

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE UTAH COUNTY COMMISSION APRIL 6, 2015 IN THE COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE COUNTY BUILDING AT 152 EAST 100 NORTH, VERNAL, UTAH. MEETING COMMENCED AT 11:00 AM.**

**PARTICIPANTS:** COMMISSIONERS BILL STRINGER, MARK RAYMOND, AND MICHAEL MCKEE.

**ATTENDANCE:** KRISTEN BAUMGARTEN, CHERYL STOCKS, JC BREWER, MIKE MURRAY, TONYA MURRAY, ALISHA GOWEN, CHERYL MEIER, KELLY HAYS, WENDI LONG, BRENDA MCDONALD, MICHAEL WILKINS, BOYDE BLACKWELL, CARLA WHITE, GAWAIN SNOW, JEREMY RAYMOND, ROBERT BARNHILL, AND MATT CAZIER.

**PRAYER GIVEN BY BRENDA MCDONALD**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE LED BY WENDI LONG**

**RESOLUTION #04-06-2015 R1: DECLARE APRIL AS SEXUAL ASSAULT AND NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH**

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND READ THE RESOLUTION IN ITS ENTIRETY. THE CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER, VICTIM ADVOCACY, AND RESTORING ANCESTRAL WINDS TRIBAL COALITION HAVE JOINED FORCES WITH THE COUNTY TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPACT OF VIOLENCE ON THE COUNTY. COMMISSIONER MCKEE ENCOURAGED INDIVIDUALS TO INFORM AUTHORITIES OF CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #04-06-2015 R1. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPROVAL OF REGULAR COMMISSION MINUTES MARCH 30, 2015**

**WARRANTS DATED APRIL 2, 2015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,447,907.84 WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

**TAX MATTERS: NONE**

**BUSINESS LICENSES: NONE**

**CEMETERY CERTIFICATES:** MICHAEL WILKINS  
DEVON SMUIN AND SUSAN SMUIN PURCHASED BLOCK 2, LOT 40 SPACES 1 AND 2 IN THE DRY FORK CEMETERY FOR THE SUM OF \$400.00.

RICHARD CURTIS AND HEATHER FAYE CURTIS PURCHASED LOT 588 SPACES 5 AND 6 IN THE MAESER FAIRVIEW CEMETERY FOR THE SUM OF \$600.00.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CEMETERY CERTIFICATES AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BID OPENING AND POSSIBLE AWARD:** KITCHEN SUPPLIES FOR THE CONVENTION CENTER  
MICHAEL WILKINS RECOMMENDED THE BID BE POSTPONED UNTIL OTHER ISSUES ARE SETTLED. THIS BID MAY NEED TO BE REDONE. THEY HAVE ALSO SPOKEN WITH DERK HATCH AND HE AGREES.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO DEFER THE BID OPENING UNTIL THE NEEDS CAN BE REVIEWED. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**DIVISION OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES:** REDFLEET ROTENONE TREATMENT INFORMATION – TRINA HEDRICK

THERE IS A PROBLEM WITH THE ILLEGAL INTRODUCTION AND ESCAPEMENT OF WALLEYE IN REDFLEET RESERVOIR. THEY ARE ACTIVELY WORKING ON THE RECOVERY OF FOUR ENDANGERED

FISHES IN THE GREEN RIVER. THIS HAS BEEN GOING WELL UNTIL THE INCREASE OF WALLEYE IN THE RIVER FROM REDFLEET AND STARVATION IN 2011 AND 2012. THE WALLEYE ARE TAKING PLACE OF THE PIKE MINNOW. ONE SOLUTION IS TO SCREEN THE RESERVOIRS SO THE WALLEYE CANNOT GO DOWNSTREAM. THIS IS BEING DONE ON STARVATION. THE STOCKING OF STERILE SPORTFISH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED BUT NOT IMPLEMENTED. BUT WILL BE A POSSIBILITY IN THE FUTURE FOR MAINTENANCE. ANOTHER SOLUTION WOULD BE TO USE A CHEMICAL CALLED ROTENONE TO KILL ALL THE FISH. THIS IS THE ONLY 100% EFFECTIVE WAY TO REMOVE ALL THE FISH. THIS OPTION IS ALSO A HOT TOPIC. THERE ARE VALID CONCERNS AND THE DWR IS TRYING TO DO OUTREACH TO ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS AND INFORM THE PUBLIC. THE BOR, BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, OWNS THE DAM AND IS THE DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY. REDFLEET IS ALSO A SECONDARY SOURCE FOR DRINKING WATER. IT IS USED AS SUCH EVERY YEAR. IT IS ALSO A UTAH STATE PARK WITH VARIABLE VISITATION NUMBERS. THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT IS DONE AND NOW BEING REVIEWED BY THE BOR. THIS SHOULD BE COMPLETE IN ABOUT A MONTH. REDFLEET WAS ORIGINALLY A TROUT FISHERY. LARGE MOUTH BASS, SMALL MOUTH BASS, BLUE GILL, AND WALLEYE ARE ALL ILLEGAL INTRODUCTIONS. THE DWR HAS ONLY EVER STOCKED RAINBOW TROUT. THE ANGLER COMMITTEE HAS BEEN MEETING MONTHLY. THEY HAVE HAD TO IDENTIFY WHICH SPECIES THE PUBLIC WANTS TO SEE THERE AS WELL AS THE VISION AND GOALS OF THE FISHERY. THEY ARE DEVELOPING A MANAGEMENT PLAN AND ADDRESSING CONCERNS. THE ROTENONE TREATMENT WILL NOT BE DONE UNTIL THE DRINKING WATER WITHDRAWALS ARE DONE FOR THE YEAR, WHICH IS TYPICALLY IN SEPTEMBER. THE STATE PARK VISITATION IS TYPICALLY LOW IN OCTOBER. THEREFORE, THE TREATMENT WILL BE DONE IN OCTOBER. THE LAKE WILL THEN BE RESTOCKED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THEY WILL STOCK TROUT IN NOVEMBER. THEY PLAN TO STOCK STERILE WALLEYE, YELLOW PERCH, BLACK CRAPPIE, MOUNTAIN WHITEFISH, FINGERLING WIPERS, TIGER TROUT, AND FATHEAD MINNOWS. BONYTAIL HAS BEEN SUGGESTED AS WELL AS LARGE MOUTH BASS. SAMPLES WILL BE TAKEN EVERY YEAR TO ASSESS THE SUCCESS. BONYTAIL IS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES AND WOULD BE A CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY AS AN EXPERIMENTAL SPORTFISH. THIS WOULD REQUIRE A LOT OF EXTRA WORK AND PUBLIC OUTREACH SO IT IS STILL QUESTIONABLE. LARGE MOUTH BASS IS STILL QUESTIONABLE AS THERE ARE A LOT OF OPTIONS FOR THESE FISH IN THE REGION. THE FOCUS IS TO MAKE IT AN UNIQUE FISHERY. THIS IS AN ADAPTIVE PROCESS. ADDITIONALLY, THE DWR MAY NEED TO DO SOME HABITAT WORK FOR THE BLACK CRAPPIE.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND ASKED ABOUT BROWN TROUT. TRINA REPLIED THEY WILL BE IN REDFLEET BECAUSE THEY ARE IN BRUSH CREEK BUT THEY WILL NOT BE STOCKED. THERE HAS BEEN A SUGGESTION OF CUTTHROAT TROUT. SHE SEES BIG PLANS FOR BRUSH CREEK IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS PROJECT.

ROTENONE WILL BE INTRODUCED TO THE LAKE AT ONE PART PER MILLION. THIS IS THE MINIMUM. THE COSTS WILL VARY DEPENDING ON THE AMOUNT OF WATER, FROM \$165,000.00 TO \$265,000.00. THIS COST INCLUDES ALL SAFETY MATERIALS, CHEMICALS AND PERSONNEL. THE RESERVOIR WILL BE CLOSED FOR TWO WEEKS. THE CAMPGROUND WILL BE OPEN BUT NO WATER CONTACT. THE OUTFLOWS WILL BE NEUTRALIZED WITH POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE. THIS SHOULD OXIDIZE THE ROTENONE FOR ABOUT HALF A MILE DEPENDING ON THE OUTFLOW. THEY PRESENTED ROTENONE SAFETY HANDOUTS. PUBLIC OUTREACH IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. A HUMAN WOULD HAVE TO CONSUME 40,000 GALLONS OF TREATED WATER IN 24 HOURS FOR THE DOSE TO BE FATAL. IT IS SAFE FOR MAMMALS, INCLUDING BIRDS, BUT NOT FOR GILL BREATHERS. THE EA, ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, SHOULD BE AVAILABLE SOON AND OPEN FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENTS FOR 30 DAYS. THERE WILL BE AN OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>. THEY WILL FINALIZE THE MANAGEMENT PLAN IN APRIL. THE DWR WILL HAVE A RAC MEETING IN MAY AND THE RDCC WILL FINALIZE THE EA IN JUNE. SOME OF THE FISH WILL BE STOCKED FROM OTHER WATERS IN THE STATE NOT JUST HATCHERIES. TREATMENT WILL BE OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup>. ABOUT 30% WILL RISE TO THE SURFACE AND WILL BE CLEANED UP OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup>. THEY WILL NEUTRALIZE OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> AND BEGIN RESTOCKING IN NOVEMBER. THEY WILL GET THE FISHERY BACK UP AND RUNNING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE THANKED HER FOR THE GREAT PRESENTATION. HE EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN THE MANAGEMENT PLAN WILL BE FINALIZED BEFORE THE RAC MEETING AND RDCC APPROVAL. TRINA ACKNOWLEDGED HIS CONCERNS. IT IS A PROCESS AND THE MANAGEMENT PLAN WILL BE OPEN FOR CHANGES THROUGH THE ENTIRE PROCESS. HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN WITH THE BONYTAIL. A SCREEN WILL ALSO BE PUT IN PLACE BECAUSE OF THE PREDATORS TO BE INTRODUCED SO THE BONYTAIL WOULD NOT EXTEND INTO THE GREEN RIVER. IT IS CONFUSING TO ANGLERS SO IT MAY NOT BE A POSSIBILITY TO STOCK BONYTAIL. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND INDICATED THERE IS CONCERN THAT THE AGRICULTURAL USES OF THE WATER WOULD BE DIMINISHED BECAUSE OF AN ENDANGERED SPECIES IN THE RESERVOIR. TRINA INDICATED IT WOULD BE AN EXPERIMENTAL POPULATION OF GENETICALLY IMPURE FISH SO THEY WOULD NOT BE A PART OF THE ENDANGERED MANAGEMENT PLAN OF THE SPECIES. THERE IS A RECOVERY PLAN FOR THE GREEN RIVER FISHES. THEY WOULD NOT BE A PART OF THAT PLAN.

GAWAIN SNOW, UINTAH WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT, EXPRESSED THE SAME CONCERNS. TRINA AND NATALIE, BOTH FROM THE DWR, ARE GREAT TO WORK WITH AND HE APPRECIATES THEIR TIME AND EFFORTS PUT INTO THIS PROJECT. THERE ARE CONCERNS THE WATER USAGE MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE INTRODUCTION OF THE BONYTAIL. COMMISSIONER STRINGER ASKED IF THEY KNOW THE FISH ARE GENETICALLY IMPURE. TRINA INDICATED IT TAKES TOO MUCH MONEY TO TEST THEM FOR VERIFICATION IN THE HATCHERIES. HOWEVER, ASSURANCES WOULD HAVE TO BE PROVIDED. THE BONYTAIL FISH MAY NOT BE A POSSIBILITY TO STOCK.

GAWAIN SNOW ALSO ASKED ABOUT REMOVING THE LIMITS ON THE FISH CURRENTLY IN REDFLEET. WALLEYE IS A MUST KILL AND HAS BEEN FOR YEARS. THE STATE WOULD NOT ALLOW THEM TO REMOVE BAG LIMITS BUT THEY DID DOUBLE THEM FOR THIS FISHERY. HOPEFULLY AFTER THE EA, THEY WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMOVE LIMITS FOR THE RESERVOIR.

THE ROTENONE TREATMENT WOULD NOT KILL ANY MUSSEL LARVAE THAT MAY BE PRESENT. THE AMOUNT NEEDED WOULD BE 15 TIMES WHAT THEY PLAN TO USE, WHICH IS BEYOND THE EPA LIMITS. BOATS NO LONGER HAVE TO BE DECONTAMINATED WHEN LEAVING REDFLEET. MUSSELS WERE DETECTED IN 2008 BUT HAVE NOT BEEN SO SINCE. ANGLERS WILL BE ABLE TO FISH FOR TROUT IN NOVEMBER WITH THE NORMAL FOUR FISH LIMIT. THIS IS NOT A PART OF THE CORE CONSERVATION FOR CUTTHROAT TROUT BUT COULD BE ADDRESSED IN THE FUTURE.

JC BREWER ASKED ABOUT HOW WALLEYE ARE STERILIZED AND WHERE. THERE ARE ABOUT A MILLION STERILE WALLEYE IN HATCHERIES. SOME ALREADY HAVE DESIGNATED LOCATIONS. THE PROCESS OCCURS IN EGG FORM. THEY ARE PRESSURE TREATED BY 10,000 POUNDS. EACH LOT IS TESTED AND TYPICALLY 90 TO 95% ARE STERILE. WE WILL REQUIRE 100%. FERTILE WALLEYE IS UNACCEPTABLE EVEN THOUGH THE RESERVOIR WILL BE SCREENED. ANGLERS HAVE INDICATED A DESIRE FOR WALLEYE AS THEY ARE CHALLENGING. THE WIPERS ARE MORE EASILY CAUGHT AND ARE GOOD MEAT. THEY WILL BE GOOD FOR FAMILY FISHING. THE WALLEYE WILL BE COMING FROM OTHER STATES.

MICHAEL WILKINS ASKED HOW ILLEGAL SPECIES COME TO BE IN THE WATERS AND HOW TO PREVENT THEM. SOME ARE BROUGHT IN IN LIVE WELLS OR BUCKETS. ANGLERS WANT A SPECIFIC FISH AND INTRODUCE THEM. THIS IS NOT GOOD FOR THE FISHERIES. THE DWR WILL BE INCREASING PUBLIC OUTREACH TO DETERMINE WHAT NEEDS OR WANTS AREN'T BEING MET SO THEY CAN BE ADDRESSED TO DECREASE THESE INVASIONS. SOMETIMES THERE ARE INVASIONS FROM PRIVATE PONDS UPSTREAM. THIS WILL REQUIRE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC OUTREACH AS WELL.

#### **MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT WITH TRI COUNTY HEALTH – JORDAN MATHIS**

THE TRI COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS A FULL SERVICE LEASE WITH THE COUNTY FOR THE BUILDING. THE DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY HAS SOME MAINTENANCE STAFF. AFTER EVALUATING THE LEASE AGREEMENT, THEY DETERMINED IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO HAVE CONSTANT STAFF FOR MAINTENANCE. THIS IS A ONE YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE OPTION FOR RENEWAL TO DETERMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS. THE COUNTY WILL PROVIDE PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR ON ALL ATTACHED EQUIPMENT. THE TRI COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL COMPENSATE

ACCORDING TO THE HOURLY RATE IN THE AGREEMENT. THIS RATE OF \$40 WAS CALCULATED BY AVERAGING THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES IN THE FACILITIES DEPARTMENT ACCORDING TO WAGES AND BENEFITS. THIS COULD SAVE A LOT OF MONEY FOR THE DEPARTMENT.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER ASKED IF THIS HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY THE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. IT HAS AS LOREN ANDERSON WROTE IT. THERE ARE A FEW TYPOS BUT THE AGREEMENT IS FINE.

CARLA WHITE ASKED IF THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE TO HIRE MORE STAFF. THEY WILL NOT, EXISTING STAFF IS SUFFICIENT.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONSIDERATION TO MODIFY MOU BETWEEN FOREST SERVICE AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

VANCE NORTON PRESENTED THE MOU FOR APPROVAL. THEY HAVE HAD THIS AGREEMENT FOR FOREST PATROL WITH THE FOREST SERVICE FOR MANY YEARS. THIS IS MERELY A MODIFICATION. THEY HAVE CHANGED THE SHERIFF TO VANCE NORTON AND THE ALLOCATION OF \$3000 HAS CHANGED TO TRAINING. THIS IS NOT ADDITIONAL FUNDING. FUNDS NOT USED CAN ALSO BE CARRIED OVER.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER ASKED WHAT KIND OF TRAINING THE OFFICERS WOULD BE GOING TO. VANCE REPLIED THEY WOULD LIKE TO DO AN ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING THAT WOULD PUT THEM IN A FOREST LIKE SITUATION AS WELL AS HUMAN TRACKING TRAINING. THEY WILL ALSO WORK WITH SEARCH AND RESCUE.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MODIFICATION AS PRESENTED AND AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: PUBLIC MEETING**

**SUBDIVISION AMENDMENT: CHAEL INC** – NAME CHANGE FOR YELLOW HILL NO 2 SUBDIVISION AND PLAT B YELLOW HILL ESTATES SUBDIVISION TO HIDDEN COVE, 1500 NORTH 4075 WEST, VERNAL; SERIAL NUMBERS 04:112:0301 THRU 0309; 04:112:0202 THRU 0210; AND 04:112:0213 THRU 0251.

THE NORTHERN 9 LOTS ARE YELLOW HILL 2 AND THE SOUTHERN LOTS ARE PLAT B. THE RESIDENTS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED AND HAVE NOT PROVIDED ANY COMMENTS. PLANNING COMMISSION HELD A PUBLIC HEARING AND DID NOT HEAR ANY COMMENTS. THEY WOULD LIKE TO CHANGE THE NAME TO HIDDEN COVE A AND B. THE PLATS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SIGNATURES AND THEN WILL BE RECORDED. BRENDA MCDONALD ASKED IF THE TWO LOTS WITHIN THIS PROPOSED AREA THAT ARE OWNED BY SOMEONE ELSE WERE INCLUDED IN THE NAME CHANGE. MATT INDICATED THEY WERE. STATE LAW ALLOWS THE COUNTY TO MAKE THIS AMENDMENT WITHOUT SIGNATURES BY ALL OWNERS SO LONG AS THE OWNERS WERE DULY NOTIFIED.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MOVED TO APPROVE THE SUBDIVISION AMENDMENT AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER STRINGER SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS: NONE**

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

JEREMY RAYMOND ASKED FOR A CONFERENCE CENTER UPDATE. COMMISSIONER MCKEE REPLIED. THERE HAS BEEN A DOWNTURN IN THE ECONOMY. THE COUNTY IS ALWAYS ON THE LOOK OUT FOR GREATER EFFICIENCY. IT WAS DETERMINED TO BE MORE COST EFFECTIVE TO UTILIZE THE MANAGEMENT AND STAFF AT THE WESTERN PARK. THE CONFERENCE CENTER WILL BE A GREAT FACILITY FOR LOCAL USE AS WELL AS OUT OF TOWN VISITATION. IT IS NECESSARY TO DECREASE COSTS IN ORDER FOR THE COMMUNITY TO UTILIZE THE FACILITY. THIS CONFERENCE CENTER WILL BE AN ENHANCEMENT TO THE WESTERN PARK FACILITY. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND AGREED. THE TERMINATION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH WESTERN STATES MANAGEMENT WAS AMICABLE. THEY

ARE WILLING TO TAKE IT ON IN THE FUTURE IF NEED BE AND WE ARE VERY APPRECIATIVE OF ALL THEY HAVE DONE.

COMMISSIONER STRINGER ADDED THE PUBLIC LANDS INITIATIVE IS STILL MOVING ALONG. THE COMMISSIONERS ARE ALWAYS REACHING OUT FOR INFORMATION AND COMMENTS AND WORKING TO INCORPORATE SUCH.

**ADJOURN:** MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:00 P.M.

  
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MICHAEL MCKEE, CHAIR

  
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MICHAEL W. WILKINS, CLERK-AUDITOR

