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BATTLEMENT MESA SERVICE ASSOCIATION  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
September 18, 2012

Present:	Keith Lammey Bob Arrington John Shepherd Sara McCurdy Bernie Grove Laurel Koning Jeff Hill Jason Fletcher Keith Sheppelman	President, Mesa Ridge Townhomes Vice President, Willow Creek Village Sec/Treasurer, Canyon View Village Director, Eagle's Point Director, Monument Creek Village Director, Battlement Creek Village Director, The Fairways Director, The Reserve Director, Stone Ridge Village
Excused Absence:	Brad Hoy Eric Schmela Jonathan Lay Greg Davidson	Director, Valley View Village Delegate, Battlement Mesa Partners Delegate, Battlement Mesa Partners Director, Tamarisk Meadows
Also Present:	Steve Rippy Amie Martin	Association Manager Administrative Assistant
Community Members Present:	Joyce Hopple John Lavey	Art Litschewski Chuck Hall

#### OWNERS OPEN FORUM

Ms. Hopple lives at 156 Limberpine Circle in Canyon View Village. She has a crab apple tree that has over-produced fruit this year. She has been raking the crab apples every day for the last month to avoid crushing them onto her sidewalk. Ms. Hopple asked if BMSA would consider cutting the tree down because she can no longer take care of the fallen crab apples.

Director Lammey explained that at the Canyon View Homeowners meeting the Board discussed this problem. Director Lammey believes the Canyon View Board will probably be willing to remove the tree next spring, but he will discuss the issue further with the Canyon View Board of Directors.

Director Fletcher stated that Alpine Bank is celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Thursday, September 27, 2012 from 11-2. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Director Lammey called the meeting to order at 9:34 am.

#### EXCUSE ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS

Director Lammey excused absent Board members Brad Hoy, Eric Schmela, Jonathan Lay and Greg Davidson.

#### DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS

Director McCurdy disclosed that she is a Board member of the Battlement Mesa Metropolitan District.

Director Sheppelman disclosed that he is a part-time employee of the Battlement Mesa Metropolitan District.

Director Lammey disclosed that a company he owns is under contract with the BMSA to provide covenant protection services.

Director Fletcher disclosed that he is a Board member of the Battlement Mesa Metropolitan District and the Parachute/Battlement Mesa Park and Recreation District.

#### **JOHN LAVEY PRESENTATION**

Mr. Lavey is representing the Garfield County Legacy Project. Mr. Lavey stated that there is a Proposition on the ballot for the November 6, 2012 election regarding the protection of ranchlands, rivers and recreation economy of Garfield County. If the Proposition passes the Garfield Open Lands Fund would be used for a variety of purposes. They are: Conserve working farm and ranch lands, protect water supplies and land along rivers and creeks, conserve wildlife habitat, protect natural areas important for our recreation economy and provide trails, and access to public lands and rivers. The Proposition is not for wilderness areas. The Proposition is to raise ¼% sales tax. Of the funds raised, 25% will go towards recreation amenities, up to 5% will go towards administration fees and the remaining 70-75% will go towards purchases. If there are funds not spent, they will roll back into purchasing. The sales tax will automatically sunset in 10 years. There will be a committee of 9 volunteers who will disperse the funds. These volunteers will consist of 1 from each municipality in Garfield County and 1 from each of the Garfield County Commissioners districts. The Commissioners will appoint the 3 volunteers from their districts.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Director McCurdy and seconded by Director Grove to accept the minutes of August 21, 2012 as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Director McCurdy and seconded by Director Grove to accept the minutes of September 4, 2012 as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

A motion was made by Director Fletcher and seconded by Director Grove to approve the August 31, 2012 financial statements; subject to audit. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance Report:** See attached report.

A motion was made by Director Grove and seconded by Director McCurdy to authorize the transfer of \$250,000 from the money market 1 account into laddered cd's. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Director McCurdy and seconded by Director Grove to approve the Federal and State Income Tax return for 2011 and also, an amendment for 2008 and 2009 Income Tax returns. The motion carried unanimously.

Director Shepherd reported that the Board of Directors needs to approve all uses of funds out of the Reserve Fund.

**Architectural/Covenant Committee:** See attached reports.

**Oil & Gas Committee:** See attached report.

**Parks/Open Space/Trails Committee:** No report.

Director Koning reported that the committee is in need of 3 new members.

**Planning Report:** No report.

**Public & Community Relations Committee:** See attached report.

**Public Works Committee:** The next meeting is schedule for October 2012.

**Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado:** See attached report.

**MANAGER REPORT**

See attached report.

**DEVELOPER REPORT**

No report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Director Koning asked what the progress is of the community advertisement board.

Mr. Rippey stated that he has not started on the project.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**OTHER**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:11 am.



## BMSA Financial Committee

### August 2012 Report on Financial Documents

#### Move Reserve Funds

#### Review, Approval, Income Tax Filing

The July 2012 financial documents have been submitted to the Financial Committee by our Property Manager. Copies have been included in your packets for your review. These have been reviewed. Our comments are similar to last month:

The financial documents appear complete and accurate and comply with accepted financial standards. Again, as noted previously last month, at a going rate, unless some major unexpected expenses occur, the association should end the current year in a positive position. Specific item comments follow:

Overall, our financial position is in good shape with revenues exceeding budgeted amounts and expenses under running budget amounts.

Under the Operating Revenues, the fines and late fees collected continue to be substantial. Our continued attention to enforcement of the Covenants is due to this increase.

On the expense side, those items that are significantly above budget estimates are known and anticipated and do not reflect any real concern.

The bottom line continues to reflect good management of our resources.

Our reserve funds invested with Edward Jones in Rifle reflect the current financial status and appear to be in line with the current financial climate.

However, Sandy Yeager has met with Edward Jones Manager and jointly recommends moving some MM funds to laddered CD's to obtain better interest income. Board approval required for such move.

The 2011 Income Tax Return has been reviewed and appears satisfactory. The present CPA firm reminds the board that Reserve Accounts must be tracked accurately, and any expenditures must have Board approval. Also the CPA's advise that careful documentation must be maintained. This advice is because of the IRS code and that the IRS is increasing audits on HOAs.

The 2011 Federal and State Income Tax Returns have been prepared and require signature and filing. In addition the amended 2008 and 2009 Colorado returns need to be approved and signed. These are required to complete the adjustment already made for the Federal returns.

## **BATTLEMENT MESA ARCHITECTURAL/COVENANT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

MEETING MINUTES: August 15, 2012

PRESENT: Bruce Knuth/Chair, Thom Hamick, Lecia Hill, Joanne Mayo, Keith Sheppelman

NEXT MEETING: September 5, 2012

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### **AGENDA**

Minutes from August 1, 2012 approved.

No letters sent.

#### **APPLICATIONS:**

336 Mineral Springs Circle, Tamarisk Meadows

OWNER: Evelyn A. Schaller

REQUEST: Build storage shed and plant shrubs.

COMPLETION DATE: September 30, 2012

ACTION: Approved

68 Rosewood Way, Monument Creek

OWNER: Josh and Destiny Scovill

REQUEST: Repaint exterior of home

COMPLETION DATE: September 30, 2012

ACTION: Approved

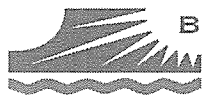
211 Mineral Springs Circle, Tamarisk Meadows

OWNER: Greg Davidson

REQUEST: Parking area beside driveway with a deep gravel base

COMPLETION DATE: September 1, 2012

ACTION: Approved



BATTLEMENT MESA

# Service Association

## Overview of the Oil and Gas Committee.

•At the Direction of the Board of Directors monitor and report on energy issues affecting the Battlement Mesa Planned Unit Development (PUD) and/or energy issues outside the PUD if those issues could affect the health and welfare of Battlement Mesa residents. Also, provide a communication outlet between the energy industry, Energy Advisory Board, Local Government Designee and the BMSA.

1. The Committee shall review and monitor energy issues in the Battlement Mesa area and report to the Board of Directors.
2. The Committee shall meet, when necessary, with energy companies to gather information about their activities and/or communicate concerns.
3. The Committee shall make every attempt to achieve the desired outcome by negotiation rather than confrontation on issues involving energy companies.
4. The Committee may from time to time hold informational gatherings with the mineral extraction industry, BMSA Board of Directors and community members.
5. The Committee shall make requests of the Board of Directors for approval of all expenditures.
6. As requested by the Board of Directors, conduct other committee related duties as assigned.
7. Review its own performance annually and submit a report to the Board of Directors identifying what had been accomplished by the Committee.

## Attendance at the Oil & Gas Committee Meeting on September 11, 2012

- O & G Members - Chuck Hall, Lynn Shore, Don Mumma
- Williams Mainstream – Donna Gray
- General Public – None

## Current Focus

- The Committee is following activities in and around the PUD to include air monitoring and drilling by Antero, Encana and Williams (WPX) and Williams Mainstream. Other companies will be reviewed as required on an activity bases affecting the PUD.
- On September 11, 2012, Donna Gray, Williams Mainstream reviewed the companies plans for the the Battlement Mesa/Parachute area.
- Williams divided the organization into to organizations. WPX for drilling, well completion and collection of the gas to the compressor station(s). Williams Mainstream then gathers all of the gas from all of the compressor stations, then processes the gas into the liquids and gas and pushes it down the line to the distribution points. The liquids (ethane, propane, butane) are sent to Conway, Kansas through a 36 inch pipeline.
- Williams Mainstream has approximately one hundred ten (110) people in the local organization.
- Their main office is located in the old Exxon man camp off of County Road 215.
- There are plans to expand the Cryogenic Plant up Parachute Creek. It will employe between 300-400 people during the construction. When completed the Plant will require approximately ten (10) people for its operation.
- From six thousand existing wells approximately one billion cubic feet of gas is collected each day.

\* Contact has been made with Antero Resources Kevin Kilstrom (Vice President for Production) with regard to the Watson Ranch pad. During the February 7, 2012 annual meeting it was anticipated that Antero would drill the remaining eight wells on that pad between June and October 2012. In my discussions with Kevin Kilstrom, Antero does not currently have plans to drill any additional wells on that pad this calendar year. Antero plans to update the community during February 2013 of their plans for the PUD.

\*Dr. Lisa M. McKenzie and others of the Colorado School of Public Health, University of Colorado, Anschutz Medical Campus, Aurora, Colorado has completed the following:

“Human health risk assessment of air emissions from development of unconventional natural gas resources”.

Below is the Abstract from that document:

- Background: Technological advances (e.g. directional drilling, hydraulic fracturing), have led to increases in unconventional natural gas development (NGD), raising questions about health impacts.
- Objectives: We estimated health risks for exposures to air emissions from a NGD project in Garfield County, Colorado with the objective of supporting risk prevention recommendations in a health impact assessment (HIA).
- Methods: We used EPA guidance to estimate chronic and subchronic non-cancer hazard indices and cancer risks from exposure to hydrocarbons for two populations: (1) residents living  $>1/2$  mile from wells and (2) residents living  $\leq 1/2$  mile from wells.
- Results: Residents living  $\leq 1/2$  mile from wells are at greater risk for health effects from NGD than are residents living  $>1/2$  mile from wells. Subchronic exposures to air pollutants during well completion activities present the greatest potential for health effects. The subchronic non-cancer hazard index (HI) of 5 for residents  $\leq 1/2$  mile from wells was driven primarily by exposure to trimethylbenzenes, xylenes, and aliphatic hydrocarbons. Chronic HIs were 1 and 0.4. for residents  $\leq 1/2$  mile from wells and  $>1/2$  mile from wells, respectively. Cumulative cancer risks were 10 in a million and 6 in a million for residents living  $\leq 1/2$  mile and  $>1/2$  mile from wells, respectively, with benzene as the major contributor to the risk.
- Conclusions: Risk assessment can be used in HIAs to direct health risk prevention strategies. Risk management approaches should focus on reducing exposures to emissions during well completions. These preliminary results indicate that health effects resulting from air emissions during unconventional NGD warrant further study. Prospective studies should focus on health effects associated with air pollution.

\*Garfield County is funding a Gas Emissions Study with Jeffrey L. Collett, Jr. Atmospheric Science Department Colorado State University as the lead investigator with Air Resource Specialists, Inc. included in the study. The technical advisory committee will have representatives from Industry, CDPHE, USEPA, NCAR, BLM.

- The technical objectives are:
  - Quantify air emissions at pad or remote operations site during activity
  - Measure and model the spatial extent of the dispersing plume
- Next Steps
  - Finalize funding – Total Budget \$1.76 Million, Industry pledged \$800K
  - Launch study – Fall 2012
  - Complete study – Fall 2015





### **Action Items / Next Steps**

- The O & G Committee will continue to Monitor activities in and around the PUD.
- Meeting Time and Place
  - Meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at the Activity Center beginning at 3:30 PM, dependent upon Oil & Gas activities affecting the PUD.



**Public and Community Relations  
Committee Meeting Update  
September 18, 2012 BMSA Meeting**

## **Overview**

The Public and Community Relations Committee's efforts continue to be focused on the following long term goals.

- Maintain and update the new BattlementMesaColorado.com website and promote the site to the extent possible. Continue to explore additional opportunities to make the site more useful and interesting.
- Reestablish procedures and acquire the equipment in order to use Comcast Public Access Channel 50.
- In conjunction with the four Northwestern Colorado counties, cities and towns, develop a visitor Rack Card for Battlement Mesa/Parachute.
- Identify, develop and implement a strategy to enhance the benefit to and increase the community attendance at the December 2012 BMSA Community Meeting. Twelve people attended the December 14, 2011 meeting thus it is apparent that the format, content or timing needs to change or we simply need to discontinue the meeting.
- Develop and implement a marketing and promotional plan to showcase the positive lifestyle available by living in the Battlement Mesa Community.
- Continue to develop relations and interactions with the BMMD, Town of Parachute, Garfield County and State and Federal Government agencies and regulatory bodies for the betterment of the Battlement Mesa Community.

## **Current Focus**

- Website. As time permitted, additional work was done on our website, [www.BattlementMesaColorado.com](http://www.BattlementMesaColorado.com). The website traffic really shot up in August. **During August, there were 9,299 total visits to the site, 30,911 page views and 696,638 hits on the site. The number of hits on the site nearly double from June and July. (Definition of Hit: A hit represents a request to your web site for a file such as an image, a web page, or a CGI script. One web page may contain several related resources, and as a result, a visitor viewing one web page may trigger several hits.)**
- Newsletter As a result of a recent efforts, our newsletter distribution list has increased by 29 (from 318 to 347). Please encourage people to sign up for this newsletter. (Top of the Home page of website). During August, 42.1% (131) of the 318 recipients opened the newsletter. Although we would like for the "open percentage" to be much higher, our open rate is more than double the 22% industry average.
- Rack Card. The Rack Card project group met in Meeker on September 7<sup>th</sup>, to approve the final design. Unfortunately, the card designer made some last minute changes to our photos (replacing one of them entirely with a photo of her own choice) thus we refused to sign off on the design. We are trying to work through the photo controversy with direct conversations with Nancy Kramer who is directing this effort. In addition, preliminary work on the 2013 Gateway Interpretive Signs project was reviewed. The final sign designs for the "northern" counties are nearly completed. We will begin work on the Garfield County community signs once the rack card design is completed. Garfield County joined this effort a year later than the northern counties.
- Showcase Positive Lifestyle Preliminary work has begun on the Winter edition of the Insiders' Guide.
- Comcast Cable 50 Access Channel. On hold due to inadequate time to pursue.
- Facebook Our facebook "friend" list has grown to 96, (up by 5) of which only 17 (so far) say they "like us" (unchanged). If you have a facebook account, please join our friend list and, encourage others to do so.

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#### Action Items/Next Steps

- Work on the content for the Winter Insider's Guide.
- Suggest guidelines to the BMSA board that should be adopted for the website's classified ad section and business listing section. (Still pending)
- Resolve the photo controversy on the Rack Card project and approve a final design.
- As time permits, explore costs and alternatives to re-starting Comcast Cable 50 broadcasting.
- Continue our efforts to enhance the website.

Respectively Submitted by:  
Keith Lammey, Acting Chair  
Public and Community Relations Committee

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## AGNC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Yampa Valley Regional Airport  
Hayden, Colorado

Chairman Mike Samson called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Introductions were as follows. Board members and alternates present were: Mike Samson, Garfield County; Doug Monger, Routt County; Shawn Bolton, Rio Blanco County; Tom Mathers, Jeff Comstock, Moffat County; Lisa Hatch, Rangely, Sonja Macy, Steamboat Springs. Others present were Dave Norman, AAoA; Cheryl McDonald, Dinosaur Welcome Center; Nikki Knoebel, Oak Creek; Ray Beck, City of Craig; Nancy Kramer, Cultural Heritage Tourism; Ginger Scott, Steamboat; Ted & Richard Orf, AGNC Lobbyists; Scott McInnis and Jane Whitt, AGNC staff.

**CHANGES AND ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:** Add opposition to initiatives 3 & 45; also equal access to justice act.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/BOARD MEMBER COMMENT:** Doug Monger asked that creating value for municipalities continue to be discussed.

**NEXT MEETING** – The next board meeting will take place Thursday September 13<sup>th</sup>, in Meeker. Place TBD. Mike Samson will set a date for a budget committee meeting in August. Budget committee will consist of Mike Samson, Scott McInnis, Doug Monger, Craig Meis and Jane Whitt.

**MINUTES** of the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were presented. A motion was made by Doug Monger to accept the minutes and second was made by Tom Mathers. Sonja Macy and Lisa Hatch abstained from voting. **Motion carried.** **MINUTES** of the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting were presented. A motion was made by Doug Monger to accept the minutes and second was made by Tom Mathers. Sonja Macy and Lisa Hatch abstained from voting. **Motion carried.**

**BUDGET REPORT** –The May and June financials, Budget versus Actual and Balance sheet were presented by Jane Whitt. Doug Monger made the motion to approve the May June disbursements and financials. Second was made by Shawn Bolton. **Motion carried.**

Scott McInnis presented the 2012 budget amendments. City dues and Enterprise Zone administration were downsized to better reflect the first six months and balance for the year. Accounts added in personnel were the executive director salary and payroll tax. Expenses changes were made to Dues/Conferences to send Scott to conferences for AGNC. Scott felt the audit costs were too high. He will negotiate for next year; vehicle mileage will include renting a car where it would be more cost effective. The Area Agency on Aging administrative charges have been changed to reflect the office time and expense incurred since the state implemented the pass through of funds. Audit charges will also be charged to AAoA as going over the \$500,000 compilation amount raises the audit cost substantially. This will amount to \$1,500 being charged to the AAoA monthly. (\$400 for audit and \$1,100 for admin) The amount of \$16,800 for local share AAoA will be left as is, it reflects the percentage of programs taking place in each county. In the fiscal year 2013-14 for AAoA the admin fee will increase to \$26,000. For the year 2012 we will not ask for an increase in dues. During the budget meeting in August the committee will discuss (1)full dues for 2013 (2)how much reserve is appropriate? We will present line by line budget for 2013 at the September meeting. Motion to approve the budget amendments was made by Sonja Macy. Second was made by Doug Monger. **Motion carried.**

Nancy Kramer with the Cultural Heritage Tourism program presented their history. Nancy also handed out brochures and reviewed the projects in process. As with the Welcome Centers this encourages visitors to stay extra days in Colorado.

**Legislative update** – Dianna Orf was called at noon. Dianna reported that the Enterprise Zone task force met for the first time, they will have four more meetings by statute to determine if the Enterprise Zone Program is working efficiently. An overview of the program will be presented to the legislature. The Direct distribution oversight group met about the employee counts for severance and FML payments. Potential legislation for the coming session could include Medicaid/Affordable Health care, budget, and appropriation system for Colorado water. Every year there are 30 or more new legislators. The Orf & Orf Office will work at educating them on the issues of Northwest Colorado and AGNC.

Scott McInnis recommended a resolution in support of the Colorado River District opposition to Initiatives 3 & 45. Doug Monger made the motion to write a letter of support to the CRD opposition to 3 & 45 Initiatives. Tom Mathers made the second. **Motion carried unanimous.**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT** – Scott asked the board in what direction does AGNC want to move? We need to prioritize. Our options are to stay status quo and fine tune or Invest capital and time in a strategic plan with a timeline. We need to create value for the municipalities. We would like to create a website member check in for the legislative information. We should have a unified voice of cities and counties for the northwest region. Mike Samson encouraged each county commissioner to accompany Scot when visiting the municipalities. The board reiterated that the focus should be on natural resources as that has been our strong point thus far. Outreach to cities needs to happen soon so we approach them before budgets are set for 2013. We will work on getting our position heard on issues ahead of other organizations.

**AAoA** – Dave Norman stated that the Caregiver Conference will take place October 22-23 in Grand Junction. Steve Erckenbrack, CEO of Rocky Mountain Health will be one of the speakers. Dave has been appointed to be the Co-Chair of the state Long Term Care Support Services committee.

**DINOSAUR WELCOME CENTER** – Cheryl McDonald asked that all entities forward information on what is happening in their areas as early as possible so that the Welcome Center may inform visitors of the happenings in the area. Cheryl reported that a fire meter sign has been installed by the Welcome Center. It tells if the fire danger is high, medium or low for the day. Rio Blanco County has told the Welcome Center they will upgrade the computers in the Welcome Center when they replace the office computers.

**ENTERPRISE ZONE** – none

**FML District update** – Garfield County distributed 1.6 million in grants this summer. Every municipality (except Carbondale) in Garfield County received some of the funds. There were 14 applications and 7 were awarded grants. Mesa county gave 1.6 mil to Colorado Mesa University in their first cycle. Both counties will award grants in another cycle later this year.

**OIL & Gas Forum** – Mike Samson reported the next Oil & Gas Forum will take place on Sept 6<sup>th</sup> at 10amin Rifle at the CMC campus.

**Greater Sage Grouse** – Jeff Comstock reported there have been two meetings so far. The BLM is telling the co-operating agencies what they are going to do. The Nation Technical Team report pedestals the Sage Grouse above all other uses. Grazing would be gone as would recreational use. It would stifle all business on public lands. The counties provide assurance to protect the grouse without regulations in place. A lot of private property owners are helping now but regulations would end that. Tom Mathers made the motion to write a letter to Governor Hickenlooper to deter the BLM from the restrictions of the NTT report. Second was by Shawn Bolton. **Motion carried.** Shawn Bolton was appointed the representative from AGNC for the Co-operating agency of AGNC on the EIS for the Greater Sage Grouse.

**OTHER** - Shawn Bolton made the motion to write a letter for reappointment of Ken Parsons to the energy Mineral Advisory board. Second was made by Doug Monger. **Motion carried.**

Doug Monger reported that Mike King and John Salazar are going to visit Routt and Moffat Counties to look at the extreme drought conditions. Both counties have been declared drought 4 areas.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chairman Mike Samson adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm. Minutes approved this \_\_\_\_ day of September 2012.





**August 1, 2012**

**ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS OF NORTHWESTERN COLORADO REQUESTS  
GOVERNOR'S IMMEDIATE ACTION ON SAGE GROUSE ISSUE**

**AGNC CHAIRMAN MIKE SAMSON, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE 5 COUNTY MEMBERSHIP, HAS WRITTEN TO GOVERNOR HICKENLOOPER ASKING FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE REGARDING THE DAMAGING IMPACT THAT WILL RESULT IF THE BLM ADOPTS THE NTT REPORT. THE REPORT IS CONSIDERED BY MANY AS THE EXTREME ALTERNATIVE IN THE NEPA PROCESS AS COMPARED TO OTHER CONSERVATION-ORIENTATED AND INCENTIVE- BASED MANAGEMENT TOOLS. THE NTT REPORT WOULD "WORK A DISRUPTIVE AND LONG TERM PUNISHING IMPACT TO THE 11 STATE GREATER SAGE GROUSE HABITAT AREA. THE NTT REPORT IS DIVISIVE, EXTREME AND HARMS OUR LOCAL COLORADO ECONOMIES AND HISTORIC MULTIPLE USES OF BLM PUBLIC LAND "SAID SAMSON.**

**THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE HAS PARTICIPATED IN THE JOINT COUNTY DISCUSSIONS, AND BECAUSE OF THE LEVERAGE PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNOR'S LEADERSHIP AND POSITIVE STANDING IT IS FELT HIS INVOLVEMENT IS EVEN MORE CRITICAL. HIS LEADERSHIP WILL HELP TO ASSURE AN ADEQUATE UNBIASED RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES BE CONSIDERED IN THE BLM PLANNING PROCESS. AGNC AND OTHERS ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT WITHOUT STRONG OVERSIGHT, THROUGH THE GOVERNOR'S PARTICIPATION THAT THE BLM WILL ONLY MAKE SLIGHT MODIFICATIONS TO WHILE LEAVING IN PLACE THE UNDERLYING PUNITIVE MEASURES.**

**"THERE ARE NO TWO WAYS ABOUT IT -- THE NTT REPORT IS THE EXTREME GROUSE CONSERVATION ALTERNATIVE AND THE IMPACTS TO OUR MULTIPLE USE COMMUNITIES (RANCHING, FARMING, ENERGY, RECREATION, ETC) REQUIRE US TO TAKE AGGRESSIVE ACTION" SAY BOTH CHAIRMAN MIKE SAMSON (GARFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONER ) AND VICE-CHAIRMAN DOUG MONGER (ROUTT COUNTY COMMISSIONER). THE COUNTIES OF AGNC, ALONG WITH MANY OTHER-GROUPS, BELIEVE THE FOCUS SHOULD BE ON INCENTIVE-BASED APPROACHES TO PROVIDE ASSURANCES TO THE US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE.**

**THE LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR POINTS OUT THAT BECAUSE THE SAGE GROUSE HABITAT IS CONNECTED BETWEEN PRIVATE LANDS, STATE LANDS AND FEDERAL LANDS, THE FEDERAL/PRIVATE/STATE NEXUS IS INSEPARABLE. THUS, IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE ADVERSE AND LONG TERM IMPACTS NOT BE IGNORED AS THEY WILL BE UNDER THE NTT APPROACH.**

**THE AVERAGE COLORADO CITIZEN LIVING IN THE SAGE GROUSE HABITAT HAS NO IDEA OF THE FUTURE NEGATIVE RESTRICTIONS THAT WOULD OCCUR SHOULD THE NTT REPORT OR A DRESSED UP DUPLICATE OF IT BE PLACED INTO EFFECT. "OUR JOB AS AGNC REPRESENTING OUR 5 COUNTY REGION, IS TO BRING THIS TO THE FOREFRONT NOW AND TO RECRUIT ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE IN ORDER TO AVOID THE SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE IMPACTS THAT WOULD RESULT FROM BLM'S ADOPTION OF THE NTT REPORT IN ANY FORM."**

**FOR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS;**

**AGNC CHAIRMAN MIKE SAMSON  
VICE-CHAIRMAN DOUG MONGER  
OR  
SCOTT MCINNIS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

John W Hickenlooper, Governor  
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Dear Governor Hickenlooper,

July 18, 2012

The Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) is appreciative that Doug Young visited several of our members in Moffat County this week and participated in a Joint County discussion regarding Sage Grouse. AGNC is a regional association representing cities and counties in northwest Colorado including Mesa, Garfield, Rio Blanco, Moffat and Routt Counties. Our members have been part of the local planning efforts and on the ground activities for over a decade. Although some counties have not signed cooperating agency agreements, AGNC counties are represented during the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Sage Grouse Environmental Impact Statement development process. In December of 2011 BLM made public a document titled "A Report on National Greater Sage-Grouse Conservation Measures." This report, commonly referred to as the "NTT Report," was produced by the National Sage Grouse Technical Team, who are state and federal agency grouse specialists.

The NTT Report if implemented as written would devastate local economies in NW Colorado, and across the 11-State Greater Sage Grouse habitat. It places uses of BLM lands in jeopardy within Sage Grouse habitat such as ranching, oil and gas development, and recreational uses. Managing BLM lands with grouse habitat according to the NTT Report is unacceptable to the governments of AGNC. Although AGNC supports the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements for analyzing a full range of grouse management alternatives, we are concerned about the legitimacy of these alternatives. We are very concerned about the likelihood of BLM considering an alternative even more 'grouse conservation' oriented than the NTT, or modifying the NTT Report such that it looks like a moderate choice or preferred alternative in the NEPA process.

Governor, the NTT Report is divisive, extreme, and very negatively affects our Colorado economies. Many of the items in the NTT Report would not offer a management strategy that allows existing uses to co-exist with Sage Grouse as is currently the case in Colorado, and some of the management actions in the NTT Report are blatantly illegal. It appears that upper level decisions within the Department of Interior are influencing the range of alternatives being considered in the BLM EIS process. Your office's participation in the BLM process will assure an equitable outcome for the Sage Grouse as well as Colorado.

Governor, we specifically ask for you to review the NTT Report, and if you agree with AGNC on the NTT's detrimental impacts to Colorado's economy, we request your cooperation with the Counties of NW Colorado immediately to assure an adequate and reasonable range of alternatives be considered in the BLM planning process.

The Counties of AGNC believe in 'incentive-based approaches' to provide assurances to the US Fish and Wildlife Service to prevent the listing of the Greater Sage Grouse. Regulations certainly have their role in conserving the Greater Sage Grouse across the 11-State range, however, easements, Conservation Agreements and other incentive-based assurances are where AGNC would like initial focus. Because Sage Grouse use habitat which connects private lands, State lands, and federal lands, the federal/private/State nexus is inseparable and AGNC requests your staff jointly work with our counties to develop a workable solution to the BLM Environmental Impact Statement.

Please contact me to further discuss this letter and a joint approach to conserving grouse.

Sincerely,  
Mike Samson, Garfield County Commissioner  
AGNC Chairman  
Phone: (970) 625- 5914

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
		Amended	Actual 6	Estimate	Estimated	Committee	
1	2013 Committee Approved Budget	2012	months	6 months	Total 12	approved	
2		Budget			months	2013	
3						Budget	
4	I. AGNC Bank Balance 12/31/2011	150,288				146,455	
5							
6	REVENUE						
7	County Dues	61,000	61,000	0	61,000	85,000	
8	City Dues	7,575	7,575	0	7,575	7,075	
9	Area Agency on Aging Local Share	16,800	16,800	0	16,800	16,800	
10	AAoA Administration Charges	9,100	700	9,000	9,700	24,996	
11	DWC Administration Charges	1,680	840	840	1,680	1,680	
12	Enterprise Zone Grant	0	0	0	0	0	
13	Enterprise Zone Administration fee	3,000	730	800	1,530	1,500	
14	Estimated Contributions	0			0		
15	Other Revenue/Interest	350	64	64	128	150	
16	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>99,505</b>	<b>87,709</b>	<b>10,704</b>	<b>98,413</b>	<b>137,201</b>	
17	III. AGNC & EZ EXPENSES						
18	A. PERSONNEL						
19	Exec Dir Salary	20,000	0	20,000	20,000	40,000	
20	Contract Lobbyist	20,000	14,340	5,660	20,000	25,000	
21	Office Administrator Salary	19,000	9,500	9,500	19,000	21,000	
22	Consulting					1,750	
23	Retirement	3,000	1,500	1,500	3,000	1,250	
24	Payroll Taxes	3,038	755	2,285	3,040	4,800	
25	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>65,038</b>	<b>26,095</b>	<b>38,945</b>	<b>65,040</b>	<b>93,800</b>	
26	B. OPERATING EXPENSES						
27	Sec/Prof Services	200	193	100	293	300	
28	Office Supplies	500	349	151	500	1,000	
29	Postage	200	198	45	243	250	
30	Telephone/Computer	3,830	1,838	1,838	3,676	3,800	
31	Dues & Conf	1,000	0	500	500	1,000	
32	Audit	4,550	0	4,550	4,550	4,650	
33	Vehicle Mileage	5,750	18	5,500	5,518	8,000	
34	Insurances	925	119	900	1,019	1,385	
35	Equip Leases thru May	1,100	522	530	1,052	444	
36	Meetings/Hotels/Lunches	2,000	691	1,200	1,891	4,000	
37	EZ Admin	1,000	423	400	823	1,000	
38	Misc./Other	250	87	105	192	250	
39	Website	150	99	50	149	500	
40	Area Agency on Aging Local Share	16,800	8,400	8,400	16,800	16,800	
41	<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>38,255</b>	<b>12,937</b>	<b>24,269</b>	<b>37,206</b>	<b>43,379</b>	
42							
43	<b>IV. Total Expenditures</b>	<b>103,293</b>	<b>39,032</b>	<b>63,214</b>	<b>102,246</b>	<b>137,179</b>	
44	<b>V. Annual Surplus</b>	<b>-3,788</b>	<b>48,677</b>	<b>-52,510</b>	<b>-3,833</b>	<b>22</b>	
45	<b>VI. Total Projected Carryover</b>	<b>\$146,500</b>			<b>146,455</b>	<b>146,477</b>	
46	<b>* Per Bank Balances 12/31/11</b>						



## Manager Report

Date: September 18, 2012

To: Board of Directors, Battlement Mesa Service Association

From: Steve Rippy, Association Manager

**Library Trail:** The bench has now been installed at the same location along the trail as the sign recognizing the efforts of the organizations and individuals involved in the construction of the project. Big thanks to Keith Sheppleman for all of his hard work to install the signs, trash can and bench. There are still a couple of things we need to do to finish the section of trail through the Lyon's property. I would like to have some additional gravel put down around the bench area and also on the soft trail area adjacent to the path. In addition some re-vegetation still needs to be done along the trail as the contractor never completed this. The Library Trail ribbon cutting ceremony took place on August 25<sup>th</sup> and was well attended by community members. In addition Commissioners Mike Samson and John Martin were in attendance along with Parachute Mayor, Judy Beasley.

**Spencer Trail:** Earlier this summer I was asked to get a cost estimate to construct a soft trail along Spencer Parkway. The area is approximately one mile in length and the project would include scraping the ground surface and installing 3 to 4 inches of gravel at a width of 8 feet. I have received a cost estimate of \$32,000 to do this work.

**Wild Fire Mitigation:** I have spoke with Eric Short about beginning the fire mitigation work in the open spaces. We are targeting the first or second week of October and will meet with Fire District staff prior to starting to identify the areas and scope of the work.

**Trail Overlay:** We have completed most of the trimming of brush and tree limbs along the trail areas that will receive new asphalt overlays. I am still trying to coordinate with the contractor a start date as they are trying to wrap up several projects they are in the middle of.

**Street Light Retrofit:** I have been working with EcoSource to begin the retrofit of 10 street lights with LED lighting. We have identified two median lights near the entrance of Willow Creek Village as well as three lights at the entrance and two interior lights within the village. We chose this area because it will allow a large percentage of the community the opportunity to see the difference as they drive the parkway as well as allow us to see what impact they will have on adjoining residential units.

**2013 Budget:** We will need to begin the process of adopting the 2013 BMSA budget. I would like to schedule a meeting with the Finance Committee to prepare a budget to submit to the Board at the October meeting.

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