



## STOR Committee Meeting Minutes October 24, 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:**

Andrew Sandstrom, Chris Parmeter, Nick Catmur, Kim Schappert, Laura Pucket Daniels, Cathie Pagano, Steve Guerreri, Hedda Peterson, Steve Duke, Dayle Funke, Jeremy Johndrow, Tim Kugler, Marisela Ballesteros, Jim Lovelace, Brandon Diamond, Dave Ochs

### **Kim Schappert (Committee Vice-Chair) called to order**

#### **Approval of September 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes and Guerreri seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **CB to CB South Rec Path Sub Committee Recommendation and Discussion**

Catmur presented to the group, reviewing the subcommittee's previous direction from last winter to reconvene in the fall, which they fulfilled last week. Sandstrom shared the results of a community survey that received 624 responses, with 65% of respondents favoring a highway-adjacent alignment for the trail. The survey indicated that the community supports tangible progress, considering the uncertain feasibility of an off-highway option. This survey gathered input on trail components and usage for both on- and off-highway alignments, which informed the subcommittee's current recommendations.

Ochs discussed recent plan updates, including proposed roundabouts. Schmitd of Gunnison County Public Works expressed the subcommittee's recommendation to pursue a highway-adjacent path, given constructive discussions with ranchers and ideas for educational panels to mitigate impact. Concerns from various members focused on ranching, agriculture, and wildlife. Guerreri raised potential effects on agriculture and the safety of e-bikes on the path, while Diamond, noted alignment with the highway was preferable but still had wildlife impacts. Nehrenberg suggested wildlife overpasses, but these were deemed costly by Daniels, though underpasses might be an option.

A motion was passed to pursue a 10% completion plan for the highway-adjacent alignment, with specific focus on mitigation efforts; Ochs seconded, and the motion passed with Gurreri opposed. Pagano noted that the BOCC's strategic plan could incorporate this project in its next phase, likely beginning in 2026. Pederson raised the question of the subcommittee's continued role, and Schappert acknowledged the progress made to date. Catmur concluded with a request for any resources available to install a toilet on CR26, as discussed previously.

**Schappert adjourned the meeting.**