

**OFFICIAL SUMMARY PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, TETON COUNTY, WYOMING**

The Teton County Board of Commissioners met in special session on **March 13, 2018** in the Commissioners Chambers located at 200 S. Willow in Jackson. The meeting was called to order at 9:01am.

Commission present: Mark Newcomb Chair, Greg Epstein, Smokey Rhea, and Paul Vogelheim. Natalia Macker was absent.

A workshop on the Wyoming Public Lands Initiative (WPLI) began with Chair Mark Newcomb giving a brief overview of what the workshop will cover. He acknowledged the citizens serving on the Teton County WPLI Advisory Committee, Deb Kleinman, and Ruckelshaus Institute.

Deb Kleinman, a Contracted Facilitator with the Ruckelshaus Institute, presented an overview of the Wyoming Public Lands Initiative and how it came about through the Wyoming County Commissioners Association. In 2016, the Teton County Board of County Commissioners established the Teton County WPLI and accepted applications, with 21 committee members appointed. Ruckelshaus has been using a five-step interest driven collaborative process. The committee is currently transitioning into the final phase going into negotiations and trade-offs. The committee began by establishing operating and guiding principles for the committee, then moved into shared learning process to establish a common base of understanding. The group spent a chunk of time talking about interests and options. Not only what they wanted to see on a piece of land, but why they wanted it and what are the options that might be available to the committee to meet those interests. Beginning in December, they started translating those interests into proposals that are now being considered by the committee representing about every stakeholder perspective. The timeline, with continued focus, should have recommendations by May or June.

Discussion between the Board, Ms. Kleinman, and David Sollitt included overall organizational structure, co-chairs, and subcommittees, complicated negotiations using a six-point scale, minority voices being heard, timelines to adhere to, consistent attendance, participation throughout Wyoming, Johnson County is only county to move forward with resolution, Sweetwater and Lincoln Counties did not opt in the WPLI, strawman proposals, vetting process for significant proposals, interests defined by makeup of committee, and a lot of work to do understanding and analyzing the various proposals on the table.

Public comment was given by Benj Sinclair, Len Carlman, Phil Hocker, and Franz Camenzind.

**ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Commissioner Vogelheim and seconded by Commissioner Rhea to adjourn the meeting. Chair Newcomb called for the vote. The vote showed all in favor and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:09am.

Respectfully submitted: sdf

TETON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Mark Newcomb, Chair

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Natalia D. Macker, Vice-Chair

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Greg Epstein

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Paul Vogelheim

ATTEST:

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Kathleen "Smokey" Rhea

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Sherry L. Daigle, County Clerk