

**MINUTES FOR DUCHESNE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MEETING  
HELD MAY 22, 2023, AT 3:00 P.M. AT THE  
DUCHESNE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING  
IN DUCHESNE, UTAH**

***Present***

Chairman; Duchesne City Mayor Rodney Rowley, Commissioner Irene Hansen, Altamont City Mayor Clyde Watkins, Sheriff Travis Tucker, Jenny Adams with Duchesne City Council, Cody Ivie, Community Development Assistant Director Mike Gottfredson, Mark Murphy, Duchesne County Deputy Attorney Tyler Allred, Sylvia Wilkins, Tyler Rasmussen, Mark Murphy, and John Bingham with Strata Networks, and Commission Executive Assistant Melissa Hughes is taking minutes of the meeting. Via Zoom, Roosevelt City Mayor JR Bird, Laurie Brummond, Will Wright, and Kevin Yack with Uintah Basin Association of Governments.

***Absent***

Vice-Chairman; Tabiona Town Mayor John Breakfield, Myton City Mayor Kathleen Cooper, Commissioner Greg Miles, Commissioner Tracy Killian,

***Opening of Meeting and Roll Call***

(3:00 p.m.)

Chairman Rowley welcomes those present.

***Consideration of Minutes from the March 27, 2023, Meeting***

(3:02 p.m.)

*Altamont City Mayor Clyde Watkins makes a motion to approve the minutes from March 27, 2023, as presented. Jenny Adams with the Duchesne City Council seconds the motion. The motion passes with no opposing votes.*

***Update from Strata about their Fiber Network, Wireless, Reconnect Funding, & Out of Town Projects***

(3:03 p.m.)

Sylvia Wilkins with Strata Network introduces herself and the staff present with her. She presented a PowerPoint presentation. Strata is updating its logo. The logo has been the same for 14 years. They know how essential fiber networks are, and they have been expanding. Roosevelt City, Duchesne City, and Altamont City limits all have a fiber network. There are other projects on the Wasatch Front. This adds jobs for the Basin residents. There are challenges in hiring and growth, but they have partnered with UB Tech to help solve them. They are constantly looking for grants and funding to continue expanding their network. Programs are available for low-income households to get internet into their home and a tablet to access the internet.

***Discussion of Upcoming Community Activities***

(3:44 p.m.)

Duchesne City will have the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Lions Club Breakfast will be served from 7:00 to 10:00 am, free swimming at the pool on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The car show will be on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Long Horn Days will be from July 17<sup>th</sup> through the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The car show is on July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Tabiona will have their rodeo on June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>. The parade is on Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>. UBIC is August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>. The County Fair is from August 7<sup>th</sup> to August 12<sup>th</sup>. Neola's parade will be on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Roosevelt City's 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities will be Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. In addition, there is a Movie in the Park on Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Myton City will have Myton Daze on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. Their parade will be on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>.

***Discussion of Flood Mitigation***

(3:48 p.m.)

Commissioner Irene Hansen presented a handout from Central Utah Water Conservancy District on the current flooding and reservoir volume for Duchesne County. The packet includes the 2023 projection of the reservoirs, the snow water equivalent, the river point condition, and the Colorado Basin River Hydrograph Forecast. Current Creek is 100% full, Upper Still water will be 100% full and spill the first week of June, Moon Lake is 100% full, Soldier Creek is 90% full, and Starvation will be 100% full and should spill the second week of June. Travel and Tourism Director Ryan Lundstrom stated that the last time Upper Still Water Dam spilled, there were over 80,000 plus visitors. They are anticipating the same amount this year or possibly more.

**Rail Update**

(3:51 p.m.)

Commissioner Irene Hansen gives an update on the County Rail project. There has been pushback from some Colorado communities. They don't want oil running through their communities. Several counties have joined the lawsuits. Construction is supposed to start in 2024. Commercialization is moving forward. Funding will be the next step in the process.

**Road Construction Projects**

(3:54 p.m.)

Roosevelt City Mayor JR Bird stated there is a new stoplight being installed. The State Street project will take 4 to 6 weeks to complete. They also have some chip seal and crack sealing projects this year.

Commissioner Irene Hansen states that Duchesne County is working on a mastic project. Community Development Assistant Director Mike Gottfredson said Wild Cats Sands wants to mine surface sand. They applied for a conditional use permit. The impacts this may have on County Roads is a concern.

**Other Business**

(4:15 p.m.)

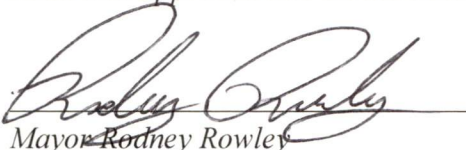
The next meeting will be on July 31, 2023, at 3:00 pm.

**Adjournment**

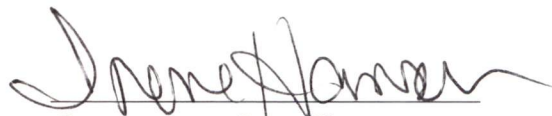
(4:16 p.m.)

*Commissioner Irene Hansen makes a motion to adjourn at 4:16 p.m. The end of the agenda has been reached; therefore, this motion is incontestable. The forum adjourns.*

*Read and approved this on the 31st day of July 2023.*

  
Mayor Rodney Rowley

Chairman



Commissioner Irene Hansen

Secretary

*Minutes of meeting taken by Commission Executive Assistant Melissa Hughes*

