

EASTERN WASHINGTON COUNTY
RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RTEC CHAIR—MAYOR TOM HIRSCHI · RTAC CHAIR—ARTHUR LEBARON · PLANNING MANAGER—CURT HUTCHINGS

MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (RTEC)

LaVerkin City Hall Council Chambers
435 N Main St, LaVerkin, Utah

Thursday, December 11, 2008 at 1:00 pm

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mayor Karl Wilson, Vice-Chair
Mayor Ken Powell
Mr. Arthur LeBaron

REPRESENTING:

LaVerkin City
Toquerville City
Hurricane City

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Mike Miles	UDOT
Ms. Elissa Black	Form Tomorrow
Ms. Doni Pack	FCAOG
Mr. Curt Hutchings	FCAOG

EXCUSED:

Mayor Tom Hirschi	Hurricane City
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ABSENT:

Mayor Trudy Law	Leeds Town
Commissioner James Eardley	Washington County

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mayor Karl Wilson called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm, declared there was a quorum, and welcomed all in attendance.

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23, 2008 MEETING

Mayor Wilson presented Minutes of the October 23, 2008 Rural Transportation Executive Council (RTEC) meeting to the Council for consideration and approval:

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**A motion was made by Mayor Karl Wilson, seconded by Mr. Arthur LeBaron,
to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2008 Rural Transportation
Executive Council meeting.**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL OF CONTRACT

Ms. Doni Pack provided Council members with copies of the Eastern Washington County Rural Planning Organization (RPO) Local Match Contract for their approval and signature. This is a Contract between the Cities of Hurricane, LaVerkin and Toquerville, the Town of Leeds and Washington County; and the Five County Association of Governments. The RPO Contract outlines the amount of matching funds that these municipalities agree to provide to Five County Association of Governments, which Association is then contracted with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) to provide staff support to the RPO.

Mayor Wilson and Mayor Ken Powell had already scheduled to present the Contract to their respective City Councils shortly, and will sign the Contract upon approval by said Councils. Mr. LeBaron stated that Mayor Tom Hirschi was available to sign the Contract at any time. RPO staff will follow up by contacting the RTEC signing members when appropriate.

IV. EASTERN WASHINGTON COUNTY TRANSPORTATION STUDY

Ms. Pack provided RTEC members with copies of the Eastern Washington County Transportation Study (EWCTS) RPO Project Review as developed and recommended by the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC).

The Utah Department of Transportation contracted the EWCTS report and requested that the RPO review the projects enumerated within the report and provide UDOT with a list of those of highest priority to the RPO communities. This was an initial opportunity for the RPO to be heard by those in the transportation sector who will determine which projects are included in the State Transportation Implementation Plan (STIP).

The RTAC devoted extra time and energy to create and complete a prioritization process, and to include input from the Ex-officio members representing communities east of the RPO area.

Mr. LeBaron reviewed for the Council the process undertaken by the RTAC to create the Project Review document.

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Council members studied the recommendations and approved the prioritizations for SR-9, SR-17 and SR-59. Also included in the document was a list of suggested Other Projects that had not been included in the EWCTS and were of importance to the eastern Washington County Communities.

Mayor Powell spoke up regarding the desire of the City of Toquerville for a bypass road. Upon discussion, it was decided to add this project to the four previously recommended.

A motion was made by Mayor Ken Powell, seconded by Mr. Arthur LeBaron, to support the recommendations of the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee as outlined in the Eastern Washington County Transportation Study RPO Project Review with the following changes:

- 1) The addition under Other Projects of a fifth project entitled “Toquerville Bypass – Toquerville/SR-17 preferred alternatives bypass study.”**

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RPO staff will forward the approved document to UDOT.

V. OTHER/FUTURE TOPICS

The next regular RTEC meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2009 at 1:00 pm to be held at the Toquerville City Hall. A calendar year 2009 schedule was provided to all participants.

VI. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 pm.