



2. **Great Outdoors Colorado, Chris Castilian- Executive Director**, sent Great Outdoors Colorado's 2018 Annual Report. (Received 1/23/19)
3. **Rio Grande Water Conservation District**, sent 2019 Ground Water Table Measurements for the month of January. (Received 1/23/19)
4. **Northern Saguache County Fire Protection District**, sent Contact Information update letter. (received 1/23/19)
5. **Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust**, sent information on The Houston Ranch, outside of Creede, not being protected by Rio Grande Headwaters Land Trust. (Received 1/28/19)
6. **Robert Vich**, sent email regarding Canero Creek and Colorado's Parks and Wildlife's decision to move forward with only of the instream flow recommendations. (Received 1/30/19)
7. **Gunnison Conservation District**, sent their newsletter for the month of January. (Received 2/1/19)

Introduction of Guests:

Sandia Belgrade  
 John Paulsen, LEDS, LLC  
 Peggy Godfrey  
 Cleave Simpson, RGWCD

Public Comment:

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS:**

**Jason Anderson:**

**1/28** -Attended the Valley wide commissioners meeting. Topics included funding for the CSU rural extension, Cleve Simpson from the water conservation district, Public Health partnerships, Rural Philanthropy Days and the 10-County Coalition update.

**1/29** -Attended a work session of the Board of County Commissioners to review the Sheriff's contract with nursing services in the Saguache County Jail. No decisions were pending or necessary so a work session was the extent of that meeting.

**1/30**- Attended the Meeting of the Eastern SLV Trails Coalition. The Secure Routes to School grants will be announced on February 15<sup>th</sup>. ESLVTC will leverage other grants to match County contributions for the SRS grant. The mitigation of the green belts, the desire of Emergency Services to see better trails in the green belt.

**2/4**- Spoke with Bob Pederson who is organizing the annual SLV Seed Exchange. This year the exchange is including Hemp as part of their curriculum and requested a county representative to be part of the discussion.

**2/4**- Spoke with Colorado Counties Inc. pertaining to the possibility of making it to Denver Wed-Thurs to testify on House Bill-50-Funding for the Deputy DA, and House Bill-1-expanding the inpatient treatment program to include the SLV.

**2/4** -Received a letter from Mike Blakeman at the US forest service stating that because of the Government shutdown the RAC will not meet until April-May. We may be working with 2 years of Title 2 funding now. Gives us more time to look for more proposals for projects

**Tim Lovato:**

- 1/23- Attended the courthouse security meeting with the administrator Glen Simpson, the topics that were discussed were the security in the courtroom, the use of cell phones, and the repairs that are needed to be done in the jury room to the back of the door. Also, the need for lock boxes at the single point security door, so people can leave their belongings and don't have to take them through the courthouse.
- 1/27- Attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Veterans luncheon in Alamosa, Saguache County was presented a plaque for their continued support the Plaque reads "Saguache County Board of County Commissioners your contributions to the Veterans Coalition of the San Luis Valley have made a huge difference in the lives of so many veterans and their families, Thank you."
- 1/28- Attended the San Luis Valley commissioner meeting in Alamosa  
Attended the All Hazards Homeland Security meeting for the grant of project proposals
- 1/29- Received a call from Ben Gibbons the county Attorney, on his thoughts about the jail nurse job description  
Attended the work session/ special meeting for the nurse job description the commissioner did not have a special meeting after the work session
- 1/31- attended the San Luis Transit meeting in Center, the report on the success the Eagle Shuttle is having since June of 2018. The shuttle has had over 800 riders and has shown need for transportation on the West side of the Valley.
- 2/4- Received a call from the Department of Revenue on the discussion of the sale tax that was passed in November

**Ken Anderson:**

- 1/28- attended the San Luis Valley Commissioners meeting
- 1/29- attended the work session to discuss the nurses job description  
Went to Denver for two days, met the new Ag Commissioner. Were 16-18 months out for Hemp  
Talking about putting something on the ballot for a tabor for education and transportation  
Went to WSB to get computer updates completed.  
Had a message on phone concerning working on the wage for the head cooks at the Senior Center.  
Wanting to raise the wages to \$15

**Break**

Back in session from break at 9:44am

DAVID DABOLL – PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO GO INTO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

David Daboll stated that they are continuing to develop the 5-year plan. A major goal of development of this plan is to align them such that it aids with grant application, and further Public Health Funding. There is a new suspected but not confirmed case of TB in the Valley. There is a Saguache County resident Hantavirus, they are under appropriate medical care Communities that Care have given back all their

funds. The Generalist is someone who would replace the assistant. The funding for staff is not there, it is not necessary to have a director and a second person that is a nurse, if you have a director that is a public health nurse that is a bonus. The county is not required to have a public health nurse. Would like to hire the generalist at \$13.50 an hour; therefore, Daboll is requesting his employees Janet and Barbara get raises.

Glen Simpson stated that a generalist is the most cost-efficient way to go. The council needs to have a work session to have him line it out more.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON TO COME OUT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:**

Back in session from break at 10:31 am

BEN GIBBONS, COUNTY ATTORNEY

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL PER C.R.S 24-6-402(4)(b)**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

RANDAL ARREDONDO, SUPERVISOR, ROAD AND BRIDGE

Randall Arredondo stated that Road and Bridge is fighting snow drifts and plowing snow. Arredondo has hired a new operator and office assistant. At the last meeting Arredondo gave a proposal for loader at the landfill. The loader is going to need new tires with foam. John Deere will give a trade in of \$22,000, CAT will do a trade for \$15,040. The cost for foam filled tires is \$7,019.00.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO ALLOW ROAD AND BRIDGE TO ACQUIRE THE BID FROM JOHN DEERE FOR A NEW JOHN DEERE LOADER AND TAKE THE CAT LOADER FROM ROAD AND BRIDGE TO THE LANDFILL WITH FOAM FILLED TIRES**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

DAN WARWICK, SHERIFF- Report Attached

Dan stated that they are still waiting of the Doctor to review the contract for the jail nurse.

Commissioner Jason Anderson asked if the animal calls/dog bites were all in one region of the county.

Warwick stated that the calls vary. He will be taking the veterinary to check out the animals because of the amount of phone calls received. There have been some dog bites throughout town.

**TRISH GILBERT, CLERK & RECORDER**

Trish Gilbert stated that the sales tax grant application is due on February 15<sup>th</sup>. She will be using the grant toward outside ballot drop boxes in Crestone, Center, and Sargents. The Clerk's office is going to set up their own website through SIPA. The election cameras were installed downstairs, if the BoCC doesn't have an idea of where the money is coming from, then it will put us over budget by the end of the year. Down stairs are going to be great for the elections. Our office is going to change the recording system to LEDS LLC.

Jail Tour

**Back in session from lunch at 1:10 pm**

**WENDI MAEZ, LAND USE ADMINISTRATOR:**

A request for a refund of application fees from Michael Barkl for the Conditional Use request that was withdrawn in the amount of \$2,500 State of Colorado fee and \$3,070 Land Use Application fee. This request began in October of 2017. The application concerned address of 26758 Hammond Ave. Saguache County Planning Commission reviewed this application three times between 2017 and 2018. Maez stated that she feels like no fees be returned to Mr. Barkl at this time. The State of Colorado has denied and revoked the State license for the gentleman and has filed charges against him also.

**MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TIM LOVATO TO NOT REFUND MICHAEL BARKL WITH THC INC. THE AMOUNT REQUESTED**

**SECOND BY COMMISSIONER JASON ANDERSON**

**VOTES IN FAVOR: 3**

**VOTES AGAINST: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Maez stated that she has 4 requests for construction permits to build storage structures and greenhouses for the production of Hemp products. Maez requested a direction concerning the process the board would like for the Hemp Processing. Handle is as a conditional use or as an Ag construction.

Ben Gibbons- if the state requires it to be a conditional use then the county requires it to have a conditional use permit. If the state says it's not a commercial then you would handle it with a construction use permit. Request it in writing from the state.

Maez stated that Bernita Curry has resigned her position on the Saguache County Planning Commission. There are two alternatives appointed to the Board but one alternate does not live close to the area Curry represented, and one alternate has not attended a meeting. Maez requested to re-advertise the position to stay with the areas of representation that the county has established.

**WENDI MAEZ, SAGUACHE COUNTY AIRPORT MANAGER REPORT:**

Maez stated that she has had three phone calls requesting the possibility of renting hangars at Leach Airport. She requested that the BoCC set a rental price for the hangars.

The BoCC requested \$100 a month for renting hangars.

Meet with the State Aviation Division, he was very impressed with the Saguache County Airports, especially for a rural county.

#### GLEN SIMPSON COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Simpson stated that the bathroom facility in the Land Use/Administration office is not in compliance with the ADA regulation. Pete Garcia and Wendi Maez are working to remodel the old bathroom facility to its original state so it is ADA compatible. The cost for remodeling will be about \$1,000, which will include the plumber reconnecting the water and sewer lines.

Simpson has been reviewing the Admin Software to learn the system and get a better update in the financials, reporting requirements as well the state regulations. What Simpson has seen so far it that the system hasn't been tweaked in a while, not doing everything that is should be doing.

#### **Back in session from break at 2:34 pm**

Wanda Patterson, Community Energy Solar Inc.- Solar Garden presentation  
Community Solar Proposal and how Saguache County can be a subscriber.

Saguache County can receive credits on Xcel Energy bill corresponding to the subscribed portion of the project every month. Potential Net Benefit: \$76,532. The solar garden cannot be built here in Saguache County, because there is not enough capacity in the substation. Saguache County can participate with only 10% of the electric load and can do whatever with the other 90%.

Cleave Simpson, General Manager of the Rio Grande Water Conservation District  
Simpson wanted to take the opportunity to come and talk to the BoCC about the challenges that the water district is facing right now. RGWCD is waiting for judge Swift to write an order as it pertains to ground water rules and regulations. Everyone that owns a nonexempt well will be subjected to these rules and regulations if they are adopted as presented by the State. All six sub districts have been organized. All 6 of them should be functioning next year.

Seeing no further business, Commissioner Ken Anderson adjourns the meeting at 4:03PM



RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

D. White  
DOMINIQUE WHITE FOR  
TRISH GILBERT, CLERK & RECORDER

DATE MINUTES APPROVED: February 19, 2019



Ken Anderson  
KEN ANDERSON, COMMISSIONER,  
BOARD CHAIR

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