

# Notes from the October 18<sup>th</sup> CRMP meeting

Attendees: Alan Smith, Jim Christiansen, Ron Greer, Bruce Sillitoe (Ogden), Scott Chamberlain (Richfield), Todd Black, Avery, Karl Fleming (Brigham), LuAnn Adams, Rachel Williams, Bracken Henderson, Janet Rose, Clayton White, Diane Tanner, Jay Tanner, Jeff Schick, Michal Hanson (SLC), Scott Nannenga, Troy Forest, Bryan Morris, Ken Spackman, Kevin Hamilton, Patti Barney, Kerry Goodrich

Chairperson LuAnn Adams called meeting to order at 6:05

New Lead is needed for the Noxious Weed Committee. Diane will see if any of the members of the weed committee will take the lead.

Patty Barney was introduced as the new Watershed Coordinator of the NRCS. Jim Christiansen was introduced as the new wildlife biologist who will be representing the area.

Bracken Henderson went over the Request for Proposal. Feb. 3 is the tentative date for all proposals to be due.

Kerry Goodrich pointed out that on the list of studies done were when the plan was for the Grouse Creek area and now that the area has expanded the work isn't necessarily accomplished.

Chairperson Adams suggested that after all revisions have been made on the RFP that there will be a five day review period for any of the board members to request changes, after that time the RFP will be sent out.

Kevin Hamilton gave a power point presentation the Socio-Economic Element of the CRMP.

First thing needed is **Business Retention**.

Next we need **Business Creation**.

Having a brand from this area could enable products to be marketed from West Box Elder in a way that would help the residence.

Zoning was brought up as a topic that we need to discuss when there is more time and a greater number of landowners are present.

Discussion on rights to resources needs to be looked into such as the wind and timber rights before big companies get them.

Marketing, website development, and e-commerce are areas where we might bring in classes to help locals with job possibilities.

The Wind energy could bring jobs into the area if locals are willing to get training.

Kevin mentioned that whether we want tourism or not, it will come. If we plan for it, we will have the ability to control it better.

Utah State and Western Governors are two good ways to take college classes online.

The next thing is **Business Recruitment**.

China, and India used to be where the call centers were but there is a language barrier and the labor there is no longer cheaper. There are many jobs as call centers in your own homes.

There are state people that can help us with incentives for bringing Big Business to our area.

We need to find businesses to build in our area.

Forestry discussion with Scott Nannanga

The Aspen is a short lived tree that needs disturbance to stay healthy. The conifers surround and crowd the aspens. The Forest Service has been clear cutting and using fire on the North side of the Raft River mountains. There is a fine line between succoring the Aspen and killing it. The Forest Service wants to work with the state and private landowners to have more successful burns. Scott stated that it's not all about the top of the mountain that they are concerned with, but downstream needs improvement too. There will be a greater chance if we work as partners to qualify for money and grants to improve the area.

Scott Nannanga shared a proposal with the group that lists the West Box Elder CRMP as a supporter.

Scott is going to send the proposal to Diane for distribution. This proposal could lead to future project funding opportunities. Ron Greer from DWR commented that they would be interested in partnering on projects.