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TO: ALL STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: COMMISSIONER DENNY DRAKE, CHAIR

DATE: APRIL 1, 2009

SUBJECT: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 8, 2009

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2009, AT THE PAROWAN CITY LIBRARY, MEETING ROOM, LOCATED AT 16 SOUTH MAIN STREET, PAROWAN, UTAH.

THE ATTACHED MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED TO ASSIST YOU IN PREPARING FOR OUR MEETING. PLEASE REVIEW ALL MATERIALS AND ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS TO THE AOG STAFF, C/O KENNETH L. SIZEMORE. THIS WOULD ALLOW STAFF TIME TO RESEARCH YOUR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PRIOR TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING.

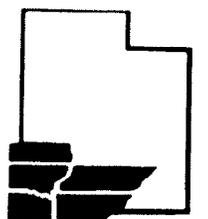
WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU IN PAROWAN ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 2009 AT 1:00 P.M.

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ATTACHMENTS

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**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
APRIL 8, 2009
PAROWAN CITY LIBRARY
MEETING ROOM
15 SOUTH MAIN STREET
PAROWAN, UT - 1:00 P.M.**

- I. MINUTES MARCH 11, 2009 - REVIEW AND APPROVE
- II. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION
- III. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK RESOLUTION
- IV. 2010 CENSUS PLAN - DANIEL PACHEO, UTAH STATE PARTNERSHIP SPECIALIST
- V. SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS RAC NOMINATION DISCUSSION
- VI. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY (SUU) REGIONAL SERVICES UPDATE
- VII. UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY (USU) EXTENSION SERVICE UPDATE
- VIII. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES
- IX. LOCAL AFFAIRS
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- X. AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during this meeting should notify KENNETH SIZEMORE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, at 1070 West 1600 South, Building B, St. George, Utah, (435) 673-3548 at least three working days prior to the meeting.

MINUTES

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING March 11, 2009 Beaver, Utah

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dean Cox for Commissioner Denny Drake
Mayor Dan McGuire, Vice Chair
Mayor Leonard Foster
Carolyn White
Mayor Lowell Mecham
Gladys LeFevre
Commissioner Lois Bulloch
Mayor Connie Robinson
Alan Adams
Commissioner Douglas Heaton
LuAnne Forrest
Brian Cottam for Wes Curtis

REPRESENTING

Washington Co. Commissioner Representative
Washington County Mayor Representative
Beaver County Mayor Representative
Beaver County Schools Representative
Garfield County Mayor Representative
Garfield County Schools Representative
Iron County Commissioner Representative
Iron County Mayor Representative
Iron County Schools Representative
Kane County Commissioner Representative
Washington Co. Schools Representative
Southern Utah University

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Marreen Casper
Mike Empey
Bryan Thiriot
Dell Smith
Dennis Moser
Ken Sizemore
Beth Cottam
Diane Lamoreaux

Senator Hatch's Office
Congressman Matheson's Office
Senator Bennett's Office
Congressman Chaffetz's Office
SUU - Utah Center for Rural Health
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MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Chad Johnson, Excused
Commissioner Maloy Dodds, Excused
Mayor Kim Lawson, Excused
Joe Houston
Frank Lojko

Beaver County Commissioner Representative
Garfield County Commissioner Representative
Kane County Mayor Representative
Kane County Schools Representative
Dixie State College of Utah

Mayor Dan McGuire, Vice-Chair, welcomed those in attendance and reported that Commissioner Denny Drake was unable to attend today's meeting. Mayor Kim Lawson, Kane County Mayor Representative, asked to be excused and Mr. Dean Cox is representing Commissioner Denny Drake, Washington County Commissioner Representative.

I. MINUTES FEBRUARY 11, 2009 - REVIEW AND APPROVE

Mayor McGuire presented minutes of the February 11, 2009 meeting for Board discussion and consideration.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOIS BULLOCH, TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2009 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

II. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION

Mr. Sizemore reported that the Executive Committee conducted a meeting via conference call on March 5th to consider mid-year budget revisions. Copies of the proposed revisions were provided to Steering Committee members during the February meeting for review and as a means to solicit input and/or answer any questions. He noted that no members presented comments or questions. Three of the five Executive Committee members participated in the conference call meeting and unanimously approved budget revisions as presented. Members of the Steering Committee are asked to ratify this action.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR LOWELL MECHAM, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOUG HEATON, TO RATIFY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTIONS FOR MID-YEAR BUDGET REVISIONS. MOTION CARRIED.

III. COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG) AND SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (SSBG) APPLICATION PROCESS

Ms. Beth Cottam reported that the purpose of the CSBG program is to support and assist in lifting people out of situations of poverty or improve conditions of poverty for low income individuals. Eligibility is set at 125% of poverty level or lower for these funds. Advertisements will be provided to local newspapers announcing the availability of funds for the 2010 fiscal year, with funding at the same level as last fiscal year (\$263,000). Of this total amount, approximately 60% (\$170,000) was subcontracted to providers for various activities in 2009. Applications for the CSBG program funding are due at the Association of Governments on April 25, 2009. She provided a copy of the application to Board members as an informational item, and noted that this Board will be asked to ratify Human Services Council recommendations for funding as this process moves forward. This program is very comprehensive in nature in regard to administration and "Results Oriented Management and Accountability" (ROMA) compliance. This is the process by which outcomes are measured and documented. The front page of the application outlines these requirements. Reporting is provided to the Human Services Council bi-annually and to the state CSBG office on an annual basis. The Human Services Council, serving as the Advisory Council, identified and prioritized challenges in the Five County area as follows: 1) Education; 2) Economic/Industrial Development; 3) Jobs/Employment - Wages; 4) Affordable Housing; 5) Energy Development; 6) Health; 7) Aging; 8) Public Safety/Law Enforcement; 9) Youth/Family Recreation; and 10) Enforce Existing Immigration Services. Technical support for completing applications is available by contacting the AOG office.

Beth then outlined some of the types of service provided with CSBG funds as follows: **1) Emergency Food Programs--** There are 13 distribution sites and two satellite sites (Ticaboo/Big Water) with programs in each of the five counties. Individuals utilizing food boxes are at or below the federal poverty level, and approximately 60% of these individuals/families are without health insurance. As circumstances dictate, individuals receive specialized case management which provides assistance in linkage and referral to other programs to increase self-sufficiency; **2) Emergency Shelter--** Iron and Washington counties provide emergency shelter for clients who do not have a roof over their heads. The Iron County Care & Share and Dixie Care & Share provide this assistance; **3) Advanced Technology Centers and Adult Education--** Assistance is provided to encourage skill development and literacy to learn the English language through the ESL

program. These programs are used in conjunction with other partnerships to develop necessary training; **4) Washington County School District Young Parent Program--** Funding is provided for operation of a nursery on campus at Millcreek High School in order to allow young parents to continue their education. Over the years, this has been a very successful program; **5) Rural Health Care--** Approximately \$5,000 allocated to this program in the past assisted to leverage \$10,000 in additional funding to launch this program. Health care in rural areas was a need expressed during the annual Human Services Public Forums; **6) Garfield County Youth Program--** Funding has also been provided to this program. Applications are solicited on an annual basis and funding is allocated according to prioritized needs determined by the Human Services Council.

Carolyn White reported that in Beaver County cooking classes are available for those receiving emergency food boxes. However, there does not seem to be a good turnout for the classes. She wondered if this could be a requirement for those receiving the food boxes. Beth explained that the local program board could make classes mandatory but the process must be established at that level.

Ms. Cottam reported that the Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) program funded with state of Utah discretionary dollars, has been operational for a long time. In anticipation of receiving FY 2010 funds, announcements are being published in local newspapers with applications due April 20, 2009 to the Five County AOG. The Human Services Council directs this funding allocation strictly to transportation provided through the County Councils on Aging and one program serving disabled individuals. Funding recommendations are presented to the Steering Committee for ratification. A copy of the application form was provided for informational purposes. Some stimulus funds will be received from the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Further direction is anticipated in regard to allocation of these additional funds.

IV. EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM ALLOCATIONS

Beth Cottam referenced information contained on page 11 of the packet outlining Emergency Food and Shelter Board allocation recommendations for the upcoming year. This program requires that a jurisdictional board review applications and program funding. These recommendations are being brought to the Steering Committee for ratification in order to remain consistent with allocation processes for CSBG and SSBG funding. There is not a large amount of funding for this program. Iron and Washington counties receive direct funding allocations determined by the National Board based on population, employment, poverty rate, etc. Washington County will receive \$62,993, Iron County will receive \$20,205 and set-aside funding is provided to Beaver, Garfield and Kane counties in the amount of \$4,931. The Emergency Food and Shelter Board determined that funding for the three counties is to be split evenly at \$1,611 to each county. She presented allocation recommendations for Board consideration.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER LOIS BULLOCH, SECONDED BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE, TO APPROVE EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER BOARD ALLOCATIONS AS PER FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE 2009 EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM. MOTION CARRIED.

V. PUBLIC FORUM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Cottam provided a handout announcing the 16th Annual Human Services Public Forums. The Association of Governments is required to hold Human Service Public Forums but has the option to hold one forum on a regional basis. Over the past years, it has been determined by the Human Services Council that a forum will be conducted in each of the five counties. Garfield County has requested that two forums be held this year, one in Escalante and one in Panguitch. These forums provide valuable opportunities to bring people together to discuss important issues affecting our local communities. Many important program developments have made their start from these gatherings. The Five County AOG partners with the Southwest Utah Public Health Department and the Southwest Utah Mental Health Authority to utilize these forums as a dynamic planning function to share information, identify common needs, recommend solutions, help prioritize resources and network with community members. The SUU Regional Services office has graciously loaned their audience response system for use at the forums. This is the first year that this system has been available and the aspect of interactive participation is exciting. Anyone desiring incorporation of specific questions into the forums should notify Beth as soon as possible. She thanked Board members for past participation and support of these important meetings and invited participation again this year. Flyers for individuals counties are available for those interested in disseminating information. Brian Cottam reported that the audience response system is being utilized more and more throughout the region and is available upon request. This is a power point based system with clicker response capabilities. There are 210 clickers which accommodates larger groups as well.

VI. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

A. 2ND PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor McGuire, Vice-Chair, entertained a motion to enter into the public hearing.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. ALAN ADAMS, SECONDED BY MAYOR LELAND FOSTER, TO ENTER INTO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT SECOND PUBLIC HEARING. MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Lamoreaux provided background information outlining requirements placed on entities to hold two public hearings as part of the CDBG program. The first hearing is held to solicit public input for consideration of specific projects which funding may be applied under the CDBG program. The second public hearing is held to allow all citizens to provide input concerning the project that was awarded funds under the FY 2009 funding process. It was explained that funding is allocated from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to the Utah State Department of Community and Culture for allocation across the state. Anticipated funding to the state of Utah totals approximately \$6.5 million dollars. Allocation to the Five County region for FY 2009 is anticipated to be approximately \$755,796. Each AOG receives a base allocation of \$300,000 and the remainder is allocated through a formula which uses the region's latest population data. Five County Association of Governments was pre-approved to receive \$150,000 to provide planning, administration and technical assistance throughout the region. Elements of previous work plans were reviewed as follows: 1) Community Development Planning and Technical Assistance to communities; 2) Update of the Region's Consolidated

Plan; 3) HOME, Emergency Home and Down Payment/Closing Cost Program Delivery; 4) Revolving Loan Fund Program Delivery and 5) Workforce Housing Assistance.

Ms. Lamoreaux explained that a large portion of these funds are utilized to update the region's Consolidated Plan. This year represents the complete re-write of this plan which will entail a lot of staff time and effort to accomplish this task. Specialized training will be received in Salt Lake City later this month for utilization of a web based outline for this plan update. Staff is currently in the process of developing the work plan for FY 2009 including elements outlined above. A concerted effort will be made this year to expand the workforce housing assistance on a region wide basis. In addition, a new element will be incorporated into the plan to cover a portion of costs associated with an Intern who was hired recently to provide GIS mapping assistance. Mapping will be utilized in the Region's Hazard Mitigation Plan update which is slated for this fiscal year as well as other planning projects of a regional nature. Ken Sizemore explained that a group of GIS users in the Five County area titled "G-5" meets for coordination purposes. Most of the work this Intern will be doing is the analysis required for the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan update through incorporation of assessor data depicting location of dwellings in the region and overlaying that with the hazard overlays of wildfire, flood, landslide and determining how much of that building stock is in jeopardy from these natural hazards. This is a very intense GIS effort which will include incorporation of FEMA flood insurance mapping as well as some other flood data levels.

Mayor McGuire asked if CDBG funding is all federal with no impact from state budget reductions. Ms. Lamoreaux acknowledged that funding for this program is federal and will not be impacted by legislative budget adjustments. Mayor Leonard Foster asked if the CDBG program would be receiving a fund injection from stimulus monies. Ms. Lamoreaux responded that the state of Utah CDBG program will receive approximately \$1.8 million dollars in stimulus funding. State CDBG staff notified the Five County AOG that our portion of funding will be approximately \$230,000. In discussion with state staff, there are several options for allocation of these funds including: 1) Direct the entire amount into a site specific drainage project with has recently been put out to bid and is ready to proceed. This would require approval from HUD and may or may not be an option. Regular CDBG funds would then be directed to projects for funding as per prioritization which were approved during the February meeting; 2) Allocate the entire amount to Hatch Town, the #1 prioritized construction project in the Five County region, and reduce the fund request submitted to the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board. This option would direct the FY 2009 fund amount of \$150,000 from this project to fund projects as prioritized in February as well; 3) Direct the entire stimulus amount into the Cannonville Town drainage project, which would necessitate working with the community to develop another funding partner for this project; 4) Re-open the application process to jurisdictions in the Region. Initial reaction of staff is not to proceed with this option but rather acknowledge those applicants who worked diligently to submit an application in December; or 5) Other options that staff may develop. At this time, state staff does not have specific direction from HUD in regard to stipulations and/or additional requirements for this allocation. The only direction received is that funds cannot be used for public service but must be directed into a construction project which can proceed within a 120 day time frame.

As more specific information is shared, CED staff at the AOG will meet to develop a recommendation for presentation to the Steering Committee, who serves as the Five County Rating and Ranking Committee (RRC). Mr. Sizemore explained that staff will work diligently to obtain the required direction and formulate a recommendation to present at the April Steering Committee meeting.

Mayor McGuire acknowledged no further comments from those in attendance. Suggested work plan modifications or additional work program elements can be submitted to staff over the next few weeks.

MOTION TO CLOSE THE CDBG PUBLIC HEARING WAS MADE BY MR. DEAN COX. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOIS BULLOCH, WHICH PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

Ms. Lamoreaux referenced information contained on pages 14-18 of the packet is provided for informational purposes. National Community Development Week will be celebrated from April 12-18, 2009. This provides an opportunity for cities, counties, non profit agencies, etc. to meet with congressional members, citizens or community groups to showcase CDBG funded projects by sponsoring open houses or through the use of other forums.

Five County AOG has hosted these type of activities in an on-going basis throughout the region with open houses and ribbon cutting ceremonies to showcase projects as they are completed. Senator Orrin Hatch provided the keynote address for the dedication/ribbon cutting ceremony when meals on wheels vehicles were purchased for senior citizen centers throughout the Five County region. A special dedication/ribbon cutting ceremony was recently sponsored by Iron County for the new Parowan Senior Citizens Center which included local elected officials, agencies, senior citizens, and the general public. Congressman Jim Matheson recently participated as the keynote speaker for the Color Country Community Housing, Inc. project ribbon cutting/dedication ceremony for the Red Hawk Apartment Complex in Springdale, Utah. She asked communities planning to host activities to contact the AOG office for coordination or sponsor assistance. Page 18 provides a sample resolution supporting FY 2009 formula funding for the Community Development Block Grant program which can be utilized by jurisdictions. Carolyn White asked that a draft resolution be presented at the April Steering Committee for Board consideration.

VII. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY (SUU) REGIONAL SERVICES UPDATE

Mr. Brian Cottam, Southern Utah University Regional Services, reported that Wes Curtis is still in Salt Lake City at the legislative session. He provided continued discussion from the last Steering Committee meeting outlining FY 2010 budget cuts to higher education. A 17.5% reduction would have been on line effective July 2009. The legislature was able to reduce funding impacts to higher education by utilizing federal Stimulus monies and other one time funds to lessen the cut to 9%. When the 2011 budget is considered, it will begin with a 17.5% reduction of funding to higher education. As mentioned previously,

Utah State University has begun a furlough of employees through Spring break and will consider this option for Christmas break as well. These options were topics of discussion at SUU but will not be utilized under current budget reductions. The Regional Services Office will examine options to determine where reductions can be made during FY 2010. The Business Resource Center is still moving forward with office space close to completion. Another option under consideration is a tuition increase to soften the budget reductions. SUU is hoping to receive funding from the Utah State Legislature for construction of the Gibson Science Center. This is a \$20M project which will add onto a portion of the existing science building located on campus. Provided that funding is approved, the President would like to fast track the project for completion this year. This would provide a much needed construction boost to Cedar City and Iron County.

Mr. Cottam introduced Dennis Moser, Utah Center for Rural Health, and asked that he provide an update for this program which is operated through the Regional Services Office at SUU. Mr. Moser explained that the program began at SUU as part of the federal Area Health Education Center (AHEC) program. At that time SUU hosted the program, which was sponsored by the Utah Department of Health and the University of Utah Medical School. The primary purpose of the AHEC program was to address the workforce shortage of health professionals in rural areas of the state of Utah. The program has now evolved into a program titled "Utah Center for Rural Health" as a formal department on campus. The Center hosts a number of programs to provide awareness, exploration, and training to rural students interested in health care programs. The intent is to foster a relationship where these students will return to rural Utah once they have completed their formal medical programs for training and eventually as a place of employment. He reviewed various services provided through the Center, including but not limited to: 1) Provide counselors for students throughout the state; 2) Sponsor an annual Three-Day Summer Camp at SUU; 3) Publish a directory of health professional training programs; 4) Serve as a resource for counselors and teachers advising students in health careers; 5) Send out teams of medical students and pre-med students throughout the state to provide presentations in rural high schools; and 6) Work closely with Applied Technology Centers in Cedar City and St. George to provide Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) courses in high schools throughout the region.

A Rural Scholars Program was developed approximately five years ago to assist rural students in becoming competitive to get accepted into medical programs. For example, the University of Utah Medical School bases 80 percent of their acceptance on things such as job shadowing, experience, community service, etc. The Center determined that assistance could be provided to students in a number of these areas to assist in their acceptance into medical programs. He shared information about projects which provide hands-on type of experience to students through community projects. The Rural Scholars Program has 109 students participating this year, with a branch program at Dixie State College which has 40 students enrolled. Due to efforts of this program, there were seven students admitted into the University of Utah Medical School last year. This is significant when taken into consideration that SUU only has approximately 3% of the student population statewide. Of those students participating in this program, the following were admitted into medical programs: **1) Medical Schools--** 19 out of 21 students were accepted; **2) Pharmacy Schools--** 10 out of 11 students were accepted; and **3) Dental Schools--** 12 out of 14 students were accepted; and **4) Physician Assistant (PA) Schools--** Four students were accepted. In addition, there were approximately 120 students placed throughout rural Utah for clinical rotations. A partnership has been established with the Utah Medical Education

Council to assist with paying travel as well as setting up those rotations. Dixie Regional Medical Center utilizes the Center to complete enrollment forms, screen applicants and to initiate required paperwork for those students accepted into their training programs. There are approximately 30-35 students that are currently practicing in the Five County area who completed clinical rotations and received exposure to rural health facilities through this program. He shared examples of committees that the Center provides representation on a statewide and local basis to serve as a resource in the analysis of opportunities and/or threats that local hospitals need to be aware of. Participation on the Rural Health Association of Utah allows the Center to network, share resources and provide opportunities that may benefit providers or local communities. The current economic downturn has resulted in less demand on health services. However, there is a looming problem with shortage of health care professionals. This is a significant problem because data suggests that the number of 18-24 year olds who will be entering the workforce is absolutely flat. As the demand for health care services increases, it will generate a greater need for health care professionals. Mr. Moser reported that a number of other resources are available on their website: www.suu.edu/ruralhealth and encouraged members to utilize this information.

VIII. UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY (USU) EXTENSION SERVICE UPDATE

None, Jody Gale was not in attendance.

IX. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES

Mr. Bryan Thiriot, Senator Bennett's Office, reported that the FY 2009 Omnibus spending bill has passed in the Senate and will keep government operational through September 2009. Senator Bennett voted against this bill because of out-of-control spending allocations. However, the bill did include a \$1M earmark to address issues with Mormon Crickets which are prevalent in Idaho, Nevada and Utah. Committee appointments for Senator Bennett include: 1) New ranking member of the Senate Appropriations Committee on Energy and Water; 2) Department of Defense Subcommittee; 3) Agriculture; 4) Rural Development; 5) Transportation; 6) Interior; and 7) Foreign Operations. A hearing is scheduled for tomorrow on the Energy Committee to examine draft legislation regarding siting of electricity transmission lines including increased federal siting authority and regional transportation plan. This appears to be an attempt to mandate to states where power corridors are located. Commissioner Lois Bulloch cautioned jurisdictions to be careful when considering alternative energies which require water, i.e. solar.

Ms. Marreen Casper, Senator Hatch's Office, reported that the Senator sponsored the D.C. Voting Rights Act which also provides a 4th Congressional seat to Utah. This legislation passed the Senate. His belief is that these citizens should have a right to vote and influence how their tax monies are spent. There has been a large amount of concern with President Obama's proposal to move the U.S. Census Bureau from the Department of Commerce and place it directly under the White House. However, this proposal was recently rescinded by the President. The Senator is co-sponsoring 2009 legislation which addresses patent reform to benefit inventors and businesses. This is a very complex problem and legislation has again been reintroduced to address some of these issues. Senator Hatch is still pursuing changes in the BCS bowl with Commissioner Thompson. The Senator is pleased with President Obama in lifting the ban on human embryonic stem cell research as he has been a long time supporter. His news release states, "It is my belief

that being pro life means helping the living by allowing critically important and ethical medical research to go forward.” As is the case with Senator Bennett, he did vote no on the Omnibus spending bill because it has over \$21 billion more dollars than requested. There are 121 bills included in this legislation as well as the Stimulus bill, some of which are duplicative or the same and could be eliminated. It also calls for spending that federal agencies are not prepared to accommodate. The 2010 funding bill titled “A New Era of Responsibility, Renewing America’s Promise” has been introduced in the Senate. Mayor McGuire commented that he read something which stated that 24 new federal agencies are being created to administer monies approved in the Stimulus bill. Ms. Casper responded that her understanding is that monies are being directed to states and existing federal agencies. However, this is a large infusion of money that these agencies and the states may not be ready to handle given the time limits for allocating funding to projects.

Mr. Dell Smith, Congressman Chaffetz’s Office, reported that Congressman Chaffetz voted against the land bill because there were 117 bills wrapped into this Omnibus bill. He also voted against the D.C. Voting Rights Act because he thinks it is unconstitutional. The Congressman spoke on the floor today about cap and trade because he is very concerned about ramifications of how this will raise taxes, especially on electricity. He reported that Wade Garrett of Nephi has been hired to specifically work on rural land and water issues as well as to follow the Snake Valley and Gooseberry projects. He announced a town hall meeting on March 21, 2009 beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the National Guard Armory in Beaver.

Mr. Mike Empey, Congressman Matheson’s Office, reported that Congressman Matheson is supportive of the Stimulus funding if it can create jobs in a reasonable time frame. Some of the funding has began flowing to federal agencies such as the Forest Service, Park Service, USDA, etc. A large amount of funding coming to the state of Utah is for transportation programs. The challenge is having projects which are able to proceed immediately and still comply with required federal regulations. The Omnibus Public Lands Bill was on the suspension calendar which requires 2/3 vote for passage. The bill included the Washington County Lands Bill, land exchange between Brian Head Town and the Boy Scouts, and the Turn About Ranch land exchange in Garfield County. The bill failed to pass suspension by two votes. Congressman Matheson will be working with the Utah delegation to determine an appropriate course of action for the Utah pieces of this legislation, which may include introduction of legislation for Utah only. There is also discussion to move the bill back into the Senate to be reworked. Congressman Matheson also voted against the Omnibus spending bill for 2009 because there were too many extras and increases in funding. However, this legislation has passed both the House and Senate and is awaiting the President’s signature. The Congressman reintroduced his “Safety for American’s Nuclear Testing Act” which would place restrictions on the Department of Energy and Department of National Nuclear Security outlining steps which would have to be addressed prior to resuming testing at the Nevada test site. Congressman Matheson is continuing to stress concerns with Interior Secretary Salazar in regard to Utah’s energy issues and the need for input from Utah on decisions which impact our state.

X. LOCAL AFFAIRS

A. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Sizemore referenced information on pages 19-22 of the packet containing FY 2009 Economic Recovery Projects as approved by the Utah Department of

Transportation Commission. He outlined specific projects in the Five County Region as follows: **1) Kane County, SR-89, MP 29.9 to 37.8--** Lane Level and Overlay; **2) Washington County, SR-9, MP 0 to MP 4.9--** Bonded Wearing Overlay; **3) Valley View Bridge--** Project funding to replace structure which was impacted during the 2005 flooding; **4) St. George Airport--** Construction of terminal at the new airport; **5) Virgin River Bridge/Washington Fields Road--** Enhanced funding to allow construction of this facility; **6) Black Ridge Drive/Hilton Drive--** To address realignment of this road; **7) Hurricane, 600 North--** Road improvements; **8) Beaver County, Route 153--** Road improvements; **9) Bryce Canyon National Park, Highway 12 to Bryce--** Entrance road improvements; **10) Zion National Park--** Shuttle fleet replacement; **9) SunTran, \$1.1M--** Construct a bus facility and/or purchase new buses.

B. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Mr. Sizemore presented an out-of-state travel authorization request contained on page 23 of the packet for Susan Long, Heat Coordinator, to attend the National Low Income Energy Conference in Portland, Oregon on June 15-17, 2009. Funding is available in the budget to cover associated expenses. A handout is provided outlining a request for Lis Barker, Child Care Resource & Referral, to travel to Boston, Massachusetts to the Touchpoints Conference on April 24-25, 2009. This is a continuation of previous training earlier this year and costs have been incorporated into the budget. He presented requested for Board consideration.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE, SECONDED BY MS. GLADYS LEFEVRE, TO APPROVE OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS FOR SUSAN LONG AND LIS BARKER AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

C. PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD APPLICATIONS

Mr. Sizemore reported that no applications were submitted for consideration. It is anticipated that the next trimester will again see renewed activity.

D. PLANNING ASSISTANCE

None.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Sizemore provided statistical information depicted in the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) newsletter as follows: **1) Beaver County--** This is the only county in the Five County region that is currently experiencing job creation with an unemployment rate of 3.2%. This is attributed to energy development of Raser Technologies and other things occurring in the Milford area; **2) Garfield County--** Garfield County experienced robust tourism activities last year and they are gearing up for another busy season; **3) Iron County--** The county went into the recession earlier than most counties and is coming out earlier; **4) Kane County--** Kane County appears to be flirting with recovery as well; **5) Washington County--** A large amount of difficulties in Washington County are a result of the speculation bubble.

However, there are signs of renewed activities in Washington County providing encouragement that recovery from the recession is beginning. Beth Cottam mentioned that county profile information is available on the DWS website for anyone needing the most current statistical data.

XI. AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS

Mayor McGuire, Vice-Chair reviewed A-95 reviews as follows: **1) Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR)-- Utah Bat Conservation Plan; and 2) Utah Division of Parks and Recreation-- Red Hills Parkway Expansion Land Exchange.** The first has received a conditional staff recommendation and the second a supportive recommendation. Ken Sizemore reported that detailed information in regard to the Utah Bat Conservation Plan was not provided with the action. Staff recommends a conditional review with instructions for the Division of Wildlife Resources to begin the vetting process with local elected officials.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. DEAN COX, SECONDED BY MAYOR CONNIE ROBINSON, TO APPROVE A-95 REVIEWS, AS PER STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR DWR TO BEGIN THE VETTING PROCESS WITH LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIALS. MOTION FAILED WITH SIX NAY VOTES.

Board discussion included concerns about support of any process to protect bats and the need for clarification in regard to what would be determined as displacing bats. Issues of major concern include prescribed burns of National Forest or Bureau of Land Management lands, windmill operations, possible species protection, etc. Mr. Sizemore explained that the conditional review for this proposed plan is intended to begin a process of dialogue between DWR and local government.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. DEAN COX, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOUG HEATON, TO FOLLOW STAFF RECOMMENDATION FOR THE UTAH BAT CONSERVATION PLAN, WITH SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS REQUESTING THAT DWR SCHEDULE MEETINGS WITH COUNTY COMMISSIONS TO REVIEW THE PLAN AND HOW IT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LOIS BULLOCH, TO APPROVE THE RED HILLS PARKWAY EXPANSION LAND EXCHANGE AS PER SUPPORTIVE STAFF RECOMMENDATION. MOTION CARRIED.

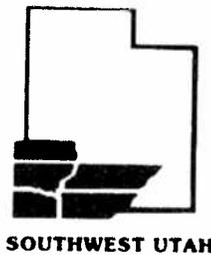
The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at the Parowan Public Library in Parowan, beginning at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Sizemore announced that the Color Country RC&D Council will meet at 9:00 a.m. and the Executive Committee of the Five County AOG will meet at 11:00 a.m. at the same location. The Executive Committee, comprised of the five county commissioners, will meet to consider the employee fringe benefit package and indirect cost allocation plan for the FY 2010 fiscal year.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

AGENDA ITEM # III.
Five County Association of Governments

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R E S O L U T I O N

SUPPORTING FY 2010 FORMULA FUNDING FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was enacted, and signed into law by President Gerald Ford, as the centerpiece of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; and

WHEREAS, The CDBG program has as its primary objective "the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities, principally for persons of low and moderate income;" and

WHEREAS, The CDBG program has considerable flexibility to allow communities to carry out activities that are tailored to their unique affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization needs; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its 34-year history, the CDBG program has been a partnership among the federal, state and local governments, business, and the nonprofit sector which carry out activities that improve the lives and neighborhoods of low and moderate income families; and

WHEREAS, The Five County Association of Governments with CDBG funds in the amount of \$14,670,573 since 1982 has provided Regional Community Development Planning Assistance, capitalization of the Regional Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program, regional facility construction, and procurement of meals-on-wheels vehicles. Funding has been allocated through the Five County Association of Governments to jurisdictions throughout the region to fund various projects including culinary water, wastewater, fire protection, community facilities, redevelopment/housing, ADA accessibility, medical facilities, and flood control.

WHEREAS, funding for CDBG has been reduced in recent years which has had a profound impact on the state of Utah Small Cities CDBG program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, That it hereby calls on the Congress to provide increased formula funding for CDBG in FY 2010.

BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Chairman of the Steering Committee of the Five County Association of Governments designate the week of April 12 through April 18 as "**Community Development Block Grant Week**" in the Five County region in support of this valued program that has made a tremendous contribution to the viability of the housing stock, neighborhoods and infrastructure in the Five County region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chairman of the Steering Committee encourage all citizens to join together in expressing support for the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Approved and adopted this 8th day of April, 2009.

Commissioner Dennis B. Drake, Chairman
Steering Committee



AGENDA ITEM # IV.

2010 CENSUS: IT'S IN OUR HANDS

An Introduction to the 2010 Census

Counting Everyone Once — and Only Once — and In the Right Place

The foundation of our American democracy is dependent on fair and equitable representation in Congress. In order to achieve an accurate assessment of the number and location of the people living within the nation's borders, the U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years.

The census population totals determine which states gain or lose representation in Congress. It also determines the amount of state and federal funding communities receive over the course of the decade. 2010 Census data will directly affect how more than \$3 trillion is allocated to local, state and tribal governments over the next 10 years. In order for this funding allocation to be accomplished fairly and accurately, the goal of the decennial census is to count everybody, count them only once, and count them in the right place. The facts gathered in the census also help shape decisions for the rest of the decade about public health, neighborhood improvements, transportation, education, senior services and much more.

Reaching an Increasingly Diverse Population

The goal of the 2010 Census is to count all residents living in the United States on April 1, 2010. The U.S. Census Bureau does not ask about the legal status of respondents in any of its surveys and census programs. To help ensure the nation's increasingly diverse population can answer the questionnaire accurately and completely, about 13 million bilingual Spanish/English forms will be mailed to housing units in neighborhoods identified as requiring high levels of Spanish assistance. Additionally, questionnaires in Spanish, Chinese (Simplified), Korean, Vietnamese and Russian — as well as language guides in 59 languages — will be available on request.

Recruiting Census Workers

By 2010, there will be an estimated 310 million people residing in the United States. Counting each person is one of the largest operations the federal government undertakes. For example, the Census Bureau will recruit nearly 3.8 million applicants for 2010 Census field operations. Of these applicants, the Census Bureau will hire about 1.4 million temporary employees. Some of these employees will be using GPS-equipped hand-held computers to update maps and ensure there is an accurate address list for the mailing of the census questionnaires.

10 Questions, 10 Minutes to Complete

With one of the shortest questionnaires in history, the 2010 Census asks for name, gender, age, race, ethnicity, relationship, and whether you own or rent your home. It takes only about 10 minutes for the average household to complete. Questions about *how* we live as a nation — our diversity, education, housing, jobs and more — are now covered in the American

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2010 CENSUS: IT'S IN OUR HANDS

Community Survey, which is conducted every year throughout the decade and replaces the Census 2000 long-form questionnaire.

Responses to the 2010 Census questionnaire are required by law. All responses are used for statistical purposes only, and all are strictly confidential.

For more information, visit the 2010 Census Web site at <<http://www.census.gov/2010>>.

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AGENDA ITEM # V.

**2008-2011 Secure Rural Schools
Dixie NF Resource Advisory Committee
Membership Interest**

If you are interested in serving a four-year term as a Dixie National Forest Resource Advisory Committee member please complete the following information and return this form to the *Dixie National Forest, Attn: Gretchen Merrill-RAC,, 1789 North Wedgewood Lane, Cedar City, Utah 84721*. Only hard copy applications will be accepted. Applications are due by May 1, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Please indicate interest group(s) you represent (check all that apply):

Category A

- Organized labor or non-timber forest product harvester groups
- Developed outdoor recreation, off highway vehicle users, or commercial recreation activities;
- Energy and mineral development interests; or commercial or recreational fishing interests
- Commercial timber industry
- Hold Federal grazing or other land use permits, or represent nonindustrial private forest land owners, within the area for which the committee is organized

Category B

- Nationally recognized environmental organizations
- Regionally or locally recognized environmental organizations
- Dispersed recreational activities
- Archaeological and historical interests
- Nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups, wildlife or hunting organizations, or watershed associations

Category C

- Hold State elected office or their designee
- Hold county or local elected office
- American Indian tribes within or adjacent to committee area
- School officials or teachers
- Represent the affected public at large.

Provide a brief statement explaining why you would like to serve, what special qualifications or expertise you may have, or any other information you would like to include (use back of page if necessary).





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TO: Participants in Trails Fiscal Assistance Programs
FROM: John Knudson, State Trails Program Coordinator
DATE: 12 March 2009
SUBJECT: Matching Fiscal Assistance Trail Grant Applications

THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING FISCAL ASSISTANCE TRAIL GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR IS MAY 1, 2009

Utah State Parks and Recreation will accept applications for state Trails and Pathways Program Fiscal Assistance (non-motorized trails), state Off-Highway Vehicle Trail Program Fiscal Assistance, and federal Recreational Trails Program Fiscal Assistance (motorized and non-motorized trail projects) from April 15 to May 1, 2009.

Current application information and updated forms may be accessed on the Internet at www.stateparks.utah.gov then click on grants. If you are unable to obtain the necessary application materials through the Internet, you may request an application from Utah State Parks and Recreation at (801) 538-7361.

Please direct questions to:

Trails and Pathways Program and Recreational Trails Program, John Knudson (801) 538-7344 johnknudson@utah.gov

Off-Highway Vehicle Program, Fred Hayes (801) 538-7435 fredhayes@utah.gov

National Trail Day is Saturday June 6, 2009. Help celebrate trails and pathways this year by hosting or participating in a trails event. Please register your event at www.nationaltrailsday.org



AGENDA ITEM # IX-A. (Continued)

Ken Sizemore

From: Ken Sizemore
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2009 3:27 PM
To: 'chadw@beaver.state.ut.us'; 'gcclerk@mountainwest.net'; 'Lois Bulloch'; 'dheaton@altonutah.net'; Commissioner Drake; 'bharris@beaver.state.ut.us'; Justin Fischer; 'Reed Erickson'; 'Stowell, Kelly'; 'Dean Cox'
Subject: Congressman Matheson's D.C. Staffers Visit to Discuss Transportation Needs - Thurs, 09 Apr at the AOG

Congressman Matheson's Washington D.C. Staff involved with Transportation will be in St. George April 9th to meet with local leadership about the next Authorization of the Transportation Program that will replace SAFETY-LU, and to also talk about the Appropriations Process. Kristen Lingley is his new Transportation Coordinator. She wants to meet leadership from southwestern Utah. Mike Empey has asked us to make our Conference Room available from 10AM to Noon. Please send a representative, if you cannot make this meeting yourself, to discuss your local transportation project needs with Representative Matheson's staff and get to know his key staff members.

WHO: Local Officials

WHEN: APRIL 9th, 2009 at 10AM

WHERE: Five Co. AOG Conf. Rm. Map is located at <http://www.fcaog.state.ut.us/info/fcaog/loc/map.html>

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AGENDA # X.

STEERING COMMITTEE

REVIEWS

AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS
FOR PLANNING DISTRICT V

NOTIFICATIONS - Supportive

April 8, 2009

1. Title: RANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT # 345, MATT BULLOCH FENCE, WELL, PIPELINE, TROUGH AND SPIKE TREATMENT

Applicant: Trust Lands Administration

Description: SITLA grazing permittee, Matt Bulloch, in cooperation with the Utah Department of Agriculture & Food Grazing Improvement Program (GIP), has proposed a range improvement project to re-drill the existing well, install a pump, 0.5 mile pipeline, trough, and build two miles of fence on a trust land section. The project also includes aerial treatment of approximately 450 acres of sagebrush with "Spike" herbicide to reduce sagebrush canopy that will allow the herbaceous plants to recover, thus increasing forage for livestock. The goal is to improve the cattle management and flexibility of the Lowe BLM Cattle Allotment. An archaeological survey has been conducted for this project.

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| Funding: | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Agency</u> | <u>SAI #</u> |
| | N/A | N/A | Received 3-20-09 |

Comments: The Utah State Trust Lands Administration proposes to authorize a range improvement project on a state land section in northern Iron County. Improvements include well drilling, pipelines, troughs, fences and vegetation treatments. Regional policies support efforts to improve range productivity. (Ken Sizemore)

REVIEWS

AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS
FOR PLANNING DISTRICT V

NOTIFICATIONS - Supportive

April 8, 2009

2. Title: RANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT # 354. LOU'S
SPRING DEVELOPMENTS AND TROUGHS

Applicant: Trust Lands Administration

Description: SITLA proposes to develop two springs in the North Pine Valley Allotment for livestock. The proposal includes fencing the springs, developing each spring with perforated pipe, gravel, head box, pipeline and trough. A cultural resources survey will be completed by a SITLA archaeologist for this project. A water right for each spring (14-122 & 14-123) has been obtained through the Utah Division of Water Rights.

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| Funding: | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Agency</u> | <u>SAI #</u> |
| | N/A | N/A | Received 3-24-09 |

Comments: The Utah State Trust Lands Administration proposes to authorize a range improvement project on a state section located in western Beaver County. Improvements include fencing, pipelines, and troughs. Regional policies support efforts to improve range productivity. (Ken Sizemore)