MINUTES
Emery County Public Lands Council
August 4, 2020

PLC: Rod Player, Ed Geary, Les Wilberg,
PL STAFF: Commissioner Kent Wilson, Jim Jennings, Kassidee Greenan
PUBLIC: Larry Johasen (State Parks), Kevin (MLNF), Chris Nicholas (MLNF),
Visitors: Ray Peterson, Wayne Pahl, Kelsey Berg, Larry Ellerston
Electronically: Ben Grimes, Leon McElprang, Kim McFarlane, Carolyn Phippen, Chirs Wood, Julie Johansen, Dana Dean, Clay Crozier, Kendra H.

1. **Welcome:**

2. **Approval of minutes:** Minutes from the July meeting were approved by all board members present.

3. **Chairman Comments:** Rod Player stated they had a photo presentation of pictures of work that's been done on trails in July but due to technical issues it will be presented next meeting.

4. **Commission Report on Emery Land Bill:** Commissioner Kent Wilson stated the RAC committee had 5 of the 7 members approved. Once the 5 approved members get their letter from the Department of Interior, then advertise and plan for the first meeting and it will be about a 3 month process for that. There is another meeting going on right now with the BLM, the other commissioners, and others regarding the bison hunt.

5. **Agency Reports and Council Member Comments:**
    A. Bureau of Land Management (BLM): Updated on Desert Travel Management TMP, Lila Canyon, Water Rim, Jurassic Monument, Wild and Scenic River Plan. We are working on some conveyances, the Sheriff's office, City of Emery and Goblin Valley.
    B. Division of Water Rights (DWRi):
    C. Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM): Dana Dean reported on Crandall Canyon, Skyline Mine, Bear Canyon/Rhino, and Lila Canyon. We had a meeting for the BuckMaster Draw Project. Kendra H reported on Skyline Mine.

D. Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR): Chris: Updated on the bison hunt. Reported that the aquatics crew has been working on the lower San Rafael. A requisition has been signed to purchase a new boat dock for Joe's Valley.
E. School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA):
F. Manti-LaSal National Forest (MLNF):Chris Nichoals reported a massive influx of use on the mountains this year. We are looking at campground fee reconstruction. Kevin reported on timber sales.
G. Utah State Parks and Recreation: Larry Johansen reported that usage of State Parks is up this year. The EA comment period for Millsite Campground will close this week. NEPA at Goblin Valley is still going forward.
H. Utah State Department of Agriculture:
I. Washington Delegation Staff: Clay reported on the Great American Outdoor Act, the Dingle Act, and the Trust Act. Kelsey reported the president has signed the Great American Outdoor Act.

6. **Presentation from Senator Romney's Office for Ray Peterson:** Presented Ray Peterson with a congressional record to honor him for his service to Emery County Public Lands.

7. **Additional Issues from Council Members:** Introduced Jim Jennings as the new Public Lands Administrator.

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

9. **Adjournment.**