



STOR Committee Meeting

Minutes April 24, 2025

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:

Kimberly Schappert, Derek Nehrenberg, Nick Catmur, Tim Kugler, Andrew Sandstrom, Laura Puckett-Daniels, Jake Jones, Jay Whitacre, Cathie Pagano, Jen DeBoer, Marisela Ballesteros, Steve Duke, Brian Brown, Jeremy Johndrow, Brandon Diamond, Tori Manogue, David Ochs

Tim Kugler (Committee Chair) called to order

Approval of March 2025 Meeting Minutes

Jones made a motion to approve the minutes and Sandstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

BLM Update

Brian Brown, Assistant Field Manager with the BLM, informed the committee that the agency is undergoing a consolidation process, which may result in significant changes to offices and staffing. Despite these changes, they still plan to hire seasonal employees this year and will be responsible for managing 40 toilets.

Strategic Plan Goal Setting

Catmur reviewed Strategic Goal A, and the committee agreed to update Result 1 to include infrastructure specifically for wildlife crossings on Highways 135 and 50, reflecting community support for land conservation and the need to assess feasibility in those areas. They also decided to use the new wildlife map to support decision-making and public outreach. For Result 2, Catmur shared that progress is ongoing with the installation of 20 gates. The committee also agreed to identify a point of contact within the Stock Growers Association to improve coordination and communication regarding special events and cattle movements.

In reviewing Goal D, Catmur introduced a potential grant opportunity through the Colorado Outdoor Strategy. The committee agreed to pursue the grant to support recreational development and discussed possible projects it could fund. They plan to update their by-laws to clarify how funding decisions will be made. The committee also agreed to add new goals

focused on creating a fee schedule to support the stewardship fund, identifying revenue streams, increasing fundraising efforts, and building more outdoor recreation infrastructure.

Pulse Check on Strategic Results, are we missing anything?

The committee reviewed the strategic goals and agreed to add generating funds as a new goal, as well as reinstate advocacy as a dedicated goal in the strategic plan.

STOR Advocacy Letter review

The committee decided to revise the advocacy letter for _____ by changing the reference to "recreation programs" to include "recreation, range management, and wildlife programs." They also agreed to send additional letters through an advocacy subcommittee to highlight specific areas within recreation and raise greater awareness.

Daniels made a motion to approve the advocacy letter for distribution. Schappert seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Funka abstained. Representatives from the BLM and Forest Service were absent.

Update: Funding for USFS Season Staff

Catmur informed the committee that funding has been secured for USFS staffing, with \$45,500 received so far out of the \$60,000 requested. Catmur will continue reaching out to additional organizations to secure the remaining funds.

Kugler adjourned the meeting.