



## STOR Committee Meeting Minutes September 26, 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=Rkt2d2NoM3NubTJWMIz5bnJzNjVvUT09>

### **Committee Members Present:**

Jake Jones, Nick Catmur, Laura Puckett Daniels, Dayle Funka, Tim Kugler, Jennifer DeBoer, Chris Parmeter, Hedda Peterson, Steve Guerreri, LB Mullins, Steve Duke, Marisela Ballesteros, Jim Lovelace, Jeremy Johndrow, Gabi, Roman, Steve Duke, Kim Schappert, Jay Whitacre, Janna Hansen

### **Jake Jones (Committee Chair) called to order**

#### **Approval of August 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Daniels made a motion to approve the minutes and DeBoer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Ranching and Recreation Subcommittee Report & Discussion**

Catmur presented the ranching and recreation strategic plan, emphasizing the need for ongoing engagement with Stockgrowers, especially during mid-winter. The committee discussed enhancing communication between the ranching community and locals, focusing on educating the public about ranching rights, living in cattle country, and the "Code of the West." Ideas for outreach included adding information to building permit packets, involving realtors, and utilizing social media. The group also explored targeted messaging and using STOR as a central point for addressing ranching concerns. There was a strong focus on the intersection of outdoor recreation, ranching, and homeowners, with a goal to benefit all parties. The committee also discussed pasture gates on public lands, emphasizing the need for easier gate use in recreation areas. They agreed to prioritize gates for replacement and possibly use stewardship funds for gate installation. Signage, gate placement, and virtual fencing options were considered to improve the experience for both recreationists and ranchers. Other topics included parking management, cheatgrass issues, and increased law enforcement, which was appreciated by the ranching community.

## **Scenic Byway Toilet Installation Opportunity with Hinsdale County**

Catmur presented an opportunity to install a toilet in collaboration with Hinsdale County at the intersection of CR 26 and Hwy 149, a popular area seeing increased traffic due to hunting season and the Hwy 50 road closure. Hinsdale County is requesting 20% funding from STOR and will manage and oversee 100% of the installation. Lovelace offered to add the toilet to his cleaning responsibilities. The committee agreed that the toilet would be beneficial given the area's traffic but noted that the GOCO grant could not be used, so funding would need to come from the Stewardship fund or elsewhere. The estimated cost for the toilets is \$26,676. The committee discussed how toilet fees are calculated for purchase and installation. Kugler raised concerns from the Sage-Grouse committee regarding the impact the road and installation might have on Sage-Grouse leks and populations. The committee weighed the pros and cons of placing a toilet on that road, estimating a \$30,000 cost. They agreed that toilets are a high priority, and if leftover funds are available, they could contribute, but more definite cost figures are needed. Peterson suggested applying for a grant. The committee decided to revisit the topic once more information on the costs is available, with Catmur tasked with gathering further details.

## **Spanish Language Translation Update**

Catmur informed the committee that translation has been completed for the Hartman Rocks kiosks, with the green signs now available in both Spanish and English. The goal is to place both languages on the same panel, with the potential addition of a QR code, though that is not a priority. Each sign will cost approximately \$800, and funding options, possibly from the GOCO grant, are being explored. Kugler suggested printing on the reverse side of the panels to reduce costs. For now, they plan to produce five signs, with QR codes added in areas with service. Catmur also announced that the river information kiosks have been translated and asked the committee for other location suggestions. Additionally, the designated camping signs have also been translated.

## **Letter of Support, Non-motorized Trails grant, BLM**

The committee discussed a letter of support, and Lovelace explained that they were working on obtaining a grant for non-motorized trails maintenance, focusing on database improvements and trail infrastructure. The committee reviewed the changes and upgrades that the BLM had suggested and the proposed use of funds. The committee decided to offer their support, and Jones was tasked with sending a letter of support. They also expressed a desire to begin showcasing and sharing success stories related to the stewardship funds that had been distributed.

**Jones adjourned the meeting.**