AGENDA ITEM or FINAL CONTRACT REVIEW SUBMITTAL FORM

AgendaTitle:
Out-of-State Travel Request; County Attorney; National Workshop On Large Landscape Conservation Conference; October 2014; Washington DC; $2,100

Action Requested: Motion

Parties to the Agreement:

Term Begins: **Term Ends:** **Grant Contract #:**

Summary:
See attached explanation of this travel.

Fiscal Impact: $2,100

Submitted by: Katherine Haase for CAO **Submitter's Email Address:** khaase@gunnisoncounty.org

Finance Review: (●) Required ( ) Not Required

Comments:

Can be covered with Sage Grouse reserves, will need to determine if this is the source expected for this expense.

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\lNienhueser Discharge Date: 7/31/2014

County Attorney Review: ( ) Required (●) Not Required

Comments:

Reviewed by: Discharge Date: Certificate of Insurance Required

Yes ( ) No ( )

County Manager Review:

Comments:

Reviewed by: GUNCOUNTY1\mbirnie Discharge Date: 7/31/2014

( ) Consent Agenda (●) Regular Agenda ( ) Worksession Time Allotted: 5 minutes

Agenda Date: 8/5/2014 Follow Up Agenda Date:

Revised April 2013

Katherine Haase

From: Matthew Birnie
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 12:14 PM
To: Paula Swenson; Brenda Wiseman
Cc: Phil Chamberland; Jonathan Houck; David Baumgarten; Katherine Haase
Subject: RE: oct presentation

We'll put this on next Tuesday's agenda

From: Paula Swenson
Sent: Thursday, July 31, 2014 12:05 PM
To: Brenda Wiseman; Matthew Birnie
Cc: Phil Chamberland; Jonathan Houck; David Baumgarten
Subject: Re: oct presentation

David,
This needs to be put on an agenda and discussed in a meeting.
Paula

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 31, 2014, at 12:00 PM, "Brenda Wiseman" <BWiseman@gunnisoncounty.org> wrote:

> Good morning all,
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> May I ask the Board to consider this request for out-of-state travel.
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> At the June meeting with Senator Bennet, it was suggested to me by Susan Dagget that it would be of benefit generally, and specifically to our efforts with the Gunnison Sage Grouse, if I would submit a proposal for a presentation at the October conference, in Washington D.C., of the National Workshop On Large Landscape Conservation, sponsored with the University of Montana Center For Natural Resources and Environmental Policy. That weekend, after introduction of me by Susan to the sponsors, I submitted the proposal attached to this email.
> I am pleased to say that this morning I received an acceptance of that proposal.
> The estimated costs of my travel, lodging and meals would be:
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> 1. Airfare – approximately $650.
> 2. Lodging - 3 nites – approximately $200 - $379 per night ($600 - $1200)
> 3. Meals – 3 days – approximately $150
> 4. Taxi – approximately $100.
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> Thanks, db
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> David Baumgarten, Gunnison County Attorney
> *Transmitted by: Brenda Wiseman, Legal Assistant*
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From: David Baumgarten
To: Brenda Wiseman
Subject: FW: October conference panel idea
Date: Thursday, July 31, 2014 9:21:46 AM

INVOLVING COMMUNITIES IN CONSERVATION OF WILDLIFE SPECIES OF CONCERN: A Case Study - Gunnison Sage Grouse

For over two decades, Gunnison County, has worked to establish a culture and practices of cooperation, collaboration and partnerships that foster the Gunnison Sage-grouse so that the species is stable, growing, healthy and likely to persist in the long term.

Gunnison County has followed the guiding philosophy that conservation works best when implemented at the most local level possible - taking advantage of the legal and geographic reach and strengths of existing institutions and emerging networks - while addressing the needs of the species at the appropriate scales.

Together, the eleven counties in Southwest Colorado and Southeast Utah in which Gunnison Sage-grouse are found, the States of Colorado and Utah, federal agencies, landowners, recreationists, environmental interests, and the public at large, have accomplished efforts that:

* Encourage, support and consistently fund science-based and expanding conservation actions that best meet the needs of the Gunnison Sage-grouse
* Manage, monitor and adjust when necessary those efforts for a healthy sagebrush ecosystem
* Create community and rangewide plans sufficiently flexible to incorporate Sage-grouse research finds and successful practices
* Formally adopt governmental controls ('institutional controls") that include planning, zoning, road closures, use and time restrictions tailored to local conditions
* Foster widespread acceptance and use of voluntary efforts ("non-institutional controls") such as conservation easements, a Candidate Conservation Agreement With Assurances, and a Candidate Conservation Agreement to protect habitat
* Create, apply and monitor a "habitat prioritization tool" and range-wide GIS mapping to identify, "ground proof" and help preserve high quality Sage-grouse habitat and guide the location of improvements in potential Sage-grouse habit
* Acknowledge and embrace the pivotal role that private landowners and local groups play in conservation efforts
* Maintain an atmosphere and reality of cooperation, participation and commitment among all levels of government, wildlife managers, public and private landowners and other stakeholders
* Create unifying formal and informal processes and structures that include memoranda of understanding, intergovernmental agreements, conservation agreements, and local and regional working, strategic and implementation groups
* Work across geographic, political, cultural, demographic and legal boundaries to address the challenges of possible listings of the species pursuant to the Endangered Species Ace.

Presenters could include representation of counties in addition to Gunnison County, a biologic perspective, private land ownership, and an outside "validator."

Briefly, my own credentials are that I have been the County Attorney for Gunnison County since 1989. I have primary responsibility to provide legal counsel to the Board of County Commissioners, and to be the liaison with the community, federal, state and local governments, extractive, recreation, development and environmental interests. I also am a Commissioner on the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission. I am admitted to the bar in Colorado, Massachusetts, New York and several federal courts and my practice has been broad enough to encompass being a public defender in Brooklyn for a number of years. I received my bachelors degree in social sciences in 1970 from the University of Colorado at Berkeley, my law degree in 1973 from the University of Colorado, and a master's degree in education in 1979 from Harvard University.