



Kane County
Public Lands Department

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Resource Development Committee Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

July 18, 2023

9:00 AM

Location: Kanab Center, School Board Room, 20 N. 100 E. Kanab, UT

Attending: Clayton Cutler, Kelly Stowell, Mike Noel, Taylor Glover,
Lance Jackson, Byard Kershaw, Commissioner Meyeres,
Bart Battista. (phone) Tony Wright, Andy Gant.

Call to order: Kelly Stowell

Prayer: Mike Noel

Pledge: Kelly Stowell

Approval of the 03-21-2023 Resource Committee Meeting minutes. Mike made a motion, Andy seconded. All members voted in favor, minutes passed.

Next item of business was the update on the Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument (GSENM) Planning; Kelly turned the floor to Taylor and Clayton. Taylor summarized the items of June's coordination meeting between the county commission from both Kane and Garfield counties, the Resource Committee, the Water Conservancy District, the BLM, and the GSENM District. Taylor reported to the committee that the draft EIS had been published for administrative review, which had been reviewed and commented upon. The comments were getting ready to be reviewed by all involved agencies the following day (07/19/2023). Taylor summarized that the next step for the GSENM Planning was waiting upon the members of congress to pass legislation regarding the plan. Mike commented that the BLM has failed to actively seek input from interested parties when working on the Plan. Andy agreed with the observation.

Andy provided a more detailed history of how the coordination meetings came about despite lack of corporation with federal entities. Mike spoke of how implementation is a potential issue. Andy asked if funding was going to be provided at a federal level, Commission Meyeres reported that the funding was being worked out. Andy then asked if somebody had been chosen to fill the vacant spot on the MAC (Monument Advisory Committee), Taylor responded that it had not, nor did he think that it would be filled. Taylor and Andy also said that multiple applications had been submitted by various entities to get the spot filled with no response. Taylor explained how the

MAC worked: it is comprised of a diverse group of people including elected officials, members of the ranching community, different scientists, who all meet together to advice on issues regarding the Monument. The MAC also decides who fills vacancies on the committee. Andy, Taylor, Commission Meyeres, and others, discussed previous issues with the MAC. Kelly asked Taylor if the resource committee could provide help, and Taylor thanked Mike and Lance for their comments at the previous coordination meeting.

Commissioner Meyeres explained that cooperating agency meetings are private and not open to the public, while coordinating meetings are available for public attendance. She then emphasized the importance of the coordination meetings not just for the public, but for elected officials as well.

Kelly moved to the new Government Affairs Dept. Taylor explained the need for the change and the hiring of Morgan Shakespear. Taylor gave a brief history of RS-2477 and the public lands department maintenance of public roads. He explained that there is a grant (OHV Trails Grant) available to help obtain the equipment and means to keep these roads mapped, signed, and maintained. Mike asked what the parameters were in the grant. Taylor and Clayton explained the project overview of the OHV Trails Grant. Taylor said that Phase I of the plan (mainly taking an inventory of the roads) will be applied for by the end of July 2023. Phase II (maintenance and signage mapping) will be applied for in January 2024. Phase III (developing a map of roads open and accessible to the public) the grant money comes from the Outdoor Recreation Department.

Mike offered a history of RS-2477.

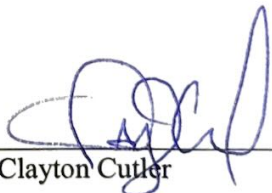
Motion to adjourn.

Motion: Commissioner Meyeres.

Second: Mike

Meeting adjourned 10:02 am


Kelly Stowell MICHAEL NOEL
Resource Committee Chair
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Clayton Cutler
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