



IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

ICRTEC CHAIR—MAYOR Geoffrey Chesnut • ICRTAC CHAIR—Rob Dotson • TRANS. PLANNING DIRECTOR—Myron Lee

MINUTES

Rural Transportation Executive Council (RTEC)

September 13, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

(Note: After the ICCOG Meeting)

Parowan City Offices

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Parowan, UT 84761

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Commissioner Marilyn Wood
Mayor Mollie Halterman
Mayor Clayton Calloway
Mayor Betty Gould

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Mayor Garth O. Green
Mayor Geoffrey Chesnut
Mayor Tod Robinson

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Nate Wiberg
Scott Buys
Rob Dotson
Reed Erickson
Chris Hall
Richard Wilson
Donna Law
David Busk
George Colson
Kyle Wilson

REPRESENTING:

Iron County
Parowan
Brian Head Town
Kanarraville Town

REPRESENTING:

Cedar City
Enoch City
Paragonah

REPRESENTING:

FCAOG
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Enoch City
Iron County
UDOT
Iron County Engineering
SUU/Utah Transportation Commission
Vision Iron County/DWS
Iron County Emergency Management
Sen. Romney's Office



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I. Quorum Declaration

Mayor Mollie Halterman welcomed everyone, called the meeting to order, and declared that a quorum was present to conduct business.

II. Approve Minutes for a July 5, 2023

Mayor Mollie Halterman presented minutes for the July 5, 2023, meeting for discussion and consideration of adoption.

A motion was made by Mayor Clayton Calloway to approve the July 5, 2023, minutes as presented. Commissioner Marilyn Wood seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

III. SS4A Grant Match Request

Reed Erickson stated that this item is for the Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) application match and was discussed at the previous RTEC meeting. Reed explained that in the original Iron County SS4A application, they asked for \$500,000 and would provide a \$100,000 match, equaling a total project cost of \$600,000. However, the county was asked to reconfigure their match to be \$120,000. As a result, Iron County reworked their application to ask for \$480,000 with a \$120,000 match, equaling a total project cost of \$600,000. Reed explained that the funding would need to come from the local corridor preservation fund and that they would hire a consultant to conduct the study to identify all safety concerns in the county, which will help prioritize projects and give them the tools that they need to seek additional grant funding, under this program in subsequent years. Reed stated that they are seeking an action from the RTEC to recommend this funding request to the Council of Governments.

Mayor Clayton Calloway made a motion to recommend the \$120,000 for the grant match. Commissioner Marilyn Wood seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

IV. Cedar Belt Route Corridor Acquisition

Richard Wilson explained that the belt route has been on the plan for several years and feels that Iron County should start acquiring properties for the road before the prices become outrageous. Richard passed around a document that presents the properties they wish to acquire. Richard explained that number 54 on the sheet, the Jensen property, was approved at a previous meeting and has been acquired. Richard continued to explain that the properties they would like to acquire are



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listed on the handout as 1 (Garcia), 2 (Kromroy), 3 (Hioe Wie Gioe), 4 (Donaldson), 5 (Donaldson), and 6 (Palden LLC). Each of these properties has been appraised and the owners have been approached. The handout lists the appraised values so the executive committee can make an informed decision. Rich Stated that the owner of the Palden LLC property accepted the price of \$100,000. The Donaldson properties are both appraised at \$20,000 and have not been accepted. The three owners to the north of Donaldson have all accepted the appraised value. Hioe Wie Gioe at \$20,000, Kromroy at \$20,000, and Garcia at \$22,000. Richard explained that they need to go through with the purchase and sale of the four properties that have been accepted. There was discussion about an interest in lot number 9 on the handout, which is a triangular lot adjacent to Lund Highway. This interest is due to the realignment done by Kimley Horn which will take most of the lot because it will align the Belt Route with Lund Highway at a better angle. Richard discussed that the route would split lot 43 on the last page of the handout in half. There was discussion about how the county may need an ordinance change to allow properties like this to be developed. Richard stated that they would like to proceed with the purchase and sale of the Garcia, Kromroy, Gioe, and Palden lots. He would like the motion to include the purchase of the Donaldson lots at the appraised value, so they don't have to come back and ask again, in the instance they come to an agreement for the appraised value.

Mayor Clayton Calloway made a motion to recommend the purchase of the Garcia, Kromroy, Gioe, Palden, and the two Donaldson lots to the Iron County Council of Governments. Commissioner Marilyn Wood seconded the motion. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

V. Updated Corridor Preservation Application Form

Richard Wilson discussed updates to the Corridor Preservation Application form, specifically the removal of UDOT's involvement in the process. He mentioned that UDOT was no longer part of the process, and the changes made to the form reflect this by removing UDOT from approving parties. Reed Erickson emphasized that this was an informational item and didn't require the board's approval. Reed also mentioned that they would come back with policy changes which would require action.

VI. RPO Discussions with City Councils

Nate Wiberg discussed that he met with several elected officials at the ULCT conference the previous week and that he had a conversation with a city council member from Iron County that had no idea what the RPO was. He discussed that we would like to meet with each of the six city councils in the county once or twice



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a year. Nate mentioned that there was not a specific outreach plan yet but could meet once a month with the city councils. Rob Dotson stated that he was shocked to hear that a prominent city council member from a prominent city in the area had no idea that there was such a thing as an RPO or that there was transportation planning to this extent.

VII. UDOT Updates & Business

- A. **South Cedar Interchange Update** – Chris Hall discussed that the South Cedar Interchange is undergoing an update, with five proposed designs being considered with environmental impacts to consider. Public meetings were held in Cedar City to gather input, and the public comment period will continue until October 6th. Comments should be specific, addressing safety concerns or how the interchange affects daily life. It's important for the community to provide detailed input to help mitigate potential impacts. A video of the meeting and a link to the UDOT website for comments will be made available. Chris Hall mentioned that the Livestock Association stated that covered crossings will not work and that UDOT is taking their comments into consideration as part of the environmental process. There was further discussion about options for livestock options.
- B. **Other Updates** – Chris Hall Stated that construction on SR-14 will continue and delays on that road are to be expected and the project is expected to be completed sometime this year. There are a few maintenance projects occurring and there may be interstate resurfacing projects in or near Iron County. There was some discussion about resurfacing on the interstate or overpass, but an exact location was not given. There was discussion about how the culverts on SR-143 should be moving forward, but there is no timeline yet.

VIII. Project and Study Updates

- A. **Solutions Development Study** – Chris Hall stated that there was a stakeholder meeting the previous evening that was open to the public, but that it was mostly a stakeholder meeting. UDOT proposed their recommendations at the meeting. Iron County and Cedar City put extra money into the study to do a downtown revitalization and landscaping plan as well. For this reason, the proposals showed a lot of trees, beautification, wider sidewalks, bike lanes, and center medians. Chris talked about how center medians can help with congestion along the routes and increase safety. Funding for specific projects has not yet been identified. There was some discussion about gypsum trucks using the route. There was discussion about public safety concerns regarding access for fire engines. Chris mentioned that there will be further discussions with public safety officials and property owners to make sure that there is a design that works.



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B. **South Cedar Interchange** – There was no discussion on the South Cedar Interchange.

IX. **Other Discussion Items**

No items were discussed.

X. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 1, 2023. Location: Enoch

XI. **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Mayor Clayton Calloway, seconded by Mayor Betty Gould. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.