



# Kane County Public Lands Department

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## Interagency Meeting

### MINUTES

February 21, 2023

9:00 AM

Kane County Commission Chambers

**Attending:** Clayton Cutler, Kelly Stowell, Byard Kershaw, Bart Battista, Mike Noel, Alan Bate, Spencer Rollo, Commissioner Heaton, Commissioner Meyeres, Lance Jackson, Andy Gant, Hayden Ballard.  
**Phone:** Tony Wright. **Absent:** Jeff Stott.

**Call to order:** Kelly Stowell  
**Invocation:** Lance Jackson  
**Pledge of Allegiance:** Kelly Stowell

-Whit Bunting, BLM KFO: He gave an update on the Adam Wash gravel pit. It has finally been permitted for use. It will be a good source for the County. As soon as conditions are favorable the BLM will be going to get it ready to go. The County has been waiting to use that for a while and Whit spoke to how he was glad they were able make that possible for access and use. Mike asked how, and if the Kane County Water Conservancy District could use that gravel pit. They will follow up on that and let Mike know if it is available for use to the District.

Next he gave an update on the travel management plans: There are two EA's out for the Trail Canyon and the Paunsagunt units. Under the new Administration they have been directed to wait until the new memorandum has been issued until they move forward with any final decision. There are a few spur roads the BLM will be issuing temporary closures for. The BLM has met with the County and have discussed in detail the specifics and the potential effects of the closures. The County is aware of the temporary closures and the roads affected. A follow up on the mastication project in Rosie Canyon will be starting soon to clear some of the P&J.

The benefits of these projects are to the wildlife and water in that area are great and was discussed in further detail.

-Alan Bate, BLM KFO: Update on the Tilted Mesa mountain bike trail. Dan Gunn from the BLM has been working mostly on that and they are nearly finished. A lot of volunteer hours and they have contracted a crew from ACE. It will be a great benefit to the area. They are also working to get some toilets for visitors to mitigate trash and waste.

Update on the Peekaboo Parking lot; it is moving forward with the help of grant funding. The Ponderosa campground will now be on the rec.gov website for reservations. It is anticipated to help streamline some of the reservations and payments to the public. Dan Gunn will be reviewing it before going live that is anticipated soon. Commissioner Meyeres asked for an update on the Buckskin Gulch and Wire Pass trailheads. Mainly about the transition to an online payment and application process. Alan said that those are on the rec.gov website and so far it is going well. They will be doing more work to other trailheads pending more funding.

Byard asked about any updates on the Alton Coal progress on their permits. Commissioner Heaton mentioned that he had talked to Greg Sheehan the State Director of the BLM. The big issue was that the Alton Coal had not got their applications done in time. They have finally got the applications in last month and is a 6-18 month process. The State is working to expedite that application project. The current projection is that they will run out of coal by the time the permits are completed.

-Spencer Rollo, Cedar Mountain Fire: Update on the bull hog treatment in Deer Springs and that project is now done. Currently they are waiting for the snow to melt before they do more projects for the County. They are working out in East Zion and have a good working relationship with a lot of the landowners. There are some good projects that they hope to start and finish up this year. They are waiting for the legislation process to be finished up to see if they can obtain any more money. They will be re-visiting the Bryce Woodlands project as well.

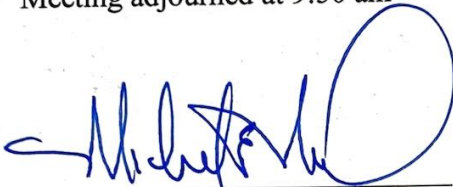
-Hayden Ballard, PLPCO: He updated the group about the Monument Planning from the BLM. The next cooperating meeting will be held tomorrow at the field office in Kanab. PLPCO has met with the Farm Bureau and let them know about the grazing allotment planning and the retirement of grazing permits and allotments. Overall, the Farm Bureau has been unaware of the issues with grazing on the Monument. So the Farm Bureau is involved and wants to help put a stop to that. There was a lot of discussion on how to be involved in the process. Mike made mention that some of the owners of these allotments have been offered thousands of dollars for these grazing permits. Hayden asked if there is any record of these offers in writing that the County could get their hands on. He then asked if there was record, maybe these people would be willing to coordinate with the County.

-Mike made a motion that the Resource Committee makes a motion to write a letter to recommend to the County Commission to oppose the buyouts of these allotments. Byard seconded the motion to write a letter. The motion passed.

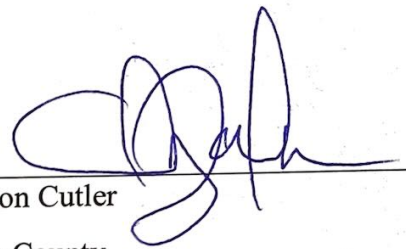
Clayton gave a short update on the Robinson Canyon road. It is currently in the Forest Service hands to get back to the County as they wait for their new NEPA specialist to begin action on the road.

Mike made a motion to adjourn, Kelly seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am

  
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Kelly Stowell

Resource Committee Chair

  
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Clayton Cutler  
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