

# MINUTES

## STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

January 21, 2009

St. George, Utah

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Kim Lawson, Vice-Chair  
Commissioner Douglas Heaton  
Commissioner Chad Johnson  
Carolyn White  
Commissioner Maloy Dodds  
Commissioner Lois Bulloch  
Mayor Connie Robinson  
Alan Adams  
Commissioner Denny Drake  
Mayor Dan McGuire  
Brian Cottam for Wes Curtis  
David Roos for Frank Lojko

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Marreen Casper  
Mike Empey  
Bryan Thiriot  
Dell Smith  
Kevin Williams  
Jody Gale  
Mark Cox  
Aaron Gibson  
Kelly Francone  
Cindy Smith  
Paul Parker  
Rick Hansen  
Ken Sizemore  
Beth Cottam  
Linda Sappington  
Gary Zabriskie  
Darren Janes  
Diane Lamoreaux

### MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Robert Crow, Excused  
Mayor Lowell Mecham, Excused  
Gladys LeFevre, Excused  
Joe Houston  
Ed Rogers, Excused

### REPRESENTING

Kane County Mayor Representative  
Kane County Commissioner Representative  
Beaver County Commissioner Representative  
Beaver County Schools Representative  
Garfield County Commissioner Representative  
Iron County Commissioner Representative  
Iron County Mayor Representative  
Iron County Schools Representative  
Washington Co. Commissioner Representative  
Washington County Mayor Representative  
Southern Utah University  
Dixie State College of Utah

Senator Hatch's Office  
Congressman Matheson's Office  
Senator Bennett's Office  
Congressman Chaffetz's Office  
Color Country RC&D Coordinator  
Utah State University - Extension Service  
Rocky Mountain Power  
Rocky Mountain Power  
Energy Strategies  
EPG Inc.  
EPG Inc.  
St. George City  
Five County Association of Governments  
Five County Association of Governments  
Volunteer Center Network of Southwest Utah  
Five County Association of Governments  
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Beaver County Mayor Representative  
Garfield County Mayor Representative  
Garfield County Schools Representative  
Kane County Schools Representative  
Washington Co. Schools Representative

Mayor Kim Lawson, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance. The following individuals asked to be excused: Mayor Robert Crow, Beaver County Mayor

Representative; Ms. Gladys LeFevre, Garfield County School Representative; Mayor Lowell Mecham, Garfield County Mayor Representative and Ed Rogers, Washington County School Representative. Brian Cottam is representing Wes Curtis, Southern Utah University and Mayor Dan McGuire, Washington County Mayor Representative, has been appointed to serve as their representative for the upcoming year.

## **I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Mr. Ken Sizemore introduced Darren Janes, Community Planner at the Association of Governments, who has been on board since July 2008. Darren is working on a number of major projects with the most significant being the Revolving Loan Fund. He has recently completed the second week of a four week training course sponsored by the National Development Council. Darren received a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning at San Diego State. His capabilities are being utilized in several other planning projects such as the St. George Consolidated Plan update, inter-operable communications project, Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan update, etc. Darren expressed his appreciation at the opportunity to be involved with the Five County AOG and anticipation of working with members of the Steering Committee on future projects.

A new Iron County Circuit Rider Planner, Ryan O’Gara, has accepted the position and will be on board in mid February. He comes from Virginia and has very impressive qualifications. Kevin Williams has assumed the position as Coordinator of the Color Country RC&D. Mr. Williams indicated that he grew up in the Yuma Valley of southeast Arizona and has worked for the federal government for approximately 15 years. Some of that time has been with the Forest Service as well as the BLM, and most recently a position with the Natural Resource Conservation Service in Page, Arizona. He looks forward to building partnerships with operators and conservation groups to help leverage good projects in this area.

Vice-Chair Lawson introduced former State Command Sergeant Major Dell Smith who is now the Provo Office Manager for Congressman Jason Chaffetz. Mr. Smith reported that their office has been operational for the past couple of weeks.

## **II. MINUTES NOVEMBER 19, 2008 - REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

Mayor Lawson, Vice-Chair, presented minutes of the November 19, 2008 meeting for Board consideration and approval.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CHAD JOHNSON, SECONDED BY MAYOR CONNIE ROBINSON, TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2008 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.**

## **III. ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER TRANSMISSION FACILITIES FUTURE**

Mr. Mark Cox, Rocky Mountain Power, expressed his appreciation at the opportunity to visit with the group in regard to a couple of upcoming projects which are in the early planning stage. He introduced Aaron Gibson, Rocky Mountain Power, and Cindy Smith and Paul Parker, of EPG, Inc. and Kelly Francone, Energy Strategies, who will provide information throughout the presentation. Appointments have been made during the first week of

February to meet with the Washington County Mayor's Association and the Iron County Coordinating Council to share details of these projects.

Aaron Gibson presented information in regard to the Energy Gateway South and Sigurd to Red Butte #2 Transmission projects. A significant number of transmission line projects are underway in various phases of permitting and construction. Gateway South is the last leg of their Gateway projects which are broken into three segments. All segments, with the exception of the Mona to the Terminal Substation, will be required to go through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Staff is currently filing permits with the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service.

The Gateway South project runs from the Aeolus Substation in Douglas, Wyoming through Mona, Sigurd, Red Butte and on to the Crystal Substation outside of Las Vegas, Nevada. The Gateway West project runs from the Windstar Substation outside of Casper, Wyoming to Hemmingway and eventually ties into the Captain Jack Substation. The total estimated cost of these projects is \$6 billion and represents approximately 1900 miles of transmission lines. These projects have been precipitated by regional power outages in various states in the west and northeast parts of the country that ultimately brought problems to the surface in regard to the insufficient power grid across the country. A study was initiated and completed to determine what type of facilities were necessary to update the transmission grid. Because no new facilities have been built for a number of decades, the capacity of the grid was close to its maximum. The federal government has appealed to utilities as well as other interested parties to build new transmission lines. This is a significant project requiring significant investment.

The purpose of the Gateway South project includes: 1) Enhance the reliability of the existing system; 2) Support capacity for future growth; and 3) Allow others the opportunity to tap into the transmission grid to provide additional resources.

A separate project is also underway from the Sigurd Substation to the Red Butte Substation located near Central, Utah. This project has its own purpose and need to address the significant need for electricity in this geographic area. The time frame for completing this project is 2012. This is a smaller project which is needed much sooner than the Gateway South project.

A map depicting routes for lines was reviewed for the Gateway South project. Some of the transmission lines are 500kV, some areas are double circuited to provide more capacity and less disturbance to the land, and portions contain single circuited lines. He also reviewed different types of structures which are proposed for these transmission lines. The 500kV line will provide capacity for several years into the future. Because industry standards change it would be difficult to erect double capacity structures initially. The goal of this project is to build a grid around a "reliability triangle".

Cindy Smith, EPG Inc., reviewed the approach utilized in siting lines in the project area as follows: 1) Looked at all higher voltage transmission lines in the area; 2) Looked at designated corridors for utilities; and 3) Routes in new areas. She reviewed a map of the substations and transmission lines within the project area. Commissioner Denny Drake asked if this analysis was coordinated with the study which began in 2006 with Rocky Mountain Power, UAMPS, and municipalities. An issue with the Red Butte line corridor that is already feeding the area is that line has already gone down once. Washington County

requested and thought that an agreement was reached for this line to be moved to follow the I-15 corridor. Representatives indicated that this issue will be discussed further in their presentation. Ms. Smith indicated that they are required to submit a Plan of Development. The project duration covers a 36 month period of time to accomplish various components of the project including public outreach for feedback at every major milestone. Rocky Mountain Power has submitted their application to the BLM and Forest Service. The project will go to the public for scoping sometime over the next 1-2 months to identify issues. Community working groups may be established for some areas included in the project. Major milestones include a detailed inventory of the corridor including alternative corridors; impact assessment and mitigation plan; alternative selection; draft EIS; Final EIS; Record of Decision; federal, state and local permitting; right of way acquisition and then construction which is anticipated to commence in winter 2011. Rocky Mountain is proactively introducing the project to community leaders within in the area prior to the BLM beginning their EIS process. The BLM, Forest Service, and National Park Service will provide a lot of input in the reclamation practices on public lands.

They are continuing to work with municipalities in the area through the Red Butte to St. George project. One issue expressed in regard to this project is that the entire planning process is being ignored. It was explained that there is an agreement that a study would be completed to address the needs of local municipalities. Red Butte has been identified currently as a need for the municipalities. Commissioner Drake again emphasized that Washington County's understanding was that an agreement was reached with Rocky Mountain Power in 2006 to pursue utilization of the I-15 corridor because of growth in eastern Washington County. The original discussion was for three lines in the near future that would follow the I-15 corridor. Commissioner Drake reviewed two issues with the corridor which is being proposed: 1) Lines coming across from Red Butte would create conflicts with Desert Tortoise habitat; and 2) Having all the power source in one corridor. A fire through that area two years ago impacted power structures and necessitated power outages to allow structures to be checked. Mark Cox indicated that this is a different project and other transmission lines will serve that area. This project does not go through that corridor. He reviewed lines which would serve the area from Red Butte to St. George addressed in a conditional use permit which was granted by Washington County.

The technical task force is in the process of updating a study which was completed in 2006-07 and will be presenting that information on February 10<sup>th</sup>. This is a separate project which will address the needs of eastern Washington County towards the Hurricane area. Rick Hansen, St. George City, indicated that the study being updated did identify a preferred route corridor, but various concerns were expressed which still need to be addressed. This current plan does not address redundancy for Washington County and there are also reliability issue concerns. It is proposed that use of an alternative route be examined to address both of the above mentioned issues. Mark Cox mentioned that another critical piece to be considered is that improvements must be in place by 2012 to meet the needs in the area. The study, scheduled for presentation in February, will address these needs with new service points and new routing; and the I-15 corridor is still an alternative for consideration. Opportunity will be provided as this study is presented to municipalities to address all of the issues expressed in this meeting. Results of the joint study will be presented prior to beginning scoping meetings, at which point there will be public input into the process. It was explained that there is the potential to link the Sigurd to Red Butte and the Gateway South projects together as one project to better facilitate management of these projects by the BLM. This will address BLM staffing issues to utilize the national

project manager who will be overseeing the Gateway South project as well as combining the scoping process. The lead agency for the 500kV line will be the Bureau of Land Management with oversight by Walt George, national project manager. It is also anticipated that the BLM will assume the role of lead agency for the Sigurd to Red Butte project. However, the BLM and Forest Service are currently in the process of making that decision. At this time it is unknown if the Sigurd to Red Butte project will require an Environmental Impact Statement or an Environmental Assessment. A description of the public process was also provided.

**IV. UTAH STATE BLM DIRECTOR SUPPORT LETTER**

Commissioner Maloy Dodds reported that the state director for the Bureau of Land Management, Selma Sierra, has met opposition from a number of activist groups seeking her replacement. However, he suggested that the letter expressing strong support from this Board be forwarded to Secretary Salazar.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DENNY DRAKE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MALOY DODDS, AUTHORIZING THE SIGNATURE OF THE VICE CHAIR ON CORRESPONDENCE IN SUPPORT OF MS. SIERRA. MOTION CARRIED.**

**V. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM**

**A. CONSOLIDATED PLAN UPDATE**

Ms. Diane Lamoreaux provided background information to educate Board members in regard to the Consolidated Plan. As part of the Community Development Block Grant program and because the Association of Governments receives funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, it is required that a Consolidated Plan be developed and updated on an annual basis. The plan is rewritten every five years with specific sections being updated in periods between. Core components of the Plan include Community Development, Economic Development and Housing Development which also addresses homeless issues. State CDBG staff select a focus area for each year's update. AOG staff has worked with jurisdictions in the Five County region to obtain updated community assessments, including a self-assessment tool for analysis of infrastructure, updated capital improvements lists, and assisted with the Human Services Public Forums to obtain public input into the process. Staff analyzed data collected from jurisdictions and various agencies to assist in developing and updating the Plan.

The Consolidated Plan 2009 Action Plan Executive Summary is included on pages 15-21 of the packet. The summary contains goals and policies for each of the core components, provides performance measures for past and current CDBG projects in the Five County region, addresses the funding process, public participation, and a summary of the performance measures for upcoming projects for 2009.

A public notice was published in The Spectrum announcing a 30-day comment period which commenced December 15, 2008 through January 15, 2009. An article was also published in the Five County AOG newsletter encouraging local elected officials and others to review and comment on the Plan. There were no requests to review the document and no comments were provided during the public review

period. State CDBG staff reviewed the document and were very complimentary of the efforts expended by staff in development of the Plan. The entire document is posted on the AOG website where it is available for review at <http://www.fcaog.state.ut.us/dep/community/consolidatedplan.php> Board members and others are encouraged to visit the website to view this document.

Ms. Lamoreaux explained that one of the most important aspects of this process is the capital improvements lists and resulting priorities which are developed. Jurisdictions are familiar with this process and aware that if projects are not included on these lists they cannot submit applications for funding from the Community Development Block Grant program or the Community Impact Fund Board.

#### **B. COUNTY PROJECT PRIORITIES**

Mr. Sizemore explained that as part of the CDBG rating and ranking process, county delegations must discuss and determine priorities for projects located in their respective counties. He asked that Board members remain shortly after the close of today's meeting to officially determine priorities for FY 2009 applications.

### **VI. SOUTHWESTERN UTAH VOLUNTEER CENTERS NETWORK UPDATE**

Linda Sappington, Southwestern Utah Volunteer Centers Network Director, reported that her duties include coordination and overall direction for all volunteer centers in the Five County region which include Washington, Iron and Kane counties. The Iron County Volunteer Center provides oversight for Garfield and Beaver counties. She provided background information in regard to the organization of volunteer centers and then outlined their mission. There were 22 volunteer centers operating in the state of Utah five years ago, as opposed to 11 which are currently in operation. It has been pointed out that the Utah Legislature is considering elimination of the small amount of funding (\$5,500) which is allocated to these organizations. These funds are provided as a transportation grant for senior programs to transport frail elderly clients. This would result in a total cut of \$16,500 covering each of their three programs in our area. In addition, there was a small reduction for each federal grant last year.

The volunteer centers currently have 1,517 senior volunteers over the age of 55 serving in every county throughout the region providing support to organizations such as hospitals, libraries, thrift stores, schools, etc. In addition, approximately 500 of these volunteers also provide support to various community events. There are 38 senior men and women over the age of 60 and under 125 percent of the national poverty level who serve as Senior Companions providing support for independence to frail elderly and disabled clients. The Area Agency on Aging provides some funding which has allowed the addition of some more volunteers to support this program.

The Foster Grandparent program serves underachieving children in schools. There are currently 38 people in Iron and Washington counties that serve in this capacity. This provides a good resource to school teachers in this area.

There are currently around 500 children and youth ages 11 to 18 under the umbrella of the volunteer centers who undertake service projects, service learning, and a variety of other activities. The youth program also oversees Youth Court in Washington County.

Participants are charged a \$30.00 fee to these first time offenders to help with support of this program. In the past year, there have been 200 offenders served through the Court Ordered Community Service Program. These individuals are referred by the Fifth District Court, Justice Courts and a variety of other community court systems. A small fee is also charged to participants in this program.

The Health Insurance Information Program (HIIP) operates through the Volunteer Centers to assist individuals seeking information about Medicare. This program has grown to the point that it now occupies approximately 30 percent of their time. Over the past six months there have been over 725 individuals seeking information through either a phone call or face-to-face meeting.

For the past two years, the volunteer center has distributed over 15,000 Vial of Life kits mostly to households mainly in Washington County. The secret of success for this program is making the EMT's aware that clients have the Vial of Life available.

With current happenings in Washington, D.C., there are Corps springing up everywhere which consist of people who are united in a common cause. There are a number of federally funded Corps including Experience Corps, Opportunity Corps, etc., and yet volunteer centers remain unfunded in this country. It is interesting to note that President Obama appears to be a strong proponent of volunteer centers around the country which will hopefully result in increased funding to support these efforts.

Ms. Sappington expressed her appreciation to the cities and counties in the Five County region for their generous support to the volunteer centers. Commissioner Lois Bulloch reported that she has received a new commission assignment to work with the volunteer center in Iron County. Commissioner Denny Drake acknowledged the great support received from volunteers in Washington County. One particular volunteer has worked with the Mosquito Abatement Program and saved the county a tremendous amount of money through their volunteer work.

## **VII. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL OFFICERS**

### **A/B. DISTRICT V AGING AND NUTRITION SERVICES ADVISORY COUNCIL AND HUMAN SERVICES COUNCIL**

Ms. Beth Cottam provided a handout outlining a request for Steering Committee approval of the FY 2009 Chair and Vice-Chair leadership support to the District V Aging and Nutrition Services Advisory Council and the Five County AOG Human Services Council. This request is presented in accordance to Council By-Laws.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DENNY DRAKE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER MALOY DODDS, TO APPROVE CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR APPOINTMENTS FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED COUNCILS AS PER RECOMMENDATIONS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **VIII. UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY (USU) EXTENSION SERVICE UPDATE**

Mr. Jody Gale reported that the final socioeconomic report prepared by Utah State University has been provided to counties in CD format. The report provides a summary of

all of the studies which were undertaken in this effort. This information has been forwarded to John Harja and accepted by his office, and the study information will be made available on the state website at a future date. As Iron County moves forward through their RMP process, this information will be available for inclusion into that document.

Information was provided for the 2009 Utah Hay and Forage Symposium scheduled January 29-30 in St. George and the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Diversified Agriculture Conference scheduled for February 25-27 in Delta, Utah. An agenda for the agriculture conference is included on the back of the handout.

#### **IX. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY (SUU) REGIONAL SERVICES UPATE**

Mr. Brian Cottam, Southern Utah University Regional Services, reported that Wes Curtis is in Salt Lake City at the legislative session. Southern Utah University dealt with budget cuts from the last legislative session through across the board cuts from all departments. Seven FTE contract positions were not filled, adjunct/overload budgets were reduced, along with hourly wage reductions, operating budget reductions, elimination of two executive positions, reimbursement rate reductions, etc. He reviewed information from a campus wide forum which was held by President Benson. Enrollment at the University shows healthy numbers with a 82% retention rate. Administration at the University is still hopeful that funding will be secured for the new Science Building. Funding from the state of Utah to higher education institutions is primarily utilized to cover costs for faculty and staff (82%). SUU derives 40% from tuition and fees, with the remaining 60% from state dollars.

Legislative budget reductions currently under consideration range from 7.5 to 15 percent. Impacts from either of these percentages for SUU will be very challenging and range from soft hiring freezes to strict spending limits in travel and supplies. Proportional reductions utilized for past reductions will not be applicable moving forward. Hard decisions will be faced in regard to programs and/or employee reductions, including preservation or elimination of various programs (athletic, academic, regional services).

Information presented at the Southern Utah University Spring Forum is available on their website: <http://www.suu.edu/general/president/pdf/2009-springforum.pdf> A handout was provided outlining efforts of the Zion Canyon Corridor Council to sponsor a public information meeting as part of a planning and land-use initiative aimed at preserving the resources and natural beauty along State Route 9 from LaVerkin to Zion National Park.

#### **X. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES**

Ms. Marreen Casper, Senator Hatch's Office, reported that the Omnibus Public Lands Bill passed the Senate with a vote of 73-21. The package included the Washington County Lands Management Act, which was sponsored by Senator Bennett and cosponsored by Senator Hatch. The bill included five provisions as follows: **1) Pioneer Trails--** Enhances the preservation of Utah's pioneer heritage by studying the possibility of giving federal designation to alternate routes used by those following the Mormon Pioneer, Pony Express, California and Oregon National Historic Trails; **2) Turnabout Ranch--** Addresses a property trespass question involving a 25-acre parcel of BLM land in Garfield County; **3) Boy Scout Land Exchange--** Allows the exchange of two small parcels of land between the Boy Scouts of America, Utah National Parks Council and Brian Head Ski Resort; and **4) Alexander Hamilton Boyhood Home--** Studies the suitability and feasibility of bringing resources

related to Alexander Hamilton's boyhood on the island of St. Croix under the National Park Service. The Senator has joined with other senators to introduce the Freedom Act of 2009 which focuses on hybrid vehicles and tax incentives. Senator Hatch has previously supported and voted for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). However, he was unable to support current legislation of the number of additions including pregnant women, legal immigrants, etc. which drove the cost above what could be afforded.

Mr. Mike Empey, Congressman Matheson's Office, reported that House hearings are currently being held on the economic stimulus package. Draft copies the stimulus package summary are posted on the House Appropriations website. One thing of interest is that the bill does not contain earmarks. It is anticipated that funding for transportation will be funneled through state departments of transportation for appropriation. The likely route for funding water and sewer projects will be through USDA where it is anticipated that some type of funding formula would be utilized for distribution of funds to each state. Some items in the stimulus bill include: **1) Transportation--** \$30 billion; **2) Clean Water--** \$19 billion; **3) Transit/Rail--** \$10 billion; **4) Community Development Block Grant--** An additional \$1 billion; **5) Community Services Block Grant--** An additional \$1 billion; and **6) Higher Education Construction--** \$6 billion. Congressman Matheson sits on the Energy and Commerce Committee where part of the hearings are being held today.

Commissioner Lois Bulloch asked if there would ever be an accounting of the bail out bill outlining how the money was spent. Mr. Empey responded that the \$350 billion which was previously allocated to financial institutions did not have a lot of oversight attached. Congress is voting on the remaining \$350 billion package today which outlines much more specific accountability measures.

The Omnibus Public Lands Bill has gone to the House where it will be put on the agenda for vote in the full House. Congressman Matheson is very optimistic about this bill moving forward.

Mr. Bryan Thiriot, Senator Bennett's Office, reported that the Senate has finally acted on the Omnibus Public Lands Bill which included the Washington County Lands Management Act. The Senator acknowledges the Washington County Commission for their leadership through this process. This bill will set the precedence for the remainder of the state of Utah as work progresses with other counties. One good thing in regard to this legislation is that it passed regular order through the committees. He reported that Senator Bennett will retain assignments on the following committees: **1) Appropriations; 2) Banking; 3) Rules; and 4) Joint Economic.** He has received a new assignment on the Energy and Natural Resource Committee, and will no longer serve on the Transportation, HUD committee. President Obama will be releasing his budget next month. Senator Bennett's office will be accepting appropriation requests which are due March 6<sup>th</sup>. The new administration has indicated that they will not accept earmarks, but a system is in place to get projects included in the budget process. He announced that Senator Bennett is gearing up to run for his 4<sup>th</sup> term in 2010.

Mr. Dell Smith, Congressman Chaffetz's Office, reported that the Congressman is establishing two offices in Utah, in Provo and West Jordan. Mr. Smith will be managing the Provo office, and they are seeking an individual in the region with experience in rural lands and water issues. Congressman Chaffetz has cosponsored some legislation including the balanced budget amendment and the fairness doctrine and is against the D.C. voting rights

bill because he thinks it is unconstitutional. Committee assignments include Judiciary Oversight and Natural Resources which are very important committees.

## XI. LOCAL AFFAIRS

### A. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Sizemore referenced correspondence contained on page 23 of the packet announcing a source water protection workshop scheduled for February 3, 2009 in Richfield, Utah.

### B. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

None.

### C. PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD APPLICATIONS

Mr. Sizemore reviewed applications from jurisdictions to the Permanent Community Impact Board for Board consideration as follows: **1) Panguitch Lake Special Service District--** New fire station, \$250,000 loan; **2) Southwest Utah Public Health Department--** New office space in Kanab, \$860,352 loan; **3) Cedar City--** Construction of new aquatic center, \$7 million dollar loan; **4) Rockville/Springdale Fire District--** Addition to fire station to support overnight stay, \$36,500 grant; **5) Hatch Town--** New community center and town office, \$200,000 grant; **6) Milford City--** Feasibility/design study for a new library, \$20,000 grant; **7) LaVerkin City--** Drainage, irrigation, street design study, \$38,750 grant; and **8) Big Water Municipal Government--** Park development and playground equipment, \$45,000 grant.

Commissioner Maloy Dodds commented that the Community Impact Board has sufficient funding available for all project applications submitted during this trimester. Commissioner Chad Johnson mentioned that the state is considering some fairly drastic funding decreases which may impact public health departments. He questioned construction of a new facility in light of the current economic climate and the ability to provide staffing of the facility. He shared an example of a building which was constructed in Gunnison that will not be staffed for four years. Over the past years, Dr. Blodgett has appeared before the legislature to seek additional funding with the argument that the health department is understaffed. It was explained that the Southwest Utah Mental Health Authority has already began construction of their facility and this will be an extension of that building to accommodate the Southwest Utah Public Health Department needs. Commissioner Lois Bulloch and Commissioner Maloy Dodds indicated that they sit on the Public Health Board and feel that all bases have been covered adequately. Commissioner Douglas Heaton reported that the Health Department is currently renting space at another location and would be transferring staff to the new facility. It is anticipated that the new facility would be paid off over a ten year period of time.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CHAD JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOIS BULLOCH, TO SUPPORT APPLICATIONS TO THE PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**D. PLANNING ASSISTANCE**

None.

**E. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Sizemore provided a handout containing minutes from October 1, 1965 from a Five County meeting held in Parowan. Minutes quote Governor Rampton as being very supportive of the Five County Organization and the example that it has made. Information states that the planning committee for Utah had divided the state of Utah into five divisions, with the Five County Organization as one division. This piece of information is a continuation of providing historical information from past meetings. Mayor Connie Robinson mentioned that at meetings in northern Utah a comment was made that the Five County Association of Governments is the Cadillac of AOG's in the state.

Mr. Sizemore reviewed membership changes for the Steering Committee which will take place in February. Ms. Gladys LeFevre has been appointed to serve as the Garfield County School District representative for the upcoming year. Commissioner Douglas Heaton, Kane County, will serve as the commission representative for Kane County. Mayor Dan McGuire has consented to serve another term as the Washington County Mayor representative. He noted that Ed Rogers has indicated that a new representative will be selected to serve for the Washington County School district. Alan Adams indicated that the Iron County School Board will discuss representation for the Steering Committee at their January 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mr. Sizemore also reported that Commissioner Denny Drake will assume the position of Chairman in February.

**XII. AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS**

Mayor Lawson reviewed A-95 reviews as follows: **1) Trust Lands Administration, Easement No. 1338, Amendment No. 1--** GarKane Energy power line easement amendment to address environmental constraints discovered during the application review; **2) Trust Lands Administration, Easement No. 1459--** Power line easement across state lands near Beryl in Iron County; **3) Trust Lands Administration, Range Improvement Project No. 346--** Fuels treatment project near Veyo and Dammeron Valley vicinities; **4) Trust Lands Administration, Range Improvement Project No. 347--** In cooperation with Natural Resource Conservation Service and a grazing permittee in western Iron County; **5) Trust Lands Administration, Range Improvement Project No. 348--** In cooperation with Natural Resource Conservation Service and grazing permittee in the Neck of the Desert vicinity in western Iron County; and **6) Trust Lands Administration, Easement No. 1471--** South Central Telephone Association easement for installation of fiber optics lines in Beaver, Garfield and Iron counties. All reviews have supportive staff recommendations. He presented the reviews for Board consideration.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER LOIS BULLOCH, SECONDED BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE, TO APPROVE A-95 REVIEWS, AS PER STAFF RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED.**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at the Kane County Courthouse in Kanab, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.