

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Daggett County Commission held on **Tuesday, October 1, 2019** in the Commission Chambers at the Daggett County Courthouse. Commissioners Randy Asay, Jack Lytle and Matt Tippetts were present. Clerk/Treasurer Brian Raymond was also present. The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Commissioner Asay.

Also present: John Foster and Bret Reynolds of CIVCO Engineering

Public hearing Comments: Commissioner Asay opened the public hearing for comments regarding the Trails. John Foster asked about the Trails Committee. Commissioner Tippetts said we have had pretty good participation so far and next month we will be accepting nominations for Chair, Vice Chair etc. We have had good support from Sunrise and CIVCO engineering and they will stay involved. It's not a county committee, but there is strong participation from the County and the municipalities. Bret Reynolds said they have been working on a Mission Statement. Commissioner Lytle said that the Commission is grateful to Seven County Infrastructure Coalition (SCIC), CIB and State Parks for the funding on that helps with the correlation and coordination with our neighbors. We need to have shared trails and not just special interest trails. This will be a big job to coordinate and consider all the competing interests. Bret brought out that one purpose of this plan is to provide information for the Forest Service as they go through the process of their new Forest Plan.

Commissioner Tippetts read the Mission Statement: "to enhance year-around, sustainable and connected multiple use trails and recreation opportunities through Daggett County through partnerships with public land entities and municipalities." Commissioner Asay asked about adding to the mission statement to merge the trails into Regional trails. This is why we've had the support of SCIC and Uintah County. There is a lot of interest from Vernal to open and re-open some of the trails. The Forest Service has lowered their staffing and they are no longer putting as much effort into maintaining the trails. Bret Reynolds mentioned that the Forest Service is going to a no net gain of trails so that when a new trail is created that an old trail has to be taken out of commission. This brought a very negative response from those in attendance. We need to attend the upcoming Forest Service Meetings to get the message across that this is unacceptable. There is a growing need for more trails, not just to keep them the same number.

Mr. Reynolds said the FLAP (Federal Lands Access Program) that only opens up every five years is now open. The Outdoor Recreation grants money could be the 6.77% match, so there are some ways to make it work. There are several projects that we would like to consider and there is Historical significance to the Carter Trail. Designation of 50" or less eliminates a large percentage of current OHV users. The BLM is going for it and the Forest Service is resisting as it gets to a point where a jeep or small car can go on it. It's a nationwide issue and there are more and more wide vehicles looking for places to go. The FLAP applications are due in January and there are four Road District Projects already slated to be applied for. The Sheep Creek Loop was a FLAP project. The reservoir to the Forest is a connection that will be applied for. It helps that its connecting two federal designations. The Trails Master Plan is a big statement showing local support and the ranking within it is also very helpful. Zip Lines could be useful in moving people around and John Foster said he would like to see one to Bare Top.

Commissioner Tippets asked to be excused. The purpose of the hearing is to get comments on putting the Master Plan into the General Plan. Point of Order by Bret Reynolds was brought out that he thought the hearing was advertised to be 6 to 8 pm. Mr. Raymond checked the Publication in the newspaper and on the County's website and both just stated the meeting started at 6pm. With no further comments, Commissioner Lytle motioned to adjourn and the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm. John Foster asked when it will be taken up to be put into the General Plan and the answer is as soon as possible.

s/ Brian Raymond
Clerk/Treasurer_Brian Raymond

/s/ Randy Asay
Commissioner Randy Asay

/s/ Jack Lytle
Commissioner Jack Lytle

/s/ Matt Tippets
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