



STOR Committee Meeting Minutes March 27, 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:

Jake Jones, Nick Catmur, Andrew Sandstrom, LB Mullin, Chris Parmeter, Laura Pucket Daniels, Dave Ochs, Cathie Pagano, Tim Kugler Derrick Neiderer, Gabi Prochaska, Jeremy Johndrow, Hedda Peterson, Jen DeBoer, Steve Duke, Jon Kaminsky, Marisela Ballesteros, Dayle Funka

Jake Jones (Committee Chair) called to order

Approval of January 2025 Meeting Minutes

Prochaska made a motion to approve the minutes and Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Daniels abstained.

Selection of new Chair and Vice Chair

Tim Kugler was nominated for chair by Ochs and seconded by Prochaska. Andrew Sandstrom was nominated for vice chair by Jones and seconded by Daniels. Kugler was appointed chair and Sandstrom was appointed vice chair. Nominations for chair and vice chair were unanimous.

Update on Existing Strategic Plan

Catmur reviewed the previous strategic plan and how it is to be implemented in 2024. The committee discussed any changes they would like to make to the strategic plan for 2025. They decided not to make any major changes to the plan but added several key issues, such as trash, human waste, unattended campfires, and camping outside of designated areas.

Discussion for new Strategic Planning Initiatives

The committee discussed strategies to guide tourists to appropriate hiking and camping areas, including signage, digital messaging, and promoting “Plan B” camping options when popular sites are full. A subcommittee will continue work on messaging, stewardship, and

identifying alternative camping areas. They also discussed funding for seasonal employees and maintenance and agreed that further discussion on Forest Service staffing support is needed.

Updates on local fallout from recent federal actions

Commissioner Houck shared how recent federal actions are impacting recreation and wildlife projects due to limited staffing. The Forest Service will continue managing areas as best they can with current resources and a letter to the congressional representatives expressing concerns about resources in the community will be drafted and sent to committee members.

Kugler adjourned the meeting.