



STOR Committee Meeting Minutes January 25th, 2024 Hybrid Meeting

For STOR Committee Members & Guests: *This meeting will be held in-person at the Blackstock Building – 200 W Virginia Ave, Gunnison, CO 81230.*

For the General Public: *The meeting will also be held virtually on Zoom at the following link:*
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87637105265?pwd=Rkt2d2NoM3NubTJWMI5bnJzNjVvUT09>

Call to Order & Agenda Preview – *Jake Jones (Committee Chair) called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.*

Approval of December, 21 2023 Meeting Minutes

Insubstantial changes were proposed the December 21, 2023 meeting minutes. Puckett Daniels made a motion to approve the minutes with the proposed changes. DeBoer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in support.

Gunnison County Stewardship Fund: 2024 Funding Recommendations – All

David Gosen from Mt. Emmons mining company in attendance, Funding partner.

- Catmur: Housekeeping – sent out NFF conflict of interest form. Had a list of a few people who didn't sign it.
- Gunnison County Stewardship funding:
 - o Fund was created to help local organizations support STOR's stewardship commitments.
 - o ****STOR Strategic plan slide****
 - o Reviewing LOI's submitted last month. Deciding who should receive the funding, and how much.
 - o Entire ask was 120k Current funds available was \$135k.

Project proposals:

- o Gunnison Trails (\$40,000): 2024 professional trails crew
 - 5-person trail crew, 4 full time, 1 half time.
 - Committing one or both weekend days in late April, planning to do education and outreach at Hartman's base areas in busy spring seasons.
 - Tim K in attendance. Thanks to funders and committee for recommending them in the past. Similar to last year, with added educational days out at

Hartman's. Not planning to post at the signal peak trailheads. Excited to have partnered with the forest service.

- Questions:
 - LPD – funding
 - How was the Trail Crew meeting the STOR strategic goals.
- Gunsight Bridge Abutment and Armoring: Jon Mugglestone – Crested Butte Land Trust (\$10,000) Total project budget 20k, CBLT providing a 1:1 match of 10k to fully fund the project.
 - How long since the last bridge update– 5 years, already eroding 5 years later. Consulted with engineer and contractor. Force of spring runoff caused the erosion. Hoping that this repair will last longer than 5 years.
 - Thinking that this project would be the first in a series of projects, there's a lot of issues in terms of hydrology.
 - Planning to work with a local contractor? yes
- 2024 Crested Butte Conservation Corps: Dave Ochs - Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association (\$30,000)
 - Expanding to the weekends,
 - Hoping to have all 6 guys from last year, 5 for sure.
 - Pays \$24-27 hourly, \$32 for the crew lead.
- Janitorial Service Contract for Public Restrooms: Dayle Funka/Matt Quinn – USFS (\$40,000)
 - Geographic extent: 10 total Crested Butte area, Kebler area, Irwin, swampy pass, west maroon, Musicians Camp, Judd Falls, Washington Gulch; Able to take gothic off their list.
 - Last year was the first time asking, and really appreciated the funds. Struggled to find the people, ended up cleaning 6-7 times a week. Didn't get bids in from last year until august.

Action: Recommend funding investments for 2024:

Funka, Jones, Ochs, Kugler recused themselves.

- Extra 15k in funds available- could more be awarded? Yes, but Pagano recommended it. It will roll over to next year.
- All organizations were reliable partners, overall support for all requests.

Puckett Daniels entertained a motion to fund all the organizations in the full amounts. So moved by Helminski. Seconded by LB.

CB to CB South Subcommittee Update – Nick Catmur

CB to CB South Subcommittee – decided to let the citizens group further explore options for the off-highway alignment and would decide on making a recommendation to the BOCC in September 2024. The subcommittee was comfortable with that timeline would allow.

- Comment from Jones- hoped that the citizen group would have the time to exhaust all options, and still have time to propose the design workshop plan to the BOCC.
- Citizens group: Nehrenberg, Billick, Patrick, Ochs, Harwell, (6 people)

Subcommittee Update for Strategic Plan Item D1 – Tim Kugler

Identify and prioritize additional funding structure needs on high use federal or publicly funded lands.

- Review future plan from fs, what was the committee hoping to establish from getting more fees.
- Gothic Designated camping
- More work planned for: *area where more funding could be discussed.
- North valley road improvements
- Tent city
- Taylor River/slot boat ramp improvements.

Planning for Wildlife Tool Kickoff Update – Nick Catmur/ Diamond

Work in progress. Ready to start the project, STOR wrote a grant proposal. Spoke with Chaffee county for and idea of a 3-county collective: Central CO regional partnership (Lake, Chaffee, Gunnison counties) helped staff Catmur's position.

- Helped with cross county correspondence. Long term planning.
- Need to have project done by end of June. Chaffee county and Lake county are done.
- Not intended to supersede other plans. Intended to be another tool in the toolbox to benefit all parties involved in terms of planning.
- Hoping to meet next week for a kickoff meeting. Hoping to get special data into the model. Work is still needed but hoped to be done by June.
- Asked the committee to think of any data they could be beneficial to add to the model. (trails, roads, use (Strava), agricultural operations)
- Scope – did this involve the entire county? Yes, may be a need to involve the northern section of the county that may not be as involved regularly.
- Include approved planned developments? Ex. Gunnison Rising.
- LPD encouraged including entire Gunnison County, or as much as possible.
- Catmur emphasized that this was a STOR strategic goal, encouraged members or affiliates to participate.
- Chaffee county's tool was live on "codex". Catmur would send out.
- Huge benefit of having Lake and Chaffee counties already having theirs done. Would like to be a good partner.
- LPD – who was doing the tech work? Michelle F. with CPW. Did Lake county's as well.
- Jones – will be super helpful for private land conservation efforts.
- Pagano – also for land use.

- Sandstrom – could Michelle provide parameters for formatting of data.
- What is the outcome in June? (Funka) others did public surveys in their counties. The majority of respondents to their surveys put a high value and priority on wildlife conservation. Chaffee is working on integrating some of this information into the land use code.

Jones adjourned the meeting at 3:50.