MINUTES
Emery County Public Lands Council
February 2, 2020

PLC: Rod Player, Ed Geary, Leon McElprang,Wade Allinson, Les Wilberg
PL STAFF: Commissioner Kent Wilson, Jim Jennings, Commissioner Gil Conover, Commissioner Lynn Sitterud, Ray Petersen, Kassidee Greenan
Visitors: Larry Johansen (State Parks), Clay Crozier, Rowe Zwahlen, Sheriff Funk, Carl (BLM), Darren Olsen (MLNF)
Electronically: Kim McFarlane (PLC), JR Nelson (PLC), Laren Huntsman (PLC), ,Sherrel Ward (PLC), Ben Grimes (PLC), Julie Johansen, Dana (BLM), Bryan (SITLA), Larry Ellertson, Marc Stilson(DWRi) , Chris Conrad (BLM), Steve (DOGM), Carolyn Phippen, Mark Boshell

1. **Welcome**

2. **Approval of Minutes**
   Kim McFarlane made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Les Wilberg. Motion passed.

3. **Chairman Comments**
   No comments.

4. **Commission Report on Emery Land Bill**
   No comments.

5. **Agency Reports and Council Member Comments**
   - **Bureau of Land Management (BLM)**

   Carl reported on the wild horse and burro herd case south of I70. Dana reported they are focusing on campground and signage. Jurassic National Monument is planned to open March 5. Good Water Rim Trail has been approved but SUWA appealed, so we are in the initial stages of that. Chris Conrad reported that the administration is restricting hiring of grade 13 and above. Putting a pause on federal register notices. Travel management meetings this week for scoping of the San Rafael Swell Travel Management Plan. Dingel Act items are still moving forward. RAC meeting on February 17. We have completed all mineral reports for the 5 conveyances.

   - **Division of Water Rights (DWRi)**

   Marc reported there has been an application for down by I70. Reported there's a new Commissioner for the upper Colorado River Commission representing Utah. There's a resolution to make releases from Flaming Gorge Reservoir that won't harm the users downstream. Distribution meetings next week for Cottonwood and Huntington Creek.

   - **Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM)**

Steve reported they are moving into the second phase of the Buckmaster Project. Oil & Gas: The helium project is moving forward. Coal: Still working on 6 permit transfers. Crandall Canyon reclamation is currently in review.

- **Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR)**

Chris reported that they harvested 5-10 additional bison before the hunt ended, there were about 90 bison harvested during this hunt. Removed turkeys and relocated them. Big game recommendations are due in the next couple months. Big game applications are open now until March 4.

- **School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA).**

Bryan reported there's a solar lease application being reviewed. Nielsen Construction has filed for a permit for a gravel permit in Huntington Canyon.

- **Manti-LaSal National Forest (MLNF)**

Darren Olsen reported logging activity has continued. Reported on North End Range improvement project. Reported they are trying to get the rac board up and running again. The Great American Outdoor Act has helped fund projects, projects we hope to work on this year are Joe's Valley repaving and maintenance on the campground, forest road and trail signage, forest wide picnic table replacement. We will need a ROS for winter use.

- **Utah State Parks and Recreation**

Larry Johansen reported they are starting to hire. Groomed North Skyline last night. Brooke is the new officer at Goblin Valley. Brooke reported that we've had a huge increase in visitation this winter.

- **Utah State Department of Agriculture**

No comments.

- **Washington Delegation Staff**

Carolyn reported on the public lands policy. Larry reported on Bears Ears National Monument and climate change. Clay reported on the Senate At Large.

6. **Additional Issues From Council Member**

Sherrel reported we have enough carry over in Joe's Valley. Snow water is not good.

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

None.

8. **Adjourn**