

Fremont County WPLI Advisory Committee Minutes

June 20, 2016 | 6:00 p.m. | Fremont County Commissioners Chambers

Meeting called by	Douglas L. Thompson, Fremont County Commissioner and WPLI Commissioner /Coordinator	Advisory Committee Attendees: Reg Phillips, Julia Stuble, Nick Dobric, Rick Mickelson, Josh Milek, Andy Blair, Ginger Bennett, Gary Horton, Travis Becker, Doug Thompson
Type of meeting	Regular	Other Attendees: Kim Wilbert, Dick Inberg, Mary Beth Flanders, Jissi Johnson, Jennifer McCarty, Dick Loper, Nick Storm, Steff Kessler, Gary Wilmot, Tim Hudson, Gary Collins, Gabriel Spoonhunter, Chesie Lee, Brian Gee and Daniel Bendtsen
Note taker	Julie Freese, Fremont County Clerk	

AGENDA TOPICS

Welcome | Commissioner Thompson

WPLI Advisory Committee members introduced themselves. Audience members also introduced themselves. The WCCA Hub was discussed and Coordinator Thompson suggested that all members sign up to the hub. Julia mentioned that the members of the public can also sign in and get meeting notices. Coordinator Thompson reviewed the purpose of the Fremont County Wyoming Public Lands Initiative Advisory Group. He explained the guidelines previously sent out were to be replaced and corrected with ones which were distributed.

Approval of Minutes | Commissioner Thompson

Reg Phillips moved, Travis Becker seconded, to approve the minutes of the meeting held June 6, 2016, as amended. Motion carried unanimously. Changes to the minutes: Eight Wilderness Study Areas to include Lankin Dome, Split Rock, Miller Spring, Savage Peak, Sweetwater Canyon, Copper Mountain, Dubois Badlands, Whiskey Mountain, and Honeycomb/Oregon Buttes. Three activities have been grandfathered in: Existing Grazing, Mining and Mineral Leasing. An addition: The group discussed having alternate types of voting and Doug's participation after his Commission term ends.

Process Discussion | Commissioner Thompson

Charter/Facilitation/Voting: The group reviewed and created an amended draft Charter for the WPLI Advisory Committee. The section on the role of Committee Chair and Facilitator were tabled until the next regular meeting. All other changes are incorporated in the attached draft Charter.

Site Visit "draft" Comment Form/Site Visit "draft" Evaluation Tool: It was agreed to add process for site visits and two forms were reviewed. Amendments to those forms are also attached. It was suggested that they be available in digital format on the website and list ways for people to submit comments, formatting changes were suggested.

Other: Discussed communication of the Advisory Committee by a more robust use of the County website. It was reported that the County website is currently having technical issues but should be up to speed soon. Various

ways to enhance efforts were discussed to advertise our purpose and activities such as County 10, community newsletters, radio, etc.

Site Visit | Commissioner Thompson

Various sites were discussed for the first site visit with Copper Mountain being the one selected. Logistics will be arranged by Coordinator Thompson. The site visit date selected was July 14, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

For subsequent site visits, the group suggested a doodle survey to see what time works for the majority of the committee members.

Future Meeting (Regular) | Commissioner Thompson

The next regular WPLI meeting is set for July 11, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Office.

Public Comment |

Jessi Johnson--education needed prior to going to site visits. Wildlife habits--migration, specific needs of wildlife in the area. Sat in the Park county meeting and they had Game and Fish come give a report on these areas prior to the site visit. Also Forest Service. DT--maybe get the G&F to go with them to the site visit. She suggested a game biologist. BLM map overlay. DT --wildlife is on the site visit list. Prefers the G&F.

Gary Wilmot--WOC--as you look at these areas to explore. Any staples that you'd want to accompany the committee such as NOLS, grazing allotment folks, etc. DT--land owners too and yes there are groups that might be good to accompany. Gary--discuss the stakeholders for that area to give presentations and accompany. DT--yes they want to throw their net as widely as possible. DT said to the committee--if it's part of your constituency that would be interested it is the committee's responsibility to invite these folks to that area.

Gabriel Spoonhunter--cultural aspect--interest category to involve a tribal member on your committee to discuss the cultural sensitivity of the proposed areas.

Kim Wilbert: Community collaboration. Thorough outreach to the community. Email addresses--get email addresses at these meetings. Committee members get a packet and can share this with many, other than the county providing that for lots. Copper Mountain. Popular winter birding area. Popular winter hiking area. Want possible dates to others who may want to go. How will you get more information from these groups all in the site visit area? Does this committee have a budget? DT--yes \$500. DT the intention is to get the most information from as many public groups that will give information.

Stephanie Kessler--Better public notice. Wasn't even on the website. Contact notification list on the website. Becky can add to the email list as she gets those. Press release in community calendars--try those.

Adjourned | Commissioner Thompson

Reg Phillips moved, Travis Becker seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.