



STOR Committee Meeting Agenda

February 26th, 2026: 2 – 4PM

Hybrid Meeting

For STOR Committee Members & Guests: *This meeting will be held in-person at the Blackstock Building – 221 N Wisconsin St, 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/87661876403?pwd=nmbLoeQPWub3XgAO1clXH0Efr6UxSL.1>*

- 2:00 pm **Call to Order & Agenda Preview** – *Tim Kugler (Committee Chair)*
Approval of January 2026 Meeting Minutes – *Tim Kugler*
- 2:05 pm **Introduction Of New Members** – *Nick Catmur*
Jon Hare – At Large, High Country Conservation Advocates
Audrey Zahradka – City of Gunnison
- 2:10pm **Nominations and selection of Chair and Vice Chair** – *STOR Committee*
- 2:15pm **The Year Ahead** – *Refresh on existing subcommittees and the work ahead for our strategic plan – Nick Catmur*
- 2:30pm **Updates from CPW** – *Updates on hunting policy and wolf reintroduction – Brandon Diamond & Steve Guerriere*
- 2:50pm **State Trust Lands Parcel Identification Ask** – *The State Trust Lands Conservation & Recreation Working Group is asking RPI's to help identify State Land Board Parcels that could be crucial for Conservation, Agriculture, or Recreation – Committee discussion, Nick Catmur*
- 3:30pm **Hartman Rocks 2.0 Trail Planning** – *Tim Kugler*
- 4:00pm **Adjourn**



STOR Committee Meeting Minutes January 22, 2026 Hybrid Meeting

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Committee Members Present:

Martin Schmidt, Audrey Zahradka, Andrew Sandstrom, Tim Kugler, Nick Catmur, Steve Guererri, Brian Brown, Chris Parmeter, LB Mullin, Brandon Diamond, Gabi Prochaska, Cathie Pagano, Jon Hare, Dayle Funka, Hedda Peterson, Heather Leonard

Tim Kugler (Committee Chair) called meeting to order Approval of December 2025 Meeting Minutes

Sandstrom made a motion to approve the minutes and Guererri seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Steve Abstained

Gunnison County Stewardship Fund: 2026 Project Overview– *STOR members and applicants* Catmur shared an overview of the proposals submitted by the following organizations and how their proposals align with STOR’s strategic plan. Total funding ask from each organization is \$209,124

1. **Crested Butte Avalanche Center:** Project: Avalanche Outreach Program \$8,000
 - a. Outreach program for all community members and recreational residence and visitors.
2. **Crested Butte Mountain Bike Association:** Project: 2026 Crested Butte Conservation Corps \$40,000
 - a. Crew members for maintenance, monitor, and maintain heavily used trails, campsites, and trailheads
3. **Backcountry Hunters and Anglers:** Project: Beers, Bands, and Barbed Wire Strands – A CO public Land Celebration \$3,000
 - a. Fundraiser project: Ibar (includes band, facility, etc.) and barbed wire removal
4. **Gunnison Ranger District USFS:** Project: Janitorial Service Contract for Public Restrooms \$40,000
 - a. Fund service contract to clean 9 toilets on Gunnison ranger district
5. **BLM Gunnison Field Office:** Project: BLM Gunnison Field Office, Recreation Management Assistance \$19,600
 - a. 10 Restroom facility cleaning and fill staff needed for recreation programs. Asked for help with procurement of maintenance organization for cleaning

6. **Crested Butte Land Trust: Project:** CBLT Sustainable Recreation Planning and Implementation at Lower Loop & Gunsight Bridge Trailheads \$25,000
 - a. Implementation of parking area improvement, outreach, meetings, and events for summer to establish a plan for trailhead improvements
7. **Gunnison Trails: Project:** 2026 Professional Trail Crew \$40,000
 - a. Stewardship work, cleaning campsites and trailheads, 25-35 miles of trail work, purchasing and installing signage, and seasonal staffing
8. **High Country Conversation Advocates: Project:** HCCA Stewardship 2026 \$3,500
 - a. Outreach, volunteer resources, restoration of public lands that surround communities around would help fund around 6 events
9. **Gunnison Wildlife Association: Project:** Restoring and Improving Wildlife Habitat in the Gunnison Valley \$20,000
 - a. Removal of wire enclosures hazardous to wildlife, installation of wildlife-friendly fencing, monitoring wilderness study areas, and placement of permanent obstruction route decommissioning (volunteer and contracted)
10. **Rocky Mountain biological Laboratory: Project:** Improving Sanitation and Visitor Experience along the Gothic Corridor – Additional Porta-Potty Installation and Maintenance at RMBL \$10,024
 - a. Portable toilets and servicing twice a week

Discussion of project recommendations and funding amounts – All

The committee excused representatives from all organizations that requested funding to allow for deliberation. The remaining committee members discussed the strengths and limitations of each proposal, including whether to reserve a portion of the grant funding for 2027 in consideration of additional funding opportunities available to applicants from other sources. Projects were prioritized based on alignment with STOR’s strategic goals, emphasis on restroom facilities and maintenance, and readiness for implementation. The committee also evaluated which projects would provide direct recreational benefits rather than primarily supporting organizational events. The committee discussed fully funding three projects in order to reserve remaining funds for 2027, providing partial funding to five projects rather than awarding their full requested amounts, and not funding two projects. The committee also considered that some organizations have fewer alternative funding opportunities than others and noted that without funding, certain organizations may be unable to maintain the staffing levels or services described in their proposals.

Action Item – Vote on slate of projects to invite to the full application and recommend funding amounts

Applicant	Funding Requested	Funding Approved
CBAC	\$8,000	\$7,600
CBMBA	\$40,000	\$38,000
BCHA	\$3,000	\$1,500
USFS	\$40,000	\$40,000

BLM	\$19,600	\$19,600
CBLT	\$25,000	\$25,000
Gunni Trails	\$40,000	\$38,000
HCCA	\$3,500	\$3,000
GWA	\$20,000	\$20,000
RMBL	\$10,024	\$10,024
Total	\$209,124	\$202,724
Stewardship Fund	\$166,511.33	
RPI Fund	\$40,000	
Available Funds	\$206,511	
GAP	\$3,787.33	

Sandstrom made a motion to fully fund USFS, BLM, GWA (with additional requirements), RMBL (with additional requirements), and CBLT and partially fund CBMBA, Gunni Trails, BCHA, CBAC, HCCA and Guerri seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Sandstrom adjourned the meeting.

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