

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
September 14, 2010**

The September 14, 2010 Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners meeting was held in the Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners' boardroom in the Gunnison County Courthouse located at 200 E. Virginia, Gunnison, Colorado. Present were:

Jim Starr, Chairperson  
Hap Channell, Vice-Chairperson  
Paula Swenson, Commissioner

Matthew Birnie, County Manager - ABSENT  
Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board  
Others Present as Listed in Text

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairperson Starr called the meeting to order at 11:19 am.

**POWDERHORN AND WEST ELKS WILDERNESS ADDITION LEGISLATION; REQUEST FOR SUPPORT:** National Park Service Deputy Superintendent Dave Roberts and Congresswoman Diana DeGette representative Jamie Lockhart (via telephone) were present for discussion.

Commissioner Swenson expressed concern about the progress of this request since it originated from Congresswoman DeGette, who is outside of Gunnison County's district. She also felt that support would be premature since there had not been enough local conversations to date.

Commissioner Channell read his proposed correspondence to the audience and to the Board.

Chairperson Starr felt that it was important that there had not been any opposition to the two areas outlined in the letter. He noted that other issues remained, such as road setbacks, but Mr. Lockhart felt that these types of issues would be handled without problem.

Mr. Lockhart stated that representatives from the Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Forest Service and Park Service have been in discussions with Congresswoman DeGette on this issue for quite some time. He noted that some Bureau of Reclamation issues needed to be considered. He also confirmed that the boundaries had been finalized and that the unresolved setback issues would not affect the boundaries.

Modifications to the draft correspondence were discussed and agreed upon. **Moved** by Commissioner Channell, seconded by Commissioner Swenson to adopt the draft letter, as amended, and authorize signatures, and that we send a copy forthwith to Congresswoman Diana DeGette's office and with copies to Congressman John Salazar, the agencies that are referenced in the letter, and both Senators Udall and Bennet. Motion carried unanimously.

**BREAK:** **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Channell to recess the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting recessed from 11:43 am until 4:35 pm.

**RECONVENE:** Chairperson Starr reconvened the meeting at 4:35 pm.

**SET PUBLIC HEARING DATE; AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REGULATIONS:** Community Development Department Director Joanne Williams was present for discussion.

**Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Channell to set a Public Hearing for October 26, 2010 at 1:00 pm, for a period of 45 minutes, for the amendments to the Special Development Project Regulations. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURN:** **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Channell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:38 pm.

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Jim Starr, Chairperson

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Hap Channell, Vice-Chairperson

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Paula Swenson, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

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Katherine Haase, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

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Stella Dominguez, County Clerk