

Approved Meeting Minutes
Jonah Interagency Mitigation and Reclamation Office (JIO)
Agency Managers Committee Meeting
May 21, 2015 9:30 a.m.
Pinedale Field Office, Bureau of Land Management

Attending: Scott Talbott, Adam George, Todd Parfitt, Doug Miyamoto, Shane DeForest, Eric Decker, Sheila Keating, Pete Guernsey, John Lund, Joy Ufford, Nikki Blunner, Erika Tokarz, Dylan Bergman, Theresa Gulbrandson, Jeremy Perkins, Darla Potter, Shari Meeks, Chris Wichmann, Tambi Calvert

Welcome, introductions and approval of agenda (Scott Talbott, Chairman) Mr. Talbott welcomed all to the meeting, introductions were made and there were no modifications to the agenda.

Review and approval of Dec. 4, 2014 meeting minutes (action item, Scott Talbot, Chairman) There was a motion to approve the minutes by Mr. Parfitt; then a 2nd by Mr. George that was approved unanimously by the Board.

JIO Budget Update (information, Sheila Keating/Budget Administrator contractor) The report summary included all project commitments through May 2015 and salary/administrative projections through 2020. There will be approximately \$158,000 available for projects from savings from completed projects.

Funded Project Summary (information, Eric Decker) Eric mentioned that the summary is on the website. It is a summary of projects funded in the past six years. Eric also mentioned staff is working on a more complete list of all projects funded since the beginning of JIO that should be on the website within the next year.

JIO Proposed Projects for 2015 funding (action item, Eric Decker) See Board packet tab "2015 Project Ranking" for details on each project that was ranked by JIO Team members.

There are two projects that are not listed in the project ranking summary handout that the Team would like to have the Board consider for funding.

Greater Sage-Grouse mitigation projects: (not in your packet) The JIO Team developed this project and the request is for \$100,000. The Team would like the flexibility to design and implement a variety of off-site projects similar to the sage-grouse miscellaneous projects approved with PAPO funding.

With that and other information Mr. Miyamoto provided the following motion: “the motion is to approve \$100,000 for sage-grouse mitigation projects contingent with the request to coordinate with the upper Green River sage-grouse working group.” There was a 2nd by Mr. George. Chairman Talbott requested comments from the public and the public provided no comments. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Boulder Lake Campground maintenance project: (not in your packet) The JIO Team supports this project. The request is for \$35,000 to be taken from the New Fork River project that is likely to have about \$90,000 in leftover funds when completed. This proposal is to put large boulders in the Boulder Lake Camp Ground area where the fence has been destroyed from natural forces to keep cattle out of the campground and ATV vehicles out of certain areas in the campground.

Mr. George provided the following motion: “to move to approve this project with the condition that no funds be released until the New Fork – East Fork project (not the project below which is a different project), is completed first to ensure funds are available.” There was a 2nd by Mr. Parfitt. Mr. Talbott asked for any comments from the public; no comments were made. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Fork River Access Project: The request is for \$5,000 to help plan for the project that has Team approval. Mr. Parfitt provided the following motion: “I move to approve this project for \$5,000”; there was a 2nd by Mr. George. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Flushing Bars: The request is for \$15,000 that is endorsed by the Team. Mr. Miyamoto provided the following motion: “to approve the Flushing Bars project for hay land producers for the amount of \$15,000 with the request to coordinate with the upper Green River sage-grouse working group”; there was a 2nd by Mr. Parfitt. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Muleshoe Bend Pivot project: The request is for \$50,000 and the Team recommends partial funding at \$20,000. The Team recommends the funds come from left over livestock money of \$8,000 and the remaining \$12,000 from leftover wildlife funds.

Mr. Miyamoto motion provided the following motion: “I move that we fund the Muleshoe Bend project for \$50,000”; with a 2nd from Mr. Parfitt.

There was discussion on why the Team only recommended \$20,000 and where the funds should come from. After more discussion, the Board decided the remaining \$30,000 should come from General Funds and the motion was modified with that funding condition. The modified motion carried by unanimous vote.

Rawhouser Water Project: The request is for \$15,000 and the Team does not recommend approval of this project. There was no motion by the Board on this project.

Public Comment (facilitated by Chairman Talbott) There were no public comments.

Next meeting date and adjourn Chairman Talbott proposed the next JIO Board meeting be in Cheyenne on Dec. 3 and 4, 2015 at the Wyoming Game & Fish Department headquarters office. The Board agreed with the next meeting place and date. With no further business, Chairman Talbott adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.