



# MINUTES

Kane County Resource Committee  
76 North Main Street  
Kanab, Utah 84741  
**January 15, 2020**

CONDUCTING: Lance Jackson-Vice Chair

PRESENT: Pam Hill, Charlie Saba, Tony Chelewski, Lance Jackson, Byard Kershaw, Bart Battista, Andy Gant, Commissioner; Rob Van Dyke, Attorney; Adé Nelson, Resource Planner; Wendy Allan, Administrative Assistant

ABSENT: Jim Matson, Kelly Stowell

9:00 AM Meeting called to Order Lance Jackson  
Invocation Andy Gant  
Pledge of Allegiance Lance Jackson

## 1. Approval of minutes from the November 20, 2019 meeting.

A **motion** was made by Tony Chelewski to approve the minutes of November 20, 2019. Charlie Saba seconded the motion. The **motion passed** unanimously.

## 2. Updates

### •BLM

**Vermillion Cliffs EA**-conversations are on-going in the state solicitor's office.

**Grand Staircase & KEPA RMP**-no decision yet.

**Red Knoll Title Five Application**-waiting for further direction.

**East Zion Trails**-coordination continues with the BLM, NPS and stake holders. Waiting on statement of work. Once that is finalized by BLM and NPS, Kane County will solicit bids for a contractor to complete the NEPA.

**Bull Valley Gorge**-snow is hindering progress. We are hoping to have a contract in place by spring.

**House Rock Valley Road Improvements**-Bert has submitted a notice of maintenance to the BLM. That will be forwarded to the solicitor. We are ready to go once we get approval.

**Trail Canyon Management Plan**-in the beginning of discussions with Kane County, PLPCO and SITLA. Lou and Ade are involved in meetings to work on inventory of roads.

## •Forest Service

**Robinson Canyon Trail**-site visit stalled due to weather.

**Deer Springs Area**-Chris Wehril has submitted for WRI & shared stewardship funding.

## •Current resource issues & concerns

### **Uranium-Pam Hill**

President Trump created the uranium working group to discuss ways to rejuvenate the domestic uranium industry. They are putting together recommendations to send to the White House. They are considering the creation of a national strategic uranium stock pile in the US. If it is created, this stockpile would need approximately 10 million pounds of uranium a year. For comparison, the seven mines on the strip produced 18 million during the two and a half decades they were in operation.

enCore Energy, a small uranium company, got approval of re-permitting on two AZ state mining leases that are not affected by the current withdrawal. This clears the way for exploration to begin.

There is a bill in congress that would make the uranium withdrawal permanent on the AZ strip. It has passed the house and is now in the senate. The current withdrawal went into effect 2011 and is in effect for 20 years.

### **Alton Coal-Byard Kershaw**

Alton Coal got approval to move onto federal coal. They are currently removing overburden. Drew Christensen indicated that they could be removing coal within a matter of days. This will allow for more jobs. They are looking at removing 500 thousand to 800 thousand tons per year to start with a maximum of 2 million tons a year as things progress.

## **3. Assignments**

No new assignments

## **4. Reports**

### **Southern Red Sands-Andy**

A press release came out last week. SRS will not be operating at Red Knoll. There are still a lot of details to work out. There will be information in this week's local paper. Many factors came into play including cost of sand, environmental concerns, and Best Friends Animal Society concerns. It is unsure what will happen to the SITLA land.

### **Open and public meeting training**

Open and public meeting training will be scheduled for the March 18th meeting.

Bart requested an assignment, maybe reviewing an EA or something like that. Ade' indicated they may be able to use him as things move forward.

Next meeting: Interagency meeting -February 9, 2020 in the Kanab Center.

Meeting adjourned 9:46pm.

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Lance Jackson, Vice-Chair

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Wendy Allan, Administrative Assistant