

Old Fort Steering Committee Minutes

September 28, 2011

Present: Beth LaShell, Chairman; Mike King, ASFLC; Roy Horvath, Staff; Cynthia Dott, Faculty; Tobin Follenweider, SLB; Heidi Baskfield, FLC Trustees; Kalen Elliott, Community

Meeting materials distributed: Agenda, Matrix of potential partners, Application for non-academic use of Old Fort

The meeting was convened in the Senate chambers at 4:40 pm. After introductions, the committee began making a list of the resources available at the Old Fort property. In no particular order they are:

Water	Education and Tourist destination
Oil & Gas	Regional knowledge and familiarity
Possible Coal	Solar Resources
Cultural resources (Prehistoric to FLC era)	Wind resources
Riparian corridor	Multiple Ecosystems
High Altitude	Multiple habitats
Trees	Land/Space
Grazing	Accessible resources
Wildlife	Livestock facilities
Hunting	Meeting place-Library
Infrastructure/Buildings	

Draft List of Priorities:

Develop long range plan

Identify regional needs

Encourage uses that are sustainable, maintaining, enhancing and restorative

Maintain/enhance resources

Curriculum (Academic) based

Not just FLC; Could be attractive to other land grant and community colleges

Science-based academics including new Public Health, Env Health and Engineering majors

Internship for all types of students

Working to attract non-science partners as well

Revenue Generation

Leverage current resources; maintain revenue generating enterprises

Make monies from SLB leases available for operations/capital improvements

Hesperus Trust legislation will be discussed at 9/30 Board of Trustees meeting

Strike last phrase stating that it is appropriated by the State Legislature

Need to develop an alternative plan if legislation is not pursued or successful

Third party entity

Redirecting payment for authorized improvements

Preserve Historical attributes

Maintain Communication with community (both FLC and neighbors)

Develop communication process

Meeting Topics needed:

Relationship with State Land Board

MOU, Lease, Hesperus Trust

Meeting 1: Policy Meeting 2: Operations

Infrastructure

Water rights

Revenue Generation

New Renewable resources (parameters for use)

Hunting

Developing curriculum/academic interest

Historical Preservation

It was decided that the relationship with the SLB would be our first topic beginning at the October 10th meeting. Potential guest experts could be Steve Schwarz, Kit Page and Amy (SLB legal council) with our focus being on the policy needed for a strong relationship.

Application for non-academic use of Old Fort Property

The committee reviewed the application and commented on having different categories of use that may not require the full committee's approval based on time of use, levels of impact and associated operational costs. Heidi offered to share the application with Fred (FLC's legal counsel) for additional input. Members will review application and we will continue discussion at next meeting.

Announcements:

Tobin will be meeting with Jason Johnson, CSU's attorney on the 29th to talk about their 2004 lease with Mesa Verde Helitac in which they contributed money towards upgrading the domestic water system.

Beth will be meeting with Bruce Whitehead, Executive director of Southwest Water Conservation District on Friday, the 30th to discuss the impacts of potential water projects at the Old Fort including upgrading the domestic water system and leasing water to the County.

Proposed meeting schedule will be distributed via email. Current proposal is every two weeks on Mondays from 4-6pm in a room that has video capability to allow our Denver-based members to participate.