

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 28, 2015**

The July 28, 2015 meeting was held in the Board of County Commissioners’ meeting room located at 200 E. Virginia Avenue, Gunnison, Colorado. Present were:

Paula Swenson, Chairperson
Phil Chamberland, Vice-Chairperson
Jonathan Houck, Commissioner

Matthew Birnie, County Manager
Katherine Haase, Clerk to the Board
Others Present as Listed in Text

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Swenson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Spruce Beetle Epidemic and Aspen Decline Management Response Comments. The draft correspondence was created by Commissioner Houck. **Moved** by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to sign and submit the draft letter. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Legislative Exchange Proposal for Thompson Divide Leases. Commissioner Chamberland informed the Board that he had conversations with representatives from the offices of Senator Gardner and Congressman Tipton, and both offices expressed concerns related to tying the SG Interests proposal to a greater overall proposal that will likely require a lengthy discussions. He also stated that neither Senator Gardner nor Congressman Tipton support mineral withdrawal at this time. While Commissioner Chamberland is supportive of mineral withdrawal as part of an overall solution, he is not in favor of surface occupancy. While he would not be opposed to the idea of more than one proposal, he stated his preference that one overall proposal be evaluated for the area. He also expressed urgency due to the nearing expiration of some leases.

Chairperson Swenson stated that she would not support isolated exchanges in this area because of concerns related to splintering efforts, particularly because it could undermine Delta County’s efforts. Commissioner Chamberland indicated that he shared Chairperson Swenson’s opinion on this issue with Senator Gardner and Congressman Tipton.

Commissioner Houck stated his support for a comprehensive process and a compromised position between all affected parties. **Moved** by Chairperson Swenson, seconded by Commissioner Houck to send the letter, with one ministerial correction. Motion carried. Commissioner Chamberland voted against the motion.

RATIFICATION OF APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE; CLOSING INSTRUCTIONS, SETTLEMENT STATEMENT (HUD-1), HUD-1 ATTACHMENT, HUD-1 ADDENDUM, WARRANTY DEED, AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT, AND REAL ESTATE TAX AGREEMENT; 1420 ROCK CREEK ROAD, GUNNISON, CO 81230; \$149,700: **Moved by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to ratify the signatures. Motion carried unanimously.**

ADJOURN: **Moved by Commissioner Chamberland, seconded by Commissioner Houck to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:12 pm.**

Paula Swenson, Chairperson

Phil Chamberland, Vice-Chairperson

Jonathan Houck, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Katherine Haase, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Kathy Simillion, County Clerk