

# MOFFAT COUNTY LAND USE BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

### Monday October 13, 2014

#### Attendees

Steve Hinkemeyer, LUB  
Heather McSloop, LUB  
Dean Gent, LUB  
Bob Grubb, LUB  
Burt Clements, LUB  
Ken Bekkedahl, LUB  
Tim Bekkedahl, Guest  
Burt Clements, LUB  
Jean Stetson, LUB  
Jerod Smith, LUB  
Chuck Grobe, Moffat County Commissioner

#### Call to Order

Steve called the meeting to order at 7:04

#### Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

Burt / Jerod / Unanimous  
Correct spelling of Crappie and Bluegill

#### **General Discussion**

##### Elkhead Update

Burt shared an email with the group from DNR. Burt has been asked by DNR to participate on a Non-native Fish Management Strategy Work Group. Burt and Chuck have received numerous phone calls with objections to the draining and poisoning of Elkhead.

##### 2477 Update

Chuck provided an update to the LUB from Connie Brooks regarding RS2477. Chuck spoke about a new legislative approach coming out of Utah that Moffat may partner on. Heather asked Chuck to look into maintenance history on existing 2477 roads.

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### Stewardship Trust Realignment

Jerod stated the Stewardship Trust was established in 1996 with Amendment 16 and created a 300,000 acre cap for state lands entered into the Stewardship Trust. The State Land Board is going through its first review of the Trust since the original parcels were entered into the Trust. In 2015 the State Land Board is going to decide which lands are re-aligned in the Trust. There are 33 properties that were nominated in Moffat County – roughly 35,618 acres. Properties from Moffat County were mainly selected based on priority wildlife habitat, i.e. Sage Grouse habitat. Comment period begins Nov 17, 2014. (Second comment period Jan 5, 2015, final nominated parcels will be determined by April 2015.) Each parcel placed in the stewardship trust would require a management plan. Each management plan would address oil & gas, grazing leases, recreation, etc. It was suggested that we invite Mindy Gottsegen and Tom Gray come to the next LUB meeting (Nov 10) to have a discussion with LUB about the Stewardship Trust. The LUB feels there is an unfair amount of acreage being nominated from Moffat County. LUB feels it is important to keep balance between the mandate of Stewardship Trust and the ability of State to continue to generate income and have multiple uses of state lands.

### Waters of the US and Yellow Billed Cuckoo

Chuck shared comment letters prepared by the County addressing each issue based on previous guidance from the Land Use Board.

### Travel Management and Lands with Wilderness Characters

The Board discussed its request to send BLM a letter requesting a summary of information from BLM for Lands w/ Wilderness Characteristics that Tim discussed two meetings ago. The letter is not complete and will be presented at next meeting. LUB feels strongly letter should be addressed to State Director and copied to Tim and Wendy. Steve presented a hand out that he printed out from the BLM website regarding the Lands with Wilderness Character criteria, a list of areas, and associated maps, etc. LUB thought it should go through the inventory list and look at maps and comment on items on the list.

### Closing Comments

Heather gave update on Colorado Habitat Exchange and discussed its mitigation plan for the Greater Sage Grouse.

Steve reported a court decision decided that EPA does have to conduct an ozone report. Court gave guidelines of 60-70 parts per million for ozone as opposed to current 75 parts per million. The court concluded the proposed standards are unattainable in the west. First report is due by December by 2014 and final report in December 2015.

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Future Agenda Items

Stewardship Trust

Update on RS 2477 i.e. conversations regarding possible “maintenance” etc.

Elkhead Fish Mgmt Strategy Work Group

Update of meeting w/ Swartout and Environmental Defense Fund and Sage Grouse

Habitat Exchange.

LWC letter

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**Adjournment:**

8:50 P.M.

Burt /Heather/Unanimous