



STOR Committee Meeting Minutes January 30, 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://gunnisoncounty-org.zoom.us/j/87637105265?pwd=Rkt2d2NoM3NubTJWMIz5bnJzNjVvUT09>

Committee Members Present:

Gabi Prochaska, Steve Guerrieri, Cathie Pagano, Kim Schappert, Jake Jones, Nick Catmur, Chris Parmeter, Andrew Sandstrom, Tim Kugler, LB Mullin, Derrick Nehrenberg, Brandon Diamond, Dave Ochs, Marisela Ballesteros, Steve Duke, Jeremy Johndrow, Jim Lovelace, Jennifer DeBoer, Hedda Peterson, Roman Kolodziej

Jake Jones (Committee Chair) called to order

Approval of December 2024 Meeting Minutes

Prochaska made a motion to approve the minutes and Sandstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Duke Abstained

Gunnison County Stewardship Fund: 2025 Funding Recommendations

Catmur presented funding criteria and the strategic plan, requesting project proposals. He confirmed that GOCO and GCSF grants were awarded, ensuring all applicants could receive funding.

Hinsdale County Restroom Installation: \$15,000 for one restroom at Gunnison CR 26/Hwy 149. BLM to manage maintenance.

Leave No Trace Program: \$728 to integrate Leave No Trace education/camp into the Taylor Challenge for eighth graders.

Avalanche Outreach Program: \$8,000 for community education, search and rescue training, and outreach.

Crested Butte Conservation Corps: \$40,000 hire 10-12 full-time seasonal employees, maintain trails, remove trees, and improve campsites.

USFS Janitorial Services: \$40,000 to continue restroom maintenance from June to October and continue promoting health and safety.

CB/Mt CB Trailhead Porta Potty Program: \$18,000 for maintenance at eight high-use trailheads from June to September.

Public Lands Stewardship Program: \$8,512 for AmeriCorps interns to work with BLM on cheatgrass mapping and land stewardship.

Stock Growers Assoc. Sustainable Gate Infrastructure: \$13,240 for rangeland management, gate installation, and signage in partnership with BLM. The committee discussed reestablishing a subcommittee to discuss locations, materials, and signage.

Gunnison Trails Crew: \$25,000 for staffing, outreach, and temporary signage on trail conditions, wildlife restrictions, and camping areas.

Verzuh Ranch Ecological Education: \$30,000 for educational outreach and signage. The committee decided not to fund this project due to alignment concerns and suggested funding alternatives.

Supporting Documents: Gunnison County Stewardship Fund 2025 Project LOIs

Action: Recommend projects for full application and funding amounts

The Committee reviewed GOCO funding criteria and deadlines, confirming \$129,800 from the Stewardship Fund and \$146,000 from GOCO. They prioritized funding projects addressing human waste and infrastructure. The Verzuh Ranch project was deemed misaligned with STOR goals and recommended seeking alternative grants.

The committee voted to approve funding for all projects except the Verzuh Ranch. Sandstrom made a motion to approve, Roman seconded, and Jen abstained. The motion carried unanimously.

Jones adjourned the meeting.