

Central Regional Grazing Advisory Board Meeting Minutes



Date: Thursday, March 20, 2025

Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm

Location: DNR Richfield Office

2031 Industrial Park Road

Richfield, UT 84701

Attendees: Chairman: Will Talbot, Board Members: Steve Osguthorpe, Dallen Anderson, Jared Johnson, Scott Mower, Trent Wild, Mack Morrell, Trust Lands Rep: Ethan Hallows, GIP Director: Troy Forrest, Central GIP Coordinators: Mason LeFevre and Tom Tippets, UDAF Commissioner: Kelly Pehrson

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Introductions
 - a. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves to the group.
3. Training from UDAF 00:01:34
 - a. Troy reviewed the Open Meeting Act, GRAMA and Conflict of Interest. Each board member has a conflict of interest due to being producers. They make those conflicts known through the conflict-of-interest forms.
 - b. UDAF did well in the legislative session. GIP received extra funding.
 - c. Tom informed the board of drought and drip meetings that are upcoming.
 - d. One of the board members asked regarding a form to get reimbursed. The state has transitioned to a new system and have to onboard board members.
4. Presentation of Fiscal year 2025 Projects 00:07:22
 - a. Tom presented his 2025 projects to the board.
 - b. 00:11:16 Troy discussed changes to virtual fencing. GIP will only fund one herd once for five years. Troy suggested to the board that they do a 50% cost share with the producer. Tom explained the different types of collars producers can request. Steve made the motion to cost share at 50%, seconded by Jared, and unanimously approved.
 - c. 00:22:52 Tom continued to present his projects.
 - d. 00:36:07 Tom asked for the board's opinion on the board for two applicants applying for different projects on the same allotment. The project is ranked using both the herds for the AUMs. A board member brought up the point that this would be the case with his allotment, and it can be quite common. The board liked the way Tom presented it to them. Tom allowed the board to think about it and then they will come back to it.
 - e. 00:42:53 More projects were shown.
 - f. 01:04:58 Mason presented his projects to the board.
 - g. 01:27:06 Tom reviewed the rankings with the board. He showed them Submittables and explained the process of using it. Tom explained parts of the ranking process. 31 out of the 38 projects are good.

- h. 01:35:34 Troy reviewed the budget for the board. We got \$5.25 million dollars that are ongoing. They have \$2.9 million additional dollars. Troy is supportive of funding the projects up until the Oak Creek Pipeline. Factory Butte Well Phase 1 would be the last project funded. Troy is going to propose giving this board \$1.2 million for 2025 projects to the state board. If the board is only funded \$800,000 26 projects would get funded, cutting off around \$30.00 an AUM.
 - i. 01:43:31 The board liked all the projects except for the last project on the spreadsheet. The project didn't seem to be improving grazing. There were 3 small producer projects. The cut off for small producers is 75 AUMs and has a \$10,000 cap.
 - j. 01:51:16 Mack made the motion to fund the projects as presented, and fund the projects discussed if extra funding is available. This was seconded by Dallen and approved by the board.
5. Other Business as needed.
- a. 01:53:20 Steve made the motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, seconded by Scott and approved by the board.
 - b. 01:53:42 Tom introduced UDAF's interim commissioner Kelly Pehrson. He thanked the board for their work and for the program. He also highlighted some points of the legislative session. UDAF came out with everything they asked for.
 - c. 01:57:09 Someone asked regarding the solar and geothermal projects. They asked for the other participants' opinions and experiences with these types of projects. Tom spoke of one that was developing but it dropped because the company wasn't going to do what was asked. Jared got many calls from companies who wanted to put solar on his land. These specific types of projects have decreased since Trump's appointment.

Meeting adjourned.