

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Daggett County Commission/Redevelopment Agency Board, Tuesday, July 09, 2013. All members were present. Vicky McKee, County Clerk, was present as board secretary. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Acting Chair Blanchard. Commissioner Steglich was late in attending due to another meeting and arrived at 9:40 A. M.

Also present were: Keri Pallesen-County Auditor/Recorder, Bret Reynolds-Civco Engineering, Woody Bair, Kathleen Liuzzi & Johnny Miller-UCIP, Brent Stewart, Jack Lytle, T. Wright Dickinson, Tammy Twitchell-CEM, Davis Allison, Jess Jackson, Mark Ward, Rowdy Muir-U.S. Forest Service, Ryan Mosley & Miles Hanberg-DWR, Bruce Erickson, Darla Steglich, Gary and Nelia Drage, Richard and Carma McDowell, Jim Gardner and Nonie Allen.

With regards to old business, Mr. Blanchard addressed the matter of the Business License for Dave McDonald. He stated that he had visited with Mr. McDonald and found out what he was trying to accomplish with his business license. His plan is to be a fish guide on the river working under the direction of Old Moe and give scenic tours which he has the right to do as a fish guide. After discussion and review of the documentation from the State of Utah and visiting with the Forest Service, Mr. Blanchard feels that Mr. McDonald has complied with all the requirements and will be doing nothing different than the other businesses. The Flaming Gorge Fishing Company has a permit on the reservoir for fish and scenic trips and Dave McDonald with his Captain's license, will also be working under Terry Collier. Motion by Mrs. Perry to approve the business license as provided by Mr. Blanchard for Mr. McDonald. Seconded by Mr. Blanchard, all in favor.

There was nothing further for old business nor citizens comments.

The minutes of the July 2, 2013 meeting were submitted by the County Clerk's office for review and approval. Mrs. Perry provided revisions to the minutes as follows: Page 2, last paragraph-add Bylaws to Daggett County Cemetery and Mr. Blanchard stated that Sheriff Jorgensen's name was spelled wrong on Page 2, third paragraph. Motion by Mrs. Perry to approve the minutes as revised. Seconded by Mr. Blanchard, all in favor.

The Open Invoice Report was provided by the County Auditor's office for review and approval in the amount of \$61,187.25. Mrs. Perry questioned the invoice from Total Landscape Management in the amount of \$270.00 for decal sales. Mrs. Pallesen stated that there are actually three changes needing to be made to the Open Invoice Report as follows: 1. that invoice should be Utah Division of Parks & Rec. for decals. 2. Silver Stitch Embroidery should be paid from Fund 32-4560-612 for banners for the Junior Rodeo and 3. Page 2 - Daggett County Jail for stamps will be deleted. Upon review and discussion, motion by Mrs. Perry to approve the Open Invoice Report as revised. Seconded by Mr. Blanchard, all in favor.

The following correspondence was provided by the County Clerk's office: 1. Ken Brown had provided a letter regarding the approval of a horse slaughter house located in Roswell, New Mexico. 2. Email from Brent Stewart with his comments regarding Congressman Bishop's Bill. This will be addressed during the Public Hearing. And 3. A letter from the State of Utah, Director of Wildlife Resources, Gregory Sheehan to a Noreen Walsh, United States Fish and Wildlife Service regarding his concerns with the operation and maintenance funding obligations at Jones Hole National Fish Hatchery. Mrs. Perry suggested that the Commission write a letter showing the county's support of

Jones Holes. There is a proposal to financially cut the funding for the Jones Hole which would be a hardship on the county and its residents. Jones Hole is a National Fishery and the main source of fish for the NRA and other lakes. Mr. Blanchard stated that Jones Hole was originally financed by the CRSP funds and was mitigated to provide fish for the reservoir. The Federal Government now wants to cut back on the funding for the fish hatchery and a letter has been received requesting that the Commission contact their congressman and let them know this is not an option. Mrs. Perry will draft a letter in support of keeping the fish hatchery. Woody Bair stated that it would be an adverse economic impact for the county as during high water times their clientele visit that area.

The following business license applications were provided by the County Clerk's office for review and approval: Darren Bowcutt, Eli Koles and Daniel Mangum. Mr. Blanchard questioned the status of Mr. Bowcutt's R.V. site billing and upon that information, motion by Mrs. Perry to approve the business license applications as listed "a" through "c". Seconded by Mr. Blanchard, all in favor.

The matter of the MOU with the Town of Manila will be continued until the next meeting as the County Attorney has not provided the documents for this matter.

Mrs. Perry provided a Draft-Capital Improvement Project – 5 Year Plan – for review and discussion. She stated that the county has been in discussion of the Dutch John Water Plant and which fund to put excess funds in and she recommends that the money be put into the General Fund Capital Improvement Fund and for the Commissioners provide their specific plans for various projects and to prioritize the projects. Mr. Blanchard stated that he liked the proposal and would provide the plan that he has for the Water Treatment Plant in Dutch John. Mrs. Perry recommends that routine maintenance needs to be handled in the same manner.

Johnnie Miller, Utah Counties Insurance Plan, was present to update the Commission, as a member, of their Interlocal Agency and provided the following information: Twenty years ago the counties determined that they were paying too much to cover their property assets and liabilities through Utah Local Governments Trust and other insurance companies. All the counties banded together and formed their own insurance company and paid into UCIP what they were paying their other insurance company. Some counties also put large amounts or capital into the fund and within a few years all that extra money paid into UCIP was paid back and as of this year UCIP has reached their surplus target. In 2004 the counties branched out into Workers Compensation but they did not do the same as they had done with personal and liability insurance and after a little while they had spent a lot of their surplus or a little over \$1M to operate that program. UCIP decided that they would focus on the property and liability and leave the Workers Compensation for the competition. They restructured their Workers Compensation to a joint purchase program which allows the counties to self insure or they can purchase insurance jointly. Daggett County is paying into the master policy with workers compensation but covered by the Workers Compensation Fund which allows a discount to the counties. UCIP then set a five year plan without raising the rates to build the financial strength back but continuing to provide the same level of service. They have doubled their equity in a three year period and have now gotten to the level where they have one year of revenue in surplus or approximately \$6M. They are able to provide coverage enhancements by working with NACO by purchasing catastrophic insurance through them. The liability limits were increased from \$2M to

\$5M and applies to every claim that the county has. Some expansions include land use coverage to \$5M and Cyber liability starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. They have added trainings and expanded the Fair and Events trainings. Risk Awareness by way of a manual for each department provides a 15 minute safety training on a weekly basis. There is a master membership paid by UCIP with the Safety Council so all their materials are available to the counties at a reduced pricing. Commissioner Steglich arrived at 9:40 A.M. UCIP provides appraisals of all the county's buildings at no charge so all county facilities are consistently valued with a rebuild cost. There is an Attorney Hotline with attorneys available for use by counties a couple hours a month to answer questions and provide advice. Since UCIP reached the level, they were able to pay back a dividend to the counties at the end of last year. Since Daggett County did not join early on, it has only reached a level of \$27,280.00 in equity or about ½ of annual contribution. If UCIP collects more than is needed to pay the claims and administrative fees, each of the counties that have reached the yearly contribution amount for property casualty in equity will receive an equity dividend (2%) back or a minimum of a \$500.00 refund. Workers Compensation has been paying back dividends for many years and this year Daggett County received 5% or \$2,205.00 or a total of \$2,705.00 of premiums paid back to the county. Stability of the rates is what the board of directors are trying to accomplish and UCIP's ultimate goal is for the counties to receive back more in dividends than what they have paid in contributions. The rates charged to the counties are ½ of what it was 20 years ago. Mrs. Pallesen stated that she would like to see the county participate in the safety training that is offered. This matter was discussed and Mr. Miller provided various options to accomplish this.

Richard Doty, Safety Professional with Workers Compensation, was present to provide information to the Commission. He stated that Daggett County averages four claims per year. For the number of employees the amount of claims is not bad but the costs of the claims are high. With work done by the county and Workers Comp. the claims ended up costing lower than anticipated. There were two claims that ran about \$20,000.00 to \$25,000.00. The county needs to focus on what the county can do to keep those costs down. They have been working with Tammy Twitchell on ways to tune up the county's safety program as they have reviewed the county safety program and have made suggestions of ways to improve. With Workers Comp. there is a cost history of three years so it takes a period of time to get past a major incident. He applauded Mrs. Pallesen and Mrs. Twitchell for the work they have done on safety projects. 88% of accidents are behavior caused and the county needs to plan accidents out through training programs. The following are things that can help with a good program: 1. accident reporting done quickly, 2. keeping the employee working in some sort of duty to cut the cost down, 3. good drug testing program and 4. regular 15 minute weekly safety meetings.

The matter of the fire restrictions for the county will be continued due to the rain that has been received countywide.

Motion by Mr. Steglich to go into the Redevelopment Agency portion of the meeting (In & Out) at 10:15 A.M. Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor.

The matter on the agenda is documents for consideration necessary to expand the redevelopment agency to provide incentives to the Greendale area. The area that is to be included is the Flaming Gorge Resort, Camperworld and south to Red Canyon plus 6,800

acres above the Junction of 191 and Highway 44. Mr. Raymond had provided a document reflecting the changes to the Greendale Project Area Plan from the last Commission meeting. Jack Lytle requested an overview of both the Manila and Greendale Project Areas. Mr. Blanchard provided the background on the Project area as a method to help the communities develop economically. Mr. Lytle then questioned if there were parties interested in the 6800 acres and what was the Forest Service opinion. Mr. Blanchard stated that they are willing to listen but no commitments have been made and they have not started anything with NEPA. The Manila Project area is the business part of Manila and Mrs. Perry questioned if the Lucerne complex would be included. Mr. Steglich stated that was still unknown but it appears that they want to be their own Project Area. With no further questions, motion by Mr. Steglich to approve Resolution #13-14, A Resolution Approving and Adopting an Official Project Area Plan for the Greendale Community Development Project Area. Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor. Motion by Mr. Steglich to approve Resolution #13-15, A Resolution Approving and Adopting an Official Budget for the Greendale Community Development Project Area. Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor. The 2013 Budget as provided is \$2,000.00 for legal fees and copies and the document was available for review.

The regular meeting reconvened at 10:25 A.M. with all present as listed earlier. Motion by Mr. Steglich to approve Ordinance #13-16, An Ordinance Adopting the Greendale Community Development Project Area Plan, As Approved by the Daggett County Redevelopment Agency, and Directing that Notice of the Adoption of the Plan Be Given as Required by Statute. Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor.

Mrs. Perry provided an update on the county facilities and stated that an inmate has been painting the county rodeo arena as well as the vacant County Sheriff offices.

Bret Reynolds, Civco Engineering, stated that there has been no movement recorded at Jesse Ewing and Wilkinson Construction plans to start the first or second week of August to pave the two approaches at the Green River Bridge and chip seal the Green River Bridge plus Martin Draw and Jesse Ewing. There was discussion regarding a proposed project for a right of way modification and the need for a meeting with the Road District and applications submitted to the BLM to revise the right of way. Mr. Steglich stated that they will be able to obtain what they need and be done by spring of next year.

Motion by Mr. Blanchard to go into the Public Hearing scheduled for 10:30 A.M. to obtain public comments regarding Congressman Bishop's proposed congressional land bill. Mr. Steglich welcomed all those present and stressed the importance of the project and provided the background on the project (Grand Land Exchange). A Draft Proposal to Participate in Congressman Bishop's Proposed Congressional Lands Bill was addressed and provided to those present for their review. Congressman Bishop's plan is to try to have communication on all sides of the issue. Mr. Steglich laid the ground rules for those wishing to participate and provide comments. Mr. Bair suggested to go line item by line item and discuss each in turn.

Mark Ward, Utah Association of Counties, addressed the process that will be conducted and stated that he has not been the architect of the Daggett County Proposal but has advised the Commission on the concept. This is a great opportunity for Utah with Congressman Bishop as Chair of Subcommittee of National Parks, Forests and Public Lands with a strong potential of obtaining chairmanship of the full House Natural

Resource Committee. All land bills will have to cross his desk. The following counties have been asked to participate in this Grand Bargain: Carbon, Emery, Wayne, Grand, San Juan, Daggett, Uintah and Duchesne. With this Grand Bargain counties decide what they want done development wise on public lands. Each of these counties, including Daggett County are asked to list the things that they want and the thing they are willing to give up.

Mr. Blanchard stated that the Draft Proposal is just a start and has been agreed upon by the three Commissioners and with this public hearing they are requesting public input with their opinions and input to make a final document to help the county out in the future. Mr. Ward stated that this will be a two year process and this portion should be completed by the end of the summer.

Each of the line items as follows was commented on:

Jack Lytle, Planning & Zoning and citizen stated that there needs to be a map provided so the public can review the areas as listed.

- a. Amend Public Law 90-540 (S.444) to include the South bank of “A” and “B” sections of the Green River below the Flaming Gorge Dam as National Recreation Area so that it matches the North bank and is offered the same management and protection.

1. Rowdy Muir-U.S. Forest Service, District Ranger, stated that the law as listed is the enactment of the NRA and the amendment as listed is to revise the NRA boundary to include about five miles – one mile above Little Hole to just above Red Creek and the south side of the river. The south side is now either State, private or BLM and Section “C” is all BLM. Mr. Steglich stated that it appears that the intent was to match the North side. Mr. Muir explained the NRA boundary as concerned with the river. Mr. Blanchard questioned if the NRA was moved into BLM property and Mr. Muir stated that Secretary of Interior and Secretary of Agriculture will probably just agree to where the boundaries are located. Mrs. Perry stated that at the request of some residents she had put this matter on the Proposal and the reason was to offer the same protection to the south banks as the north banks. The proposal is trying to release “C” to give more latitude on how the water can be used by the ranchers or private property owners.

2. T. Wright Dickinson, Vermilion Ranch, requested that the Commission does not move quickly as this is a big deal and he does understand how difficult the economics are for Daggett County. He does ask that the Commission work with and talk to the grazing permittees that bring livestock to the river to water. McCarrells and Dickinsons are working with the BLM and DWR on issues to help the grazing come back. Be careful how this is constructed so as not to be detrimental to livestock and wildlife. Some manager down the road could change the use if things are not appropriately taken care of.

- b. Sell the BLM property known as the Jarvie Ranch either to Daggett County or to private interests, so that this property may be developed as a commercial resort for recreational tourism use and thereby become an economic driver for Daggett County.

1. Mr. Steglich addressed the county's concerns with the management by the BLM and the fact that due to budget cuts they are cutting back their activities there. This matter has been discussed with them and they are willing for this to happen.
2. Mr. Blanchard stated that upon privatization the historic value would be maintained as part of the document.
3. Jack Lytle, Planning & Zoning, stated he had a couple of questions. 1. There are already existing private lands in that area that could be developed but has not been (Allen & Radosevich). Where is the need, what are the dollars that makes it viable and what is the goal. Mr. Steglich stated that it is an asset to Daggett County that the county is losing. 2. Mr. Lytle requested that the Commission talk to the private land owners.
4. T. Wright Dickinson questioned the amount of land that the county was looking at and Mr. Steglich stated that it was on the other side of the road and for more acreage than the original 80 acres. Mr. Dickinson stated that the county needs to diversify an economic development economy in order to create stability. There are two cautions-with a recreation based economy and with a small amount of agriculture, neither agriculture can create a healthy climate nor can recreation. He questioned the ability for the county to have water for use and Mr. Steglich stated that Daggett County has 12,000 acre feet of water from the reservoir that can be moved.
5. David Allison, Coalition of Local Governments in Wyoming, stated that the Commission needs to make sure that the county can obtain access and utilities can be brought into the areas surrounding these areas of interest. The Commission need to make sure about the restrictions in the surrounding areas and make sure the county can live with the end result.
6. Woody Bair, Flaming Gorge Resort, stated that Economic Development needs to be addressed but there is not an innate demand for lodging. The Lodge has 48 rooms and in 2012 they were full for seven (7) days. There is a need for more people but not more lodging. If they had 50% occupancy for 365 days of the year they would build more rooms. He urges the Commission to consider the economic impact on existing businesses for this line item and others.
7. Mr. Blanchard stated that the county has looked at this and that there is a need to bring in other resources to make the pie bigger. They are trying to interest more people to come in and to enlarge the pie. Mrs. Perry stated that the Summer Recreation Audit is complete and the mountain biking recreation is looking at five different sets of trails. Mr. Bair stated that we need more people and building more lodging will not bring them in. The businesses are totally dependent on what is going on right now so the county needs to be very careful. Mr. Steglich stated that the county needs to move to the next level-create the demand and then things will follow and if the county would end up with the Jarvie Ranch it would immediately be sold to a developer.
8. Dave Allison-addressed his concerns regarding camping sites and the large number of tourists that have a need for campsites but the number of sites that are no longer available for use legally.

c. The Green River from .5 miles below Flaming Gorge Dam until Indian Crossing Boat Ramp be considered by inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System under the designation of "Scenic" with appropriate consideration made for dam

operations, recreational facilities, existing pipeline corridors, local and regional businesses, and fish and wildlife management.

1. Casey Snyder, Trout Unlimited, stated that he is representing 150,000 members of Trout Unlimited and those members would like to preface all their support for this line item (“c”) contingent upon approval of line item “i”. He read and presented a petition in support of a “Scenic” designation for the “A” and “B” Sections of the Green River under the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act containing approximately 80 signatures. Trout Unlimited feels that this is important because the “A” & “B” Sections of the Green River has been deemed eligible and suitable for creation of a Wild and Scenic River under a Forest Service Planning Process and because of that the Forest Service has been required to manage the A, B and C Sections of the Green River as Scenic and Recreational under the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act or which means a defacto Wild and Scenic River. Trout Unlimited would like to create a management plan from all of those that utilize the river that addresses all the concerns of those that live and work here.
2. T. Wright Dickinson stated that he appreciates the points that Casey made and that Section “C” needs to include livestock grazing and the ability to get to the river and he agrees that “c” should be tied to “i”. He cautions the Commission to make sure this is worked through in a thoughtful manner so that they know exactly what the deal is as he does not know of any place where a special designation has lead to Economic Development.
3. Bret Reynolds, private citizen, stated that it is definite that we need to protect the river but he does have a couple of concerns: With this designation private use will probably go away and the visual impacts due to Wild & Scenic will impact what can be done on all properties that can be seen from the river.
4. Mark Ward- the A, B, and C Sections are being managed defacto Wild & Scenic since they all three were considered eligible. This defacto designation gives the land managers a lot of discretion in how they manage the river. The county needs to make sure that the right language is included in the bill to protect the things that the county is worried about. The county by itself would not be able to get legislation approved to release Section “C”.
5. Rowdy Muir, District Ranger, stated that the Forest Service as one of the river managers on Section “C” takes the lead on the river plan but it is not his intention to ever be restrictive on the river but due to congestion there has to be some restrictions on the use. The river manager has a lot of discretion on how it is managed and if the plan is not working, he welcomes communications from the public. Under a Wild & Scenic designation it will be a lot harder to divert water from the Green River. He wants to manage the river the way it needs to be done but there are two other agencies involved with this - BLM and BOR. It is not just a river management but how to get all three in agreement on the management.

Mr. Blanchard stated that the county has received comments by way of email and questioned if these should be read and it was suggested that they are left out for the public to review.

- d. Designate 20,500 Acres on Baretop Mountain as a National Wilderness area.
  1. Jerry Steglich stated that the county wants to be in control of what goes on there so this will need to be changed to Wilderness Recreation.

2. Rowdy Muir read the regulations of wilderness designation and stated that he was glad that the Commission has backed off on the Wilderness designation. Baretop is already under a management area with UDWR in order to bring the Big Horn Sheep population back but it still non-motorized. He welcomes any concerns that the public has with the management of Baretop as they administer that management plan. Mr. Steglich stated that his reason for listing this was to balance the offering and questioned what could be done to use it as an asset. Mr. Muir stated that area was designated as wildlife usage so the county has already given up a portion of the NRA but needs to give it recognition. Under the current travel management plan mechanized vehicles are allowed now. Mr. Ward stated that you can tailor and customize the language in the bill but there are other designations that could be used here such as National Conservation Area. Mr. Muir stated that when you designate there are strings attached and right now there are no strings attached and it is being managed well. There was discussion as to whether Baretop is really necessary to balance things out.

3. Casey Snyder questioned if Baretop was inventoried roadless and Mr. Muir responded that it was not.

4. Dave Allison stated that there are other ways of managing these areas and they will be looking at designations that cannot be changed. Two concerns when you lock up an area by a designation: 1. Livestock managers are handicapped to make improvements and 2. Veg. Treatments for habitat. He questioned if there will be others that can change the wording or add wording into the bill and Mr. Ward stated that Congressman Bishop has stated that he was in control of this.

5. Rowdy Muir stated that Baretop is already designated and has concerns with designating it something else.

6. Jack Lytle stated that Baretop has had significant manipulation on the habitat due to fire and etc. and he cautions that wilderness has a definition so be careful as this may not be what the county wants.

e. Designate Diamond Breaks as a National Wilderness Area and remove the Wilderness Study area designation.

f. Release Cold Springs as a Wilderness Study Area.

1. Mr. Steglich explained that these Wilderness Study Area designations have been in place since 1980 or 1981.

2. T. Wright Dickinson stated that Daggett County and Moffat County share these WSAs as 65,000 acres of Diamond Breaks are located in Moffat County. West Cold Springs was recommended by the BLM to not be worthy of Wilderness designation and Diamond Breaks was recommended but Moffat County has been adamant about the need to release Diamond Breaks from the National Wilderness area. He has asked the Moffat County Commissioners to get in touch with the Daggett County Commissioners. Moffat County is in favor of releasing West Cold Springs from the WSA but is not in favor of a Wilderness designation of a small part of Diamond Breaks. At a meeting last evening, Moffat County determined to move forward on Quieting Title on the Hoy Trail that goes up on Diamond Mountain. Dickinson's are the grazing permittee on the Colorado side and a wilderness designation would be very adverse to the Dickinson's. That designation will adversely affect his livestock operations and Moffat County would be happy to visit

with Daggett County. There is a need for water developments in the WSA but was told this would never be an option. He recommends an alternate designation as well as writing the bill with the ability to say what is to happen but there is a need to be aware that the National agenda of these groups will be adverse to changing these designations in the way that is being proposed.

3. Rowdy Muir stated that as a land manager he has a problem with wilderness study areas because they were put out in the times when you could appropriately manage them. There are probably less than 10% that are being studied at this time due to budget constraints where they can no longer manage WSAs. There are over 100 in Sweetwater County alone. If he has a WSA and he cannot maintain, operate and collect the data to continue to show that it has characteristics of wilderness he will try to remove them from the WSA designation. The BLM, Forest Service and Interior do not have the budget and personnel to manage the study areas.

4. Mark Ward stated that it is a political impossibility to remove a WSA-it will not happen. Mr. Ward urges a steady consideration of the fact to make things better in Diamond Breaks by making the management of Diamond Breaks less restrictive than what it is now. The matter of the interstate issue was reviewed and discussed and Mr. Ward restated that with this bill you can make a WSA better.

- g. Privatize approximately 6,800 Acres of Forest Service land on the west side of Highway 44 at the 191 Junction to be developed for a Summer and Winter recreation area.

1. Mr. Steglich addressed the history on this proposal and based on preliminary information it appears that a summer/winter recreation area could be a possibility. The property is now Forest Service and has a portion of the land designated as roadless and the county has been pushing to privatize and develop the land. There is still a lot of studies needing to be completed with the first phase of the project being about 4,200 acres.

2. Jack Lytle questioned if the county had looked into the old ski resort on Grizzly Ridge and the existing housing development for old development plans and when was the last time a ski resort was opened. Mr. Steglich offered him to review a copy of the cost breakdown from Bruce Erickson's office on the project.

3. Bret Reynolds commended the county on looking at something besides fishing and that this would be good for winter recreation as of this date there is no existing snowmobile trail in the county. He questioned what the county was doing for the existing Forest Service permit holders because they cannot expand due to the restrictions on those permits. He does not want to see a resort put there that would have a bad affect on the existing permit holders and businesses.

4. Rowdy Muir, District Ranger, stated that Cedar Springs, Red Canyon, Flaming Gorge Corp., Spirit Lake have all been allowed to expand. The county needs to know that with a land exchange a feasibility study will be required. This and other things will be a cost to the county but his job is to help the county complete what they want to do and he has been helping them.

- h. Privatize the Swett Ranch so that it can continue to grow in encouraging tourism while maintaining the historic value.
  1. Mr. Steglich addressed the history regarding this proposal and stated that this could tie into the development of the 6,800 acres as well as the existing resort.
  2. Rowdy Muir, Forest Service, stated that the Swett Ranch has a long family history in the county and ended up in the Forest Service hands. Carol Gardiner is currently allowed to graze the area with her providing various improvements. Mr. Muir's concern is how to continue to operate those types of facilities and he will need to make a decision somewhere down the road about how he continues to manage. If the property is privatized that is one less facility that he would need to manage. The conveyance as written could be added to protect the agricultural.
  
- i. The Green River from Indian Crossing Boat Ramp until the Colorado State line be released from consideration as a "recreation" river under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.
  1. T. Wright Dickinson stated that he supported the intent of this but his concern that the county needs to be aware that due to visual resource guidelines it could end up with restrictions being placed on the land owners or preclude the use of the pipeline corridor.
  2. Casey Snyder stated that he wanted to reiterate Trout Unlimited's support for this line item and make sure that with the release of Section "C" the issues of the pipeline and agricultural interests be continued. Mr. Blanchard questioned the matter of submitting Section "C"s release without including Sections A & B and Mr. Snyder stated under present conditions it would be very difficult if not impossible to release Section "C" without a collaborative effort. Mr. Ward stated that the only way to get anything done in Congress now is to have a "Give Up" with an "Ask" which is the theory of Bishop's bill.
  3. Dave Allison stated that the Commission needs to look at the ACEC's (Area of Critical Environmental Concern) on this section and make sure they are modified or put language in the bill to say what the county wants to happen. There is an ACEC at Red Creek and the area around Taylor Flats was proposed for an ACEC.
  
- j. SITLA parcels located within the designated portions of the Green River watershed be transferred out of Daggett county into portions of the State of Utah where they may be appropriately developed.
  1. Mr. Steglich explained the matter of the transfer of SITLA parcels that have no other value than for grazing or other limited value on Diamond Mountain on the other side of the river to the BLM, the bordering agency, with a calculation so that the county would receive back revenues. Mr. Ward explained that under State law the county could trade SITLA acres to Uintah County and Daggett County as the donating county would receive 25% of those royalties and Uintah would receive 50%. Mr. Snyder stated that Congressman's Bishop's bill is to transfer State parcels to be encapsulated into potential designations into places in the State where they could be developed into oil and gas. Those isolated parcels do not net any economic benefit to those counties where they originate. If those parcels are not developable as they now exist they could be transferred

out when the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act goes through and the A and B sections are designated and have a justifiable position when there is a transfer. If something is captured in a potential designation it can then be moved out of the county. These parcels are designated portions of the Green River Water Shed and meet the test that Congressman Bishop has set for SITLA parcels and can be transferred.

2. T. Wright Dickinson stated that he appreciates the knowledge that has been provided so he can address it. As a grazing permittee affected he addressed his concern with the SITLA land that was traded to DWR. He is opposed to trading any parcels that they have a grazing lease on. If the property is to be sold out of this county he would appreciate the knowledge so his family could make an offer. He would like the same ability to allow them to purchase these lands or assure they can retain viable livestock operations.

With no further comments, Mr. Steglich thanked all that were present and for their participation. He stated that upon receiving additional information the public will be provided all the information and requested that the public come in one by one and provide comments. Mr. Dickinson requested that he receive notice more timely, provided any information and be involved in the process. He was requested to provide contact information for himself and the Moffat County Commission. Mr. Lytle questioned if the Commission was considering the use of the Public Lands Committee and was informed that the Commission would be completing this as expeditiously as possible but will take all the input possible.

Motion by Mr. Blanchard to adjourn the Public Hearing and go back into the regular session of the meeting at 1:30 P.M. Seconded by Mrs. Perry, all in favor.

Gary & Nelia Drage and Richard & Carma McDowell were present representing the residents at Half Moon Park and would like to provide their concerns for all the 10 cabins located there. They have been paying fees to the Forest Service and taxes to Daggett County and they were just informed that the Forest Service would be doubling their fees and they also found out that they now have no access to water since the water house was abandoned by the Town of Manila. The Forest Service has disallowed them use of their water as well. Mrs. McDowell stated that there is also now a \$5,000.00 fine if someone is caught using the Forest Service dumpsters. The accessibility to the Towns landfill is not an option as the part time schedule will not work for them. They are asking for use of a spigot and a dumpster. They only come into the county from May and are out by October. There was discussion regarding contacting one of the garbage collection companies and Mr. Steglich stated that they will need to work out the garbage collection with either the Forest Service or contract on their own. Mr. Steglich stated that he will work on the situation of the water and try to find a resolution. His idea is for the Town to either sell the well to the county and pipe it down or tap into the Town's supply line unmetered. He stated that he has talked to Mr. Muir about the resident's concerns and he will not change his position concerning their request.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:47 P.M.

/s/ Vicky McKee

/s/ Jerry Steglich

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