

## DUCHESNE COUNTY TRAILS COMMITTEE

June 28, 2022

734 N. Center Street, Duchesne, UT 84021  
Commission Chambers | 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

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### Attending

Cheryl Fabrizio-chair Tabiona-Hanna	Sharla Goff Myton
Darwin McKee-vice chair Duchesne	Jared Thacker Upper Country
Shilo Hatch Fruitland	Mike Hawley (virtual) Roosevelt

Others Attending: Bonnie Roberts, Tabby Valley Parks & Recreation Special Service District; Chase Pili, Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation (virtual); Rachel Toker, Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation (virtual); Jason Blankenagel, Sunrise Engineering (virtual); Mike Hyde, Duchesne County; and Mike Gottfredson, Duchesne County.

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### Minutes

1. Welcome
  - a. Chair Jared Thacker welcomed the Committee at 6:06 PM.
2. Approval of Minutes (moved to next meeting)
3. Action Item-Chair and Vice Chair Election
  - a. Mr. Thacker asked for nominations for chair and vice-chair of the committee for the 2022 year.
    - i. Darwin McKee nominated Cheryl Fabrizio as Chair, with Shilo Hatch seconding. Nomination passed with four in favor, and Ms. Fabrizio abstaining.
    - ii. Cheryl Fabrizio nominated Darwin McKee as Vice-Chair, with Sharla Goff seconding. Nomination passed with four in favor, and Mr. McKee abstaining.
4. Chair's Report
  - a. Newly elected chair Cheryl Fabrizio asked Mike Hawley to introduce himself as the new committee member representing Roosevelt. Mr. Hawley mentioned he is the head coach of the high school mountain bike team, is an avid road and mountain bike rider, and has worked on award-winning trails projects statewide in his capacity as a principal of Jones and DeMille Engineering.
5. Staff Report
  - a. OHV Projects
    - i. FIG Grants: Mike Gottfredson described the five OHV projects that are ongoing.
      1. OHV Trail Equipment: hand-tools are purchased; side by side purchased in December 2021, but has not been shipped by

manufacturer yet; Mr. Gottfredson, and two other County staff received First Aid training in June 2022; Mr. Gottfredson and one other County staff member received sawyer training in June 2022.

2. BLM Trail Mapping: At Your Leisure staff and Mr. Gottfredson surveyed the three trails on BLM land included as part of this grant, and the mapping is in post-processing.
  3. Heavy Equipment Training for Sowers Canyon Trail Work: Mr. Gottfredson and three other County employees received heavy equipment training in May and June 2022. Mr. Gottfredson and Forest Service personnel surveyed the Sowers Canyon project in June 2022, and further work is in scheduling.
  4. ATV Trail Equipment purchase for Yellowstone Canyon Trail Work: equipment is purchased, including a four-wheeler and one, 50" wide side by side.
  5. Environmental Assessment Funding for the Harmston Canyon Connector Trail: Mr. Gottfredson, Jason Blankenagel from Sunrise Engineering, and Forest Service personnel surveyed the Harmston Canyon Connector Trail on June 28, 2022. A final route was selected, and will be sent to the Forest Service District Ranger for final approval.
- ii. Badlands Loop Trail Update
    1. Mr. Gottfredson reported that work on the Badlands Loop Trail is ongoing. Access across private property is being negotiated, and work on the Sowers Canyon portion of the trail continues to move forward, as noted previously.
  - iii. Mr. McKee asked if there has been any construction attempted this year on the OHV trails. Mr. Gottfredson replied that site surveys have been completed on the Sowers Canyon trail, and both trail dozing and the placement of two culverts are scheduled to happen this year.
- b. Community Trails
    - i. Roosevelt Nature Park Tour
      1. Mr. Gottfredson reported on the Committee's attendance on a tour of Roosevelt's new Nature Park along Cottonwood Creek in March 2022. Jim Marshall, CEO of Uintah Basin Healthcare, hosted local leaders and municipal staff, including Commissioner Greg Todd, Ms. Hatch, Mr. Gottfredson, and Dr. Greg Staker, a member of the Trails Committee at that time. This park will serve as a trails hub that can connect the communities on the periphery of Roosevelt.

## 6. Discussion

- a. Tabiona Community Trail
  - i. Ms. Fabrizio introduced Bonnie Roberts from Tabby Valley Parks & Recreation Special Service District.
  - ii. Ms. Roberts described the Tabiona Community Trail project, and the efforts her organization have undertaken to move the project forward.
    1. Project is one mile in length on the perimeter of 52 acres.
    2. Worked with Sunrise Engineering on the planning, and funding strategies. Deadlines for early 2022 grants could not be met.
    3. Lapoint community trail is a desirable example.

- iii. Ms. Roberts expressed interest in having a concrete-paved trail. Committee asked Mr. Blankenagel of other surface types, and he said he will provide those to Ms. Roberts.
      - iv. Mr. Gottfredson offered to put Ms. Roberts in contact with State grant administrators.
    - b. Introduction to Division of Outdoor Recreation
      - i. Ms. Fabrizio introduced Chase Pili and Rachel Toker from the newly created Utah Division of Outdoor Recreation.
        - 1. Mr. Pili, OHV Program Manager- formerly with State Parks, including Starvation; lives in Heber.
        - 2. Ms. Toker, Grant Analyst- with the Division since inception, now oversees the Fiscal Incentive Program and Recreation Trails Program grants.
      - ii. Mr. Pili discussed the creation of the Division came from the merging of the Division of Recreation at the Department of Natural Resources and the Office of Outdoor Recreation under the Governor's Office. Highlights of the division include:
        - 1. A one-stop-shop for all things recreation, including motorized and non-motorized programs;
        - 2. Started with 10 employees, now has 29;
        - 3. Outdoor Recreation Law Enforcement working in tandem with State Park Rangers;
        - 4. Equipment and trails crews to be made available to communities for trail development work; and
        - 5. Ten different funding sources, with staff available to direct communities to proper sources.
      - iii. Ms. Toker suggested Ms. Roberts contact her regarding funding opportunities for the Tabiona Community Trail, including the Recreation Trails Program Grant. This grant currently requires 50% match, but will require 20% next year. Mr. Blankenagel also brought up the Outdoor Recreation Program Grant as another option for trails funding.
    - c. Member Items
      - i. Mr. McKee asked about connecting the upper part of Duchesne City to the lower part with a sidewalk. Ms. Fabrizio asked Mr. Gottfredson to invite Mayor Rodney Rowley to the next meeting to discuss.
      - ii. Ms. Hatch and Ms. Goff inquired about the status of the Sand Wash multipurpose trail. Mr. Gottfredson replied that the trail has been deemphasized due to opposition from private property owners. Any additional consideration would require local, community meetings in and around Sand Wash Reservoir.
7. Next Steps
- a. Mr. Gottfredson to send out a digital poll for the next two meetings in 2022.
8. Adjournment
- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.