MINUTES
Emery County Public Lands Council
September 1, 2020

PLC: Rod Player, Ed Geary, Sherrel Ward, Wayne Pahl
PL STAFF: Commissioner Kent Wilson, Jim Jennings, Kassidee Greenan, Commissioner Gil Conover, Commissioner Lynn Sitterud
Visitors: Larry Johansen (State Parks), Ray Peterson, Kelsey Berg, Sheriff Funk, Clay Crozier
Electronically: Kim McFarlane, Chirs Wood, Julie Johansen, Dana Dean (DOGM), Ryan (SITLA), Jim (State Parks), JR Nelson.

1. **Welcome:**

2. **Approval of minutes:** Kim made a motion to approve the minutes. Ed seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. **Chairman Comments:** Rod suggested not to have a field trip this fall and just have a regular meeting. Board members agreed.

4. **Commission Report on Emery Land Bill:** Commissioner Kent Wilson the Department of Interior approved 5 of the names and they are advertising for the other 2 spots, tribal and environmental. We have started the Longstreet process that was discussed in the last meeting.

5. **Agency Reports and Council Member Comments:**
    A. Bureau of Land Management (BLM):
    B. Division of Water Rights (DWRi):
    C. Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM): Dana Dean reported Skyline is going forward. There was a fire over by the old Sunnyside mine and an old portal was ignited and is being analyzed. Signed requisition to start the BuckMaster Draw Project. Crandall Canyon working on the final reclamation plan, discussed having a campground in this canyon. Send OSM a letter about wanting to add a campground.
    D. Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR): Chris Wood: Reported the aquatics crew is busy doing projects around Emery County. We will be surveying Huntington Creek in mid September. We will be gill netting in October and the public is invited, at Electric Lake on the 6th and Joes Valley on the 8th,

Huntington Reservoir on the 14th, meeting at 830-9 those days. Reported on meat donation, deer management plans and the bison hunt.

E. School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA): Ryan reported the fall auction will be online this year. The Green River Industrial Lease expires December 31, if the county wants to extend this lease they will need to contact us. Reported on Cedar Flats Solar Lease and Emery County Land Exchange.
F. Manti-LaSal National Forest (MLNF):
G. Utah State Parks and Recreation: Jim reported that they were approved for funding for Behind the Butte Campground. Reported on Goblin Valley visitation and revenue.
H. Utah State Department of Agriculture:
I. Washington Delegation Staff: Clay reported they are still working on the bison issue and the Lands Bill implementation. Kelsey reported that they do have plans for some legislation this fall and will keep everyone updated as it comes.

6. **Additional Issues from Council Members:** Wayne: reported that the BLM released the San Rafael Travel Management Plan. Wayne stated he had some concerns with the San Rafael Travel Management Plan, in 2008 the BLM came out with a travel plan and closed some of the trails, so now in the plan these trails have been excluded because they have been rehabilitated, these trails have been rehabilitated because the public was asked not to go on them for 12 years. Just because there is not a track on the trail does not mean it doesn't have purpose. The Trails Committee decided in their meeting that they will draft a letter to send to the BLM with their concerns. Kim made a motion that the board draft a letter to the BLM regarding the concerns. Wayne seconded the motion. Motion passed. The commissioners will discuss how they want to move forward with their letter or appeal.
   Sherrel Ward reported that the Joe's Valley transfer should happen this month. Jay Mark Humphery has reported there's not enough water going into Joe's Valley for livestock and culinary. Reported on the precipitation levels and reservoir levels.

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

8. **Adjournment.**