MINUTES

Emery County Public Lands Council

July 7, 2020

Attending this meeting was: Board members: Rod Player, Ed Geary, Les Wilberg,
Commissioners: Kent Wilson, Lynn Sitterud, Gil Conover
Agencies: Larry Johasen, State Parks
Electronically:Bart Kettle, Joseph Rodarme, Steve Fluke, Leon McElprang, Chirs Wood, Julie Johansen, Laren Huntsman, Carolyn Phippen, Heath Hansen, Kim McFarlane, Kelsey Berg, Scott Wheeler, Clay Crozier, Larry Ellerston.

1. **Welcome:**

2. **Approval of minutes:** Kim McFarlane made a motion to approve the minutes of the June Public Lands meeting. The motion was seconded by Les Wilberg. The motion passed.

3. **Chairman Comments:** Rod Player stated there's a lot of opportunities for people to volunteer to help with our Public Lands. Contact the local agencies to see what they have.

4. **Commission Report on Emery Land Bill:** Commissioner Kent Wilson stated we have not heard anything new recently.

5. **Agency Reports and Council Member Comments:**
   A. Bureau of Land Management (BLM): Joseph Rodarme reported on the San Rafael Desert Project and the San Rafael Swell EA. Fossil Point EA was completed in May. Emery Telcom fiber optic line project has been approved. Preparing an EA that would authorize a campground near Goblin Valley. Preparing an EA at Millsite for 8 campground sites and a bathroom. Reported on mining projects.
   B. Division of Water Rights (DWRi):
   C. Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM): Bart Kettle talked about critical functions of the Oil and Gas Program. Travis Gray & Dale Gray are new inspectors for oil and gas. Reported on Crandall Canyon Mine, Deer

Creek, Walker Flat Coal Lease, and Hiawatha Culvert maintenance project.

D. Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR): Chris reported that Joe's Valley Boat Ramp will be closed July 14-16 to do the chip seal. Huntington Creek restoration this summer. Discussed deer management with SFW. Bison issue discussed and finalized plan. Have removed 11 bison on the Tavaputs, the meat is donated to the public. August 1-January 31 there is a public bison hunt, there is a course online you have to take before you can buy a permit.
E. School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA):
F. Manti-LaSal National Forest (MLNF):
G. Utah State Parks and Recreation: Larry Johansen reported record usage for our campgrounds and boating. Goblin conveyance is still moving forward.
H. Utah State Department of Agriculture:
I. Washington Delegation Staff: Kelsey Berg reported on meeting with the people from Silicone Slopes. She also reported PILT numbers came out and are a little lower than before. Larry Ellertson reported on the Great America Outdoor Act. Commissioner Kent Wilson stated to send anything you would have sent to Ray, send it to the commissioners.

6. **Additional Issues From Council Members:** Leon McElprang-Deer Creek Reclamation Project-grazing has been closed, will it be opened back up for grazing? Bart and Steve will find out and get back to him.

7. **Concerned Citizens with Emery County related issues:**

8. **Adjourn:**