

**Planning & Zoning Commission/Public Lands Use  
Committee Meeting  
County Administrative Offices, Duchesne, Utah  
March 1, 2017- 6:00 p.m.**

**In Attendance were:**

**Planning Commission**

Kathy Giles, Planning Commission, Chairman  
Brad Wells, Planning Commission  
Ken Moon, Planning Commissioner  
Edward Roberts, Planning Commission  
Allen Lindsay, Planning Commission  
Ken Richens, Planning Commission  
Bobby Drake, Planning Commission-Unable to attend  
Mike Hyde, Community Development Administrator  
CoraLee Sanchez, Planning Secretary

**Public Land Use Committee**

Irene Hansen, Chair  
Jeff Henderson, Committee Member  
Ken Moon, Committee Member  
Jeff Crozier, Committee Member  
Nate Robinson, Committee Member  
Larry Defa, Committee Member- Unable to attend  
Dex Winterton, Committee Member-Unable to attend  
Meagher McConkie, Committee Member-Unable to attend  
John Barton, Committee Member, Unable to attend

**Visitors:**

Debra Lindsay  
Nathan Hall, DEQ  
Laurie Brummond, UBAOG  
Kevin Yack, UBAOG

Mr. Hyde opened the meeting, welcomed both committee's and thanked them for their willingness to participate in this review process.

Both the Planning Commission and the Public Land Use Committee voted on their Chairman and Vice Chair for the upcoming year.

Mr. Hyde opened nominations for the Public Land Use Committee chair and vice chair. After some discussion the committee decided they were satisfied with the current Chair, Irene Hansen and Vice-Chair Jeff Henderson. Ken Moon motioned to approve Irene Hansen as Chair and Jeff Henderson as Vice-Chair for the 2017 year. Nathan Robinson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Nominations were opened for the Planning Commission Chairman and Vice-Chair for the 2017 year. Commissioner Moon nominated Kathy Giles for Chairman. Commissioner Lindsay seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Moon nominated Brad Wells for Vice-Chair. Commissioner Giles seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**A. Discuss the draft County Resource Management Plan and General Plan update.**

Mr. Hyde explained what the County Resource Management Plan is, why we are reviewing it, how we got the funding and how to best use the data and science that have been compiled.

The CRMP includes findings, objectives and policies associated with the management of Federal Lands. There will be a series of public meetings and hearings over the next 5 months with approval required by August 1, 2017.

Mr. Hyde read the e-mails from Irene Hansen, Economic Development and Duchesne County Chamber of Commerce, Dex Winterton, Public Land Use Committee Member for water resources, and Tara McKee, Program Director from the Governor's Office of Economic Development, all three had some concerns and stated overall the objectives and contents of the draft CRMP were positive.

Both committees initially discussed a variety of issues concerning the values and goal statements before going through each section of the general plan section including tribal relations and water, public education, public land use, transportation, electricity upgrades, medical facilities, economic development and infrastructure.

Beginning with Section 1 of the CRMP, comments included concerns about special interest groups, issues with transportation and recreation and the amount of private land Duchesne County has available for development.

Section 2. The members agreed energy development should be the most important part of the county's future. The challenges are the amount of federal and state lands included in this area. Mr. Robinson stated that more needed to be included regarding the amount of tax dollars industry provides for the county. Mr. Henderson and Mr. Crozier both emphasized CIB and federal lease monies and their importance. Mr. Hyde indicated that he would do additional research and writing to address these comments.

Section 3. Mr. Henderson stated there are conflicts with agriculture and the energy industry that need to be addressed.

Section 4. Commissioner Moon stated his concerns about grazing and market values when the energy industry moves to the private areas in the county, those need to be focused on.

Section 5. There was some discussion about domestic animals, the DWR, recreation in the county and the preservation of water for agriculture in the future.

Section 6. There are concerns about the management of the forest. The members feel there needs to be active management that includes the reduction of dead and diseased foliage and preservation of the grasses and trails.

Section 7. The discussion included watch lists for noxious weeds, weed management and the impact of weeds on public lands and wildlife including sage grouse.

Section 8. The discussion was about managing predators including coyotes, bears and wolves.

Section 9. The comments and discussion included the language carried over from the existing plan from 2004. We have adopted the source water protection and restoration plans. Mr. Crozier brought up the issue of the buffers around Starvation Reservoir needed to be enlarged that was discussed at a past Uintah Basin water conference. The discussion about filtering production water should be looked at for future water use.

Section 10. Water Rights.

Section 11. Irrigation policies.

Section 12. Ditches and canals.

Section 13. Mr. Hyde stated Duchesne County has not been mapped yet, but we have applied to be a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Section 14. Wetlands

Section 15. Riparian Areas

Section 16. Mr. Hyde stated the DWR has a great website that encourages tourism and recreation by fishing and camping in Utahs recreational areas.

Section 17. Wild and scenic rivers have been designated by the U. S. Forest Service in the High Uintas wilderness area. Further designations are opposed

Section 18. Recreation and Tourism. Mrs. Hansen indicated she had made some changes already and e-mailed them to Mr. Hyde. She is concerned that we haven't fully utilized the event center in Duchesne. We should be hosting trade shows, rodeos, tournaments etc; all to help with the economy. Commissioner Moon suggested we work to establish the Nine Mile Canyon area as a hot spot to visit.

Section 19. The discussion included the need for more active forest management to help reduce the potential for catastrophic wildfires.

Section 20. The committees stated they all agree the access roads, RS2477 roads and all existing roadways need to remain open in order to preserve the transportation network in the County.

Section 21. Cultural and Historic Resources

Section 22. Mr. Hyde stated there are many threatened and sensitive species in the county. They include the fish in the green river, mustard and cactus plants and sage grouse.

Section 23. Wilderness

Section 24. Law enforcement text is the same for Carbon County. Sherriff Boren should be notified and given an opportunity to comment.

Section 25. Mrs. Hansen stated tourism helps drive the economy. We also are very diverse and fortunate to have Strata and the fiber optic lines throughout the county. Basically the infractructure in place already is a plus for the county.

Section 26. Air Quality. The discussion was on the ozone, the ability to avoid non-attainment days and continuing to work with DEQ, TriCounty Health, Seth Lyman at USU and the energyindustry throughout the county.

Section 27. Vegetation.

Section 28. RMP for the Twin Knolls/Wrinkle Road in Duchesne County (existing in the current plan).

With the members commenting on each of their interests, Mr. Hyde thanked them and will make edits for review at the meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.