Rich County Trails Board
Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2026

Time: 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Location: Garden City Offices, 69 N. Paradise Parkway, Bldg. B

RCTB: Wes Thompson, Brad Davis, Norm Mecham, Mark Smoot
Others: Glen Busch (BIO-WEST)

- **August Meeting Minutes**
  - Approved unanimously
- **Review BIO-WEST July Invoice and Budget Status (Glen)**
  - July invoice reviewed and approved unanimously
  - Glen presented current budget status. Allotted budget for Task 2 and 3 have expended. Overall project budget remaining is approximately $56,000.
- **Review BIO-WEST August** Invoice
  - August invoice reviewed and approved unanimously
- **Trail Inventory Status**
  - Wes mapped trails north and south of Laketown Canyon and provided Glen with the GPX files, which were incorporated into the GIS database. Glen also incorporated trail condition information from the Google Sheet into the GIS.
  - Norm brought up the issue of RS-2477 roads (Class D roads). These roads have been defined on BLM lands south of Laketown, but not in the northern part of Rich County. Norm and Wes want to visit with Bill Cox to get an understanding of political will to define/identify RS-2477 roads across private lands for the entire county. Glen has the GIS data for currently defined RS-2477 roads and will post them to the online map here.
  - Further discussion on road right-of-way ownership and maintenance. Having understanding of ROW ownership would help with trail planning and maintenance for Hodges Canyon, Sweetwater, and Horse Canyon.
- **MOU's strategy**
  - MOU's need to be drafted for the below entities. They should address the following subjects; liability, maintenance, and permanent easement. Glen will reach out to Russ Akina at Logan City to request example MOUs.
    - Garden City
    - Rich County
    - Norm's Trail
- **Grant Request to TRT for Norm's trail**

    - Wes to present to commission
- **Next Steps in Trail Planning Effort**
    - Still working for public meeting in November, but it may slip to later date pending completion of trail inventory.
    - Need to ensure this planning effort is considered and adopted by local governments so it becomes an effective tool for future trail building, unlike the 2018 trail plan which was not adopted by local governments and therefore had no enforcement or teeth to its implementation.
- **Next RCTB meeting scheduled for October 20 from 1 to 3 PM**