

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING OF THE UINTAH COUNTY COMMISSION DECEMBER 30, 2013 IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS OF THE COUNTY BUILDING AT 147 EAST MAIN, VERNAL, UTAH. MEETING COMMENCED AT 11:00 AM.**

**PARTICIPANTS:** COMMISSION CHAIR MARK RAYMOND AND COMMISSIONERS DARLENE BURNS AND MICHAEL MCKEE.

**ATTENDANCE:** ED ZURBUCHEN, CHERYL STOCKS, MICHAEL WILKINS, BILL STRINGER, JC BREWER, WENDI LONG, ALLEN BENNION, ANITA NOKES, MARY BERNARD, BARBARA SIMPER, TAMMIE LUCERO, JEFF GOODRICH, DIANE COLTHARP, BEN JENNE, LEON BATANIAN, JON STEARMER, AND JAY HASLEM.

**MINUTES RECORDED BY TAI BRUCKNER, DEPUTY CLERK-AUDITOR.**

**PRAYER:** WENDI LONG

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** MICHAEL WILKINS

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING DECEMBER 23, 2013 WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

**APPROVAL OF WARRANTS DATED DECEMBER 26, 2013 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$784,134.10 WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.**

**TAX MATTERS:** BARBARA SIMPER

THE COUNTY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE REQUESTED AN ADDITION OF ESCAPED TAXES FOR SERIAL NUMBER 15:005:0015 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,923.99. THE HOME WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 2011 BUT THE VALUE WAS NOT ENTERED ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR 2012 AND 2013.

BARBARA ALSO REQUESTED AN ADDITION OF ESCAPED PROPERTY TAXES FOR SERIAL NUMBER 03:099:0001 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$711.44. AN AGRICULTURAL BUILDING WAS BUILT IN 2011 THAT ESCAPED VALUATION AS A BUILDING PERMIT WAS NOT REQUIRED.

COMMISSIONER BURNS MOVED TO APPROVE THE ESCAPED PROPERTY TAXES ON BOTH PARCELS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MCKEE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**TAX MATTERS:** MICHAEL WILKINS

THE CLERK-AUDITOR'S OFFICE REQUESTED AN ADJUSTMENT OF 2011 TAXES FOR SERIAL NUMBERS 04:076:0303 AND 04:076:0304 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$126.52 AS PER STATE APPEAL 11-3123.

COMMISSIONER BURNS MOVED TO APPROVE THE STATE APPEAL ADJUSTMENT AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MCKEE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

NAPLES CITY REQUESTED AN ABATEMENT OF 2013 TAXES FOR SERIAL NUMBER 05:132:0144 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,104.26. NAPLES PURCHASED THE PROPERTY OVER A YEAR AGO AND WILL BE MOVED TO TAX DISTRICT 95.

THE COUNTY PURCHASED THREE PARCELS NEAR THE WESTERN PARK AND IS REQUESTING THE COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE TAXES BE ABATED AND THE PARCELS MOVED TO TAX DISTRICT 98. SERIAL NUMBER 05:030:0036 SHOULD HAVE \$1,086.07 ABATED; SERIAL NUMBER 05:030:0042 \$73.79 AND SERIAL NUMBER 05:030:0046 \$110.70 FOR A TOTAL OF \$1,270.56.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE TAX ABATEMENTS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER BURNS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BUSINESS LICENSES:** NONE

**CEMETERY CERTIFICATES: NONE**

**CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN SALES AGREEMENT: TO REVISE COUNTY WEBSITE - ANITA NOKES**

THE COUNTY WEBSITE WAS DESIGNED IN 2003 BY A LOCAL INDIVIDUAL AND HAS SERVED ITS PURPOSE. HOWEVER, THINGS HAVE CHANGED AND THE WEBSITE NO LONGER MEETS CERTAIN SPECIFICATIONS, FOR EXAMPLE, IT DOES NOT WORK WITH AN IPHONE. THERE ARE MORE THAN 300 SUBSCRIBERS FROM THE RECORDER'S OFFICE THAT HIT THE WEBSITE DAILY AND ALL DAY LONG. ANITA HAS REVIEWED OTHER COUNTY WEBPAGES AND CONTACTED THREE COMPANIES. THIS IS THE LEAST EXPENSIVE QUOTE THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS. THEY WILL ALLOW US TO KEEP THE SITE LOCALLY. THE QUOTE ALSO INCLUDES A \$2,400.00 ANNUAL MAINTENANCE COST. ANOTHER COMPANY PROVIDED A QUOTE AROUND \$25,000.00 AND THE OTHER WAS OVER \$80,000.00. THE NEW WEBSITE WILL ALSO ALLOW THE INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT TO UPDATE THEIR OWN PAGES ON THE COUNTY SITE. WE WILL, OF COURSE, HAVE OTHER WEBSITE LINKED AS WELL, LIKE TRAVEL AND TOURISM AND THE LIBRARY.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND MENTIONED THIS QUOTE IS UNDER THE \$25,000.00 REQUIREMENT FOR A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL BUT HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE QUOTES FROM ANY LOCAL COMPANIES. THIS QUOTE EXPIRES JANUARY 4<sup>TH</sup> BUT ANITA WILL REQUEST AN EXTENSION.

JON STEARMER NOTED THE CONTRACT WILL HAVE TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS FOR SIGNATURES; THE OPTIONS CAN BE DONE ADMINISTRATIVELY.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: PUBLIC MEETING**

**REZONE:**

**1. UINTAH COUNTY – REZONE SITLA (STATE INSTITUTIONAL TRUST LAND ADMINISTRATION) PROPERTY AT SECTION 16, RANGE 22 EAST, TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH, UINTAH COUNTY, FROM MG-1 MINING AND GRAZING TO I-1 INDUSTRIAL.**

THIS PROPERTY IS 640 ACRES. THIS PROPERTY IS NEXT TO THE LANDFILL AND CURRENTLY UNDER SITLA MANAGEMENT. THE PROPERTY TO THE WEST IS BLM AND THE BUCKSKIN HILLS RECREATIONAL COMPLEX. THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP INDICATES MG-1. WHEN THE LAND USE MAP WAS DEVELOPED IT DID NOT LOOK CLOSELY AT THE STATE OWNED PROPERTIES AS THE COUNTY HAS LITTLE SAY OVER THEIR USE. THE LANDFILL IS ZONED I-2, INDUSTRIAL. THE PLANNING COMMISSION HELD A PUBLIC MEETING AND HEARD COMMENT FROM ONE NEIGHBORING PROPERTY USER. HE WANTED TO ENSURE HIS ACCESS TO A PROPERTY TO THE SOUTH IS NOT HINDERED. IT WAS DETERMINED IT WOULD NOT BE. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVING THE REZONE TO I-1.

COMMISSIONER BURNS MOVED TO APPROVE THE REZONE FROM MG-1 TO I-1 AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER MCKEE SECONDED.

JC BREWER ASKED WHY THE COUNTY WAS REQUESTING A SITLA PROPERTY BE REZONED AND WHAT WAS IN THE WORKS TO JUSTIFY A SPOT ZONE OF A SECTION OF SITLA PROPERTY NEAR A RECREATIONAL USE.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE REPLIED THE COUNTY HAS MADE APPLICATION TO OBTAIN THIS SECTION IN ANTICIPATION OF TURNING THIS AREA INTO A MANUFACTURING BUSINESS TYPE AREA. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND ADDED THE INDUSTRIAL PARK IS VERY SUCCESSFUL IN CREATING AN INDUSTRIAL AREA FOR OIL AND GAS COMPANIES. THIS WOULD BE SIMILAR BUT FOR LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES. THIS DEVELOPMENT WILL BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE COUNTY SUPPLYING NUMEROUS JOBS.

ED ZURBUCHEN ASKED HOW MUCH THE COUNTY WOULD BE PAYING FOR THIS LAND. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND REPLIED THE AMOUNT IS DETERMINED BY SITLA AFTER THEY DO AN APPRAISAL AND THE COUNTY WOULD PAY THAT AMOUNT.

JC BREWER ALSO QUESTIONED THE AREA IN GENERAL, THE ACCESS TO THIS PROPERTY IS THROUGH RESIDENTIAL AREAS. COMMISSIONER MCKEE AGREED BUT HE FEELS THIS IS A POSITIVE NOTE. THERE WILL BE IMPACTS NO MATTER WHERE IT IS LOCATED HOWEVER HE FEELS THIS IS A GREAT LOCATION WITH MINIMAL IMPACT ON INFRASTRUCTURE.

JC BREWER ALSO EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN THE COUNTY IS BUYING PROPERTY FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES WHERE THERE MAY BE OTHER PROPERTY FOR SALE WITH THE CORRECT ZONING. THE COMPANY IS LOOKING FOR 300 ACRES. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR UTAH COUNTY TO BRING IN OTHER TYPES OF JOBS FOR MORE STABILITY. IT IS A COMPETITIVE WORLD AND THIS COMPANY WOULD LIKE TO LOCATE HERE. THIS IS AN ADDITIONAL INCENTIVE.

JC BREWER ALSO ASKED WHAT TYPE OF INDUSTRY WILL BE COMING WITH THIS BUSINESS. IT IS A COMPANY THAT MANUFACTURES GREENHOUSES. THIS DOESN'T REALLY FIT IN WITH THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY ALONG HIGHWAY 40. JC BREWER IS CONCERNED THE EFFECT THIS WILL HAVE ON THE RECREATIONAL AREA.

LEON BATANIAN ALSO QUESTIONED WHY THE COUNTY WOULD BE IN REAL ESTATE BUSINESS, THE COMPANY IN QUESTION SHOULD BE DOING THIS ON THEIR OWN. COMMISSIONER MCKEE REPLIED THEY ARE DISCUSSING CREATING A CDA IN THIS AREA. THE COUNTY WOULD CONTINUE TO OBTAIN TAXES BUT SOME WOULD BE DEFERRED FOR A PERIOD OF TIME.

COMMISSIONER RAYMOND CALLED FOR A VOTE. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**2. RICHARD MESSER** – REZONE PROPERTY AT 4962 SOUTH HIGHWAY 88 AND 16313 EAST 5000 SOUTH, AVALON, UTAH; SERIAL NUMBERS 08:0008:0011 AND 08:008:0009 FROM A-1 AGRICULTURAL TO I-1 INDUSTRIAL.

THESE TWO PROPERTIES ARE 26 ACRES. THE FUTURE LAND USE INDICATES THE SMALL PARCEL INDUSTRIAL AND THE LARGE OFF HIGHWAY 88 AS AGRICULTURAL. THIS IS NORTH OF THE REZONE APPROVED A YEAR OR SO AGO AND THE REZONE COMPLETED A FEW WEEKS AGO. THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP LINES WERE NOT MEANT TO BE FIXED THEY ARE IN GENERAL. PLANNING COMMISSION HELD A PUBLIC MEETING AND HEARD NO COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDED APPROVAL.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO REZONE FROM A-1 TO I-1 AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER BURNS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**CONDITIONAL USE:**

**3. MIKE KENDALL** - CUP FOR GRAVEL PIT AND CRUSHER ON PROPERTY AT 4000 EAST 7000 SOUTH RIVERDALE CANAL ROAD INDEPENDENCE, UTAH; SERIAL NUMBER 15:019:0001.

THIS PROPERTY IS 644 ACRES AND ZONED A-1. THE BALLARD CITY BOUNDARY IS A FEW MILES TO THE NORTH. THEY ARE REQUESTING FOURTEEN ACRES IN THE NORTH WEST CORNER FOR THE GRAVEL PIT. THE CLOSEST HOME IS ABOUT TWO MILES TO THE SOUTH. THERE ARE SEVERAL CLASS D ROADS THAT CONNECT TO PAVED COUNTY ROADS. THEY ARE UNSURE WHICH ROUTE WILL BE USED FOR ACCESS.

JON STEARMER ASKED IF THE INDIVIDUAL WAS AWARE THEY WOULD NEED A ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT IF THEY PLAN TO UPGRADE OR MAINTAIN ANY CLASS D ROADS THEY WILL BE USING.

PLANNING COMMISSION DID NOT HEAR ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS. THEY RECOMMENDED APPROVAL WITH THE CONDITIONS THE PERMIT IS FOR THE OUTLINES FOURTEEN ACRES, A RECLAMATION BOND MUST BE IN PLACE, A DUST CONTROL PLAN MUST BE APPROVED AND FOLLOWED, THEY MUST FOLLOW ALL STATE AND COUNTY REGULATIONS IN REGARDS TO GRAVEL PITS, AND HOURS OF OPERATION ARE DUSK TO DAWN.

COMMISSIONER BURNS WOULD LIKE TO SEE A SITE PLAN IN PLACE SHOWING WHICH ACCESS THEY PLAN TO USE.

COMMISSIONER BURNS MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT WITH THE CONDITIONS AS PRESENTED WITH THE ADDITION THAT FURTHER INFORMATION BE PROVIDED REGARDING ACCESS WITH APPLICATION TO PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT. COMMISSIONER MCKEE SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**4. STRATA NETWORKS** – CUP FOR A COMMUNICATION TOWER ON PROPERTY OWNED BY SBO LLC LOCATED AT 1420 SOUTH 2350 WEST, VERNAL; SERIAL NUMBER 05:077:0030 AND 05:077:0031. THIS PROPERTY IS SIX ACRES, ZONED C-1. THIS IS THE OLD SUNDANCE RV PROPERTY. THE TOWER IS 100 FEET TALL, IS A MONOPOLE, WITH EQUIPMENT SHEDS AT THE BASE. COMMISSIONER MCKEE ASKED IF THE HEIGHT WILL WORK WITH THE AIRPORT REQUIREMENTS AND THEY HAVE PROVIDED FAA APPROVAL. THE TOWER WILL BE IN THE NORTH EAST CORNER BY THE RETENTION POND. PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDED APPROVAL BUT DID NOT HEAR ANY PUBLIC COMMENTS AT THE SEVERAL MEETINGS THAT WERE HELD BECAUSE IT WAS TABLED SEVERAL TIMES. THE APPROVAL CAME WITH CONDITIONS TO FOLLOW ALL FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY REGULATIONS WITH REGARDS TO COMMUNICATION TOWERS.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMUNICATION TOWER CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT WITH THE RECOMMENDED CONDITIONS AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER BURNS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**NONCOMPLIANT BUILDINGS:**

**5. BUILDING DEPARTMENT-** REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION TO RECORD A CERTIFICATE OF NONCOMPLIANT BUILDING OR STRUCTURE ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 661 NORTH 5750 EAST, FT DUCHESNE, UTAH, SERIAL NUMBER 14:016:0084. THIS PROPERTY IS NORTH OF EAGLE VIEW ELEMENTARY ON THE WHITEROCKS HIGHWAY. THE PROPERTY WAS RENTED OUT. THE ROOF CAME OFF AND THE RENTERS REATTACHED IT. THE WAY IT WAS REATTACHED WILL NOT MEET REQUIREMENTS AND THEREFORE THE DAMAGE CAUSED COULD COMPROMISE THE INTEGRITY OF THE ROOF. THE TENANTS AS WELL AS THE OWNERS HAVE BEEN INFORMED. SINCE, THE TENANTS HAVE MOVED OUT. THE OWNERS ARE LOOKING INTO REPAIRING THE PROPERTY. THIS CERTIFICATE WILL INFORM ANY FUTURE BUYERS THAT THERE IS AN ISSUE THAT WILL HAVE TO BE RESOLVED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE RECORDING OF THE CERTIFICATE AS PRESENTED. COMMISSIONER BURNS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RECONSIDERATION OF OIL AND GAS LEASES FROM THE DECEMBER OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE**  
JON STEARMER LED THIS DISCUSSION. THE DISPOSITION DONE ON DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> LED TO SOME QUESTIONS REGARDING THE RESPONSIVENESS OF SEVERAL BIDS. ONE OF THE BIDS WAS AWARDED TO BILL BARRETT AND THAT IS NOT IN QUESTION TODAY. INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM PROVIDED SOME DOCUMENTATION BEFORE THE DEADLINE BUT IT DID NOT QUITE COMPLY WITH THE ORDINANCE. THAMES RIVER PROVIDED DOCUMENTATION BY THE DEADLINE BUT THE ROYALTY RATES WERE QUESTIONABLE. SOME EVALUATIONS WERE DONE. THE COMMISSIONERS ARE BEING ASKED TO RECONSIDER THE DENIAL OF THE BIDS AND AWARD THE BID FOR TOWNSHIP 4 SOUTH RANGE 1 WEST, USM SECTION 3 TO INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM; TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH RANGE 2 EAST, USM SECTION 31 TO THAMES RIVER LLC; AND TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH RANGE 1 EAST USM SECTION 5 TO THAMES RIVER LLC.

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO AWARD THE BIDS AS PRESENTED TO INTERNATIONAL PETROLEUM AND THAMES RIVER LLC WHILE THE AWARD TO BILL BARRETT REMAIN UNAFFECTED AND AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES. COMMISSIONER BURNS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**APPOINT 2014 COMMISSION CHAIR – MICHAEL MCKEE**

COMMISSIONER BURNS MOVED TO APPOINT COMMISSIONER MCKEE AS THE 2014 COMMISSION CHAIR. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**REAPPOINT MUNICIPAL BUILDING AUTHORITY CHAIR – DARLENE BURNS, CHAIR, MARK RAYMOND, SECRETARY**

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO APPOINT DARLENE BURNS AS THE MBA CHAIR AND COMMISSIONER RAYMOND AS THE MBA SECRETARY FOR 2014. COMMISSIONER RAYMOND SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RESOLUTION #12-30-2013 R1: 2013 BUDGET INCREASE**

MICHAEL WILKINS THERE ARE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS THAT NEED BUDGETS FIXED BEFORE THE YEAR END.

The following are the budgets that need to be increased and source of revenue to cover the increase.

*Fund 10 General Fund*

Commission	\$15,000.
Justice Court	\$6,000.
Public Defender	\$20,000.
Personnel Director	\$5,000.
Attorney	\$20,000.
Surveyor	\$10,000.
General Misc.	\$400,000.
Building & Grounds	\$30,000.
Property Maint. & Surplus	\$1,000.
Emergency Services	\$5,000.
Children's Justice Center	\$5,000.
Road Department	\$100,000.
Airport M & O	\$125,000.
Cemetery Funds	\$100,000.
Ag Extension Services	\$10,000.
Associations	\$5,000.
General Fund Transfers	\$1,000,000.
Road Cut Permits	(\$12,000.)
AGRC Grant	(\$10,000.)
Recording Fees	(\$50,000.)
State Jail Reimbursement	(\$60,000.)
Fund Balance	(\$1,725,000.)

*Fund 11 Municipal Service Fund*

Community Development	\$40,000.
Building Permits	(\$40,000.)

*Fund 21 Health Department*

Administration	\$500,000
Environmental Health	\$100,000
Nursing	(\$500,000.)
Dental Clinic	(\$25,000.)
Health Education	\$100,000.
Food Sanitation Services	(\$25,000.)
Wastewater	(\$25,000.)
Oil Field Inspection	(\$20,000.)
Tobacco Prevention	(\$55,000.)
Tobacco Tax	(\$30,000.)
Use of Fund Balance	(\$20,000.)

*Fund 23 Food Service Tax*

Food Service Tax	\$50,000.
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Food Service Tax	(\$50,000.)
<i>Fund 43 Municipal Building Authority</i>	
Municipal Building Authority	\$815,000.
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<i>Fund 55 Western Park</i>	
Western Park	\$80,000.
Ice Rink	\$40,000.
Western Park	(\$120,000.)
<i>Fund 72 Library Board Fund</i>	
Library Board Fund	\$30,000.
Library Board Fund	(\$30,000.)
<i>Fund 73 Tax Stability Trust</i>	
Tax Stability Trust	\$110,000.
Tax Stability Trust	(\$110,000.)
<i>Fund 77 Dry Fork Cemetery</i>	
Dry Fork Cemetery	\$1,500.
Dry Fork Cemetery	(\$1,500.)
<i>Fund 78 Gusher Cemetery</i>	
Gusher Cemetery	\$1,500.
Gusher Cemetery	(\$1,500.)
<i>Fund 81 Lapoint Cemetery</i>	
Lapoint Cemetery	\$5,000.
Lapoint Cemetery	(\$5,000.)
<i>Fund 86 Cemetery Association</i>	
Cemetery Association	\$200,000.
Cemetery Association	(\$200,000.)

COMMISSIONER MCKEE MOVED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION #12-30-2013 R1. COMMISSIONER BURNS SECONDED. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**MISCELLANEOUS: BLM UPDATES - BILL STRINGER**

THE BLM HAS BEEN VERY BUSY IN TERMS OF OIL AND GAS PERMITTING. THEY HAVE DONE OVER 1200 APPLICATIONS PROCESSED AND ABOUT 1200 PENDING WITH 1000 MORE COMING IN EVERY YEAR. THE GREATER MONUMENT BUTTE IMPACT STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. THE MYTON BENCH AREA NEWFIELD REQUEST IS ONGOING. MANY OF THE REQUESTED WELLS FROM NEWFIELD THEY DROPPED WERE DEEP GAS. PUBLIC MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN SALT LAKE, ROOSEVELT, AND VERNAL DURING THE WEEK OF JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup> DURING THE DAY. THESE DOCUMENTS ARE NOT BEING DONE WITH THE TRADITIONALLY BLM METHOD. NOW THEY ARE WRITTEN WITH ALL THE COOPERATORS AND INVOLVED OFFICES THROUGHOUT EVERY STEP. THIS IS A MUCH FASTER PROCESS. THE GREATER CHEPETA WELLS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT IS IN THE PROCESS. THE NEW SECRETARY IS A BIG PROPONENT OF OFFSITE MITIGATION, THEREFORE FUTURE DOCUMENTS WILL CONTAIN AN ASSESSMENT OF IMPACTS AND WHAT WILL BE DONE LOOKING OUTSIDE THE PROJECT AREA AS WELL.

IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM COMMISSIONER MCKEE, THE CHEPETA WELLS HAS BEEN ADJUSTED TO 2500 LOCATIONS CONTAINING SEVERAL THOUSAND WELLS. THE BLM WILL NOW BE WORKING MORE CLOSELY WITH THE AIR QUALITY OFFICE IN DENVER THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PROCESS. THIS WILL INCREASE THE GRADE LEVEL OF THE DOCUMENTS. PROPOSING COMPANIES ARE ENCOURAGED TO ASK FOR WHAT THEY REALLY THINK THEY NEED AND THIS IS WHY NEWFIELD ADJUSTED THEIR REQUEST REDUCING THE NUMBER OF DEEP GAS WELLS.

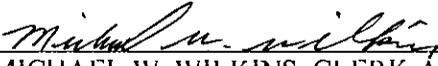
JC BREWER EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION THAT THE BLM WILL BE WORKING WITH OFFSITE MITIGATION. BILL ALSO NOTED THIS TYPE OF MITIGATION SHOULD WORK BETTER. THE MITIGATION

THAT WILL BE ALLOWED FOR THESE PROJECTS WILL HAVE TO BE MORE CLOSELY RELATED TO THE DAMAGE DONE BY THE PROJECT, IT WILL MEAN SOMETHING.

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS: NONE**

**ADJOURN: MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:20 PM.**

  
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MARK D. RAYMOND, CHAIR

  
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MICHAEL W. WILKINS, CLERK-AUDITOR