

Moffat County Board of County Commissioners
1198 W Victory Way Craig, CO 81625

October 16, 2023 – Special Meeting

In attendance: Melody Villard, Vice-Chair; Donald Broom, Board Member; Erin Miller, Deputy Clerk & Recorder; Jeff Comstock; T. Wright Dickinson; Tom Kleinschnitz

Commissioner Bohrer is out of the office

Call to Order

Commissioner Villard called the meeting to order at 8:33 am

Natural Resources Department – Jeff Comstock & T. Wright Dickinson

- Road Maintenance Permit with Vermillion Ranch, LP (see attached)

This is the third time this road maintenance permit has come up for renewal. Under the RS-2477 rights of way protocol, Moffat County can authorize a responsible party to maintain a road on our behalf on Federal lands. We have a 50-year agreement with the Fish & Wildlife Service and a 20+ year agreement with the BLM. October 6, the applicant, County, and US Fish and Wildlife Service met on site to discuss and agree upon necessary maintenance for the South River Road of the Brown's Park Refuge, which ends at one end of the Dickinson's property. Maintenance is necessary for Dickinson to be able to move hay. The renewal of the permit is normally done five years at a time, however, this time, we are proposing a 25-year permit, with the condition that when maintenance is necessary, new maps and a meeting with USFWS will occur in advance of maintenance taking place.

Broom moved to approve the Road Maintenance Permit with Vermillion Ranch, LP. Villard seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

- Memo of Understanding between Moffat County and Routt County regarding Operation of the Lower Yampa River Augmentation Plan Across County Boundaries (see attached)

Comstock and Commissioner Bohrer went to Routt County and spoke with the Routt County Commissioners regarding Operation of the Lower Yampa River Augmentation Plan Across County Boundaries. The only portion of Routt County that the augmentation plan would apply to is the watershed area directly east of Elkhead Reservoir. Routt County had a lot of debate about whether they should give us a Letter of Support or a Memo of Understanding, Moffat County requested a Memo of Understanding.

Broom moved to approve the Memo of Understanding between Moffat County and Routt County regarding Operation of the Lower Yampa River Augmentation Plan Across County Boundaries. Villard seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

- Letter of Support for passenger rail service to Colorado Transportation Commission (see attached)

This letter of support to the Transportation Commission would be requesting a feasibility study of passenger rail service on the rail lines that currently are used for shipping coal. This is more in support of Routt County, who wants it for transporting skiers from the Front Range and employees to their jobs.

Broom moved to approve the Letter of Support for passenger rail service to Colorado Transportation Commission. Villard seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 am

The next scheduled BOCC meeting is Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Submitted by:

Erin Miller, Deputy Clerk and Recorder

Approved by:





Melody Villard

Approved on:

October 24, 2023

Attest by:

Erin Miller

