

**GUNNISON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 31, 2012**

The July 31, 2012 meeting was held in the Commissioners' boardroom in the Courthouse located at 200 E. Virginia, Gunnison, Colorado. Present were:

Hap Channell, Chairperson
Paula Swenson, Vice-Chairperson
Others Present as Listed in Text

Bobbie Lucero, Deputy Clerk to the Board
David Baumgarten, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Channell called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

POSSIBLE ELIMINATION OF STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS: Gunnison County Sheriff Rick Besecker, Emergency Manager Scott Morrill, Gunnison County Fire Protection District Fire Chief Dennis Spritzer, Gunnison County Fire Protection District Assistant Fire Marshall Hugo Ferchau, Assistant Airport Director Walt Cranor and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Field Director Brian St. George were present for the discussion.

Fire Chief Spritzer informed the Board that the United States Forest Service eliminated its fire restrictions last week. There was discussion that the monsoon season has been weaker than normal, and the humidity has been high. The Board reviewed the 30-day weather outlook, and determined it shows improvement in the drought. Field Director St. George confirmed that BLM will be eliminating its fire restrictions on Wednesday. The Board discussed that they want to be cautious that they are not confusing the public by enforcing and removing fire restrictions repeatedly. Emergency Manager Morrill reassured the Board that based on weather patterns, meetings with the federal agencies, and the fuel moisture (still above 10%) he is comfortable eliminating the fire restrictions.

Moved by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Chairperson Channell to approve Resolution 2012-22, A Resolution Repealing Resolution No: 2012-14, A Resolution Implementing Stage 1 Fire Restrictions; and authorize signatures. Motion carried (Commissioner Chamberland wasn't present).

ADJOURN: **Moved** by Commissioner Swenson, seconded by Chairperson Channell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried (Commissioner Chamberland wasn't present). The meeting adjourned at 9:38 am.

Hap Channell, Chairperson

Paula Swenson, Vice-Chairperson

(ABSENT)

Phil Chamberland, Commissioner

Minutes Prepared By:

Bobbie Lucero, Deputy County Clerk

Attest:

Stella Dominguez, County Clerk