularly important if no reservoirs are feasible. What is the inventory of our winter allotments? Winter range improvement is more economical than reservoirs. Grazing decisions show we are managing things well. By using good management, a case could be made for grazers in court cases.

The county has good weed management coordination. We need to keep these things going, GPS, early detection and rapid response, coordinated spray days. The county does the GIS work and maintains data. They also supply chemical. We need data to see what works and what doesn't - have that information for agency people and land owners.

We need a CRM for weeds. Troy and Clint can look in to funding and talk to Jolene Rose. We can submit every year for the million dollar allocation. What is the deadline for grant?

Beth Burritt, said that she would like to be involved with teaching cows to eat invasive weeds, specifically cheat grass.

Concern was stated that we can't forget about other Special Status Species besides sage grouse. We need to be looking for funding for those also.

For community and economic development, a website needs to be constructed and maintained. The county has Jason Yerka who could

help us set up the site, but we would need someone who would be in charge of maintaining the site and updating it with projects, activities, celebrations and information about what is going on in West Box Elder.

It is also important to use all area of social media like twitter and face book. We need to get our story out there. Efforts to inform the public of good things we are doing will help our image. We can increase commerce by improving communication and information sharing among residents.

Commissioner Adams suggested that we maintain a web page on the counties website. Buck Swaney said that if we let people know what property and jobs are available in the area we might be able to attract people to come to our area which would help economic development.

A grant coordinator would be helpful. The TAP grant for signage is coming up soon.

8:30 Meeting adjourned