

**GUNNISON BASIN SAGE-GROUSE STRATEGIC COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2016**

The November 16, 2016 Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee meeting was conducted in the Gunnison County Blackstocks Government Center, 2nd floor meeting room, located at 221 N. Wisconsin #D, Gunnison, CO, 81230

Committee Members Present:

Voting Members:

Jonathan Houck, Chairperson, Gunnison County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC)
J. Wenum, Vice-Chairperson, Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW)
Greg Peterson, Secretary, Gunnison County Stockgrowers' Association (GCSA)
Liz With, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
Theresa Childers, National Park Service Wildlife Biologist (NPS), By Phone
Matt Vasquez, United States Forest Service, (USFS)
Elijah Waters, Bureau of Land Management, (BLM)
David Wiens, Recreation At-Large

Alternate Members Present:

Polly Oberosler, Recreation Community At-Large, Alternate

Others in the Audience:

Kathy Broadhead
Russ Japuntich, CCA
Jim Mendonca
Sam Newman, WSCU Master Program
Marnie Medeira, CCA
Bridgett Clayton, CCA

Staff Members Present:

Rebecca Ricord, Administrative Assistant
Brooke Vasquez, Gunnison Conservation District, Wildlife Biologist

Others present as listed in text.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Houck called the November 17, 2016 meeting of the Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee to order at 10:00 A.M.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: Houck confirmed that a quorum was present.

PUBLIC NOTICE CONFIRMED: Houck verified that proper legal public notice had occurred.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Agenda approved as presented. Moved by Peterson and Seconded by With.

APPROVAL of September 21, 2016 MEETING MINUTES: **Moved:** by Waters and seconded by Wenum to accept the September 21, 2016 meeting minutes as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS/ REPORTS

Wenum reported that the DAU Elk Management plan is available online for comments and are due November 25, 2016. They hope to get the draft plan to the Parks and Wildlife Commission by January 2017 and hope to have it for use by March 2017, for hunting season opening in 2017. The plans are usually good for ten years.

With introduced Ken Davis, who will be the acting conservation District Conservationist. There will be an SGI conference in mid-June, 2017.

LITIGATION UPDATE

Houck reported that the parties have made sure the record was complete. He wanted to know if the committee would like a more formal update at the next Strategic Committee from the County Attorney, David Baumgarten. The committee members requested that he come in.

COUNTY COALITION UPDATE

Houck stated that he will be reaching out to each County committee to find out if there are any changes in their County Commissioners and whether they will be stepping in. Wants to touch base with them and check to see if they have the same folks involved and, if not, who the new members will be. The County Coalition group met and are figuring out when they will be having some actionable items.

CPW SAGE-GROUSE TRAPPING UPDATE

Wenum stated that Nate Seward was able to get five transmitters for Grouse. He has been able to get four of them out on juvenile hens. They are hoping to get the fifth one out by the end of November, first part of December. They are hoping to get GPS collars for males. With wanted to know the precision of the transmitters and Wenum reported that they are precise at 10 meters.

UPDATE ON GUNNISON TRAILS SIGNAL PEAK PLAN

Houck gave the committee information on the Signal Peak Subcommittee. Wiens gave presentation and update on the Gunnison Trails Signal Peak Plan.

BLM RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT EIS STATUS REPORT

Presentation given by Medina on the EIS. Reported that they are accepting comments until January 9, 2017. Wanted to make sure everyone was able to navigate the website in order to review all the documents. Medina explained the process taken to develop the EIS.

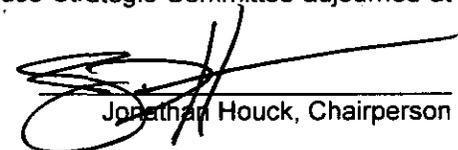
PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

FUTURE MEETINGS: Future meetings will occur on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Planning Commission meeting room, located at 221 N. Wisconsin, Gunnison, CO 81230, unless changed for a specific reason.

Date	Time	Notes	Building and location
01-18-17	10-12	Regular Meeting	Blackstock; 221 N. Wisconsin 2 nd floor meeting room
02-15-17	10-12	Regular Meeting	Blackstock; 221 N. Wisconsin 2 nd floor meeting room
03-15-17	10-12	Regular Meeting	Blackstock; 221 N. Wisconsin 2 nd floor meeting room
04-19-17	10-12	Regular Meeting	Blackstock; 221 N. Wisconsin 2 nd floor meeting room
05-17-17	10-12	Regular Meeting	Blackstock; 221 N. Wisconsin 2 nd floor meeting room

ADJOURN: MOVED by Waters, seconded by Caloger to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The November 16, 2016 meeting of the Gunnison Basin Sage-grouse Strategic Committee adjourned at 11:43 A.M.


Jonathan Houck, Chairperson

Minutes Prepared By: Rebecca Ricord, Administrative Assistant



Greg Peterson, Secretary

