

SOUTHEASTERN UTAH ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS
SEUALG Board Room
375 South Carbon Avenue, Price, UT 84501
March 23, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT	STAFF	GUESTS
Mayor Michael Kourianos Bruce Adams Mayor Danny Van Wagoner via Rick Davis Commissioner Bill Winfield Mayor Bayley Hedglin (V) Mayor Joette Langanese (V) Commissioner Bruce Adams Commissioner Lynn Sitterud	Geri Gamber Julie Rosier Jade Powell Tamara Dockstader LuEsa Averett Petrea Oman Vikki Ori	Patrick Mullen (V) Stuart Clason (V) Elaine Gizler (V) Collette Cox (V) Larry Ellertson (V)

1. INFORMATION: INTRODUCTION OF JAMIE JOHNSON

Jamie Johnson was introduced as the new Executive Assistant / AP & AR Clerk for SEUALG. Jamie will also assist the Fiscal team, as needed.

2. INFORMATION: CONGRESSIONAL STAFF, STATE & FEDERAL OFFICIALS, & GUEST INFORMATION / PRESENTATIONS

Collette Cox was invited to share her update / presentation from the Governor’s Office. The Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program is active and being directed by Alicia Hart. This funding is being provided through ARPA, as the State decided to allocate this money to the local business community. Alicia is currently holding orientation meetings every Monday for any parties interested in applying for this funding and hopes to bring this opportunity for capital to our rural region. 25% of the total funding has been designated for rural areas, minorities, and women owned businesses.

Mayor Michael Kourianos asked if this program was designed to help the entrepreneurial ecosystem that we are trying to create. Colette confirmed that gaining access to capital is generally a common barrier that many aspiring new business owners face and that the RLF offers an opportunity to receive significant funding without exorbitant interest rates or similar barriers. Jade Powell added that this would be a remarkable resource and valuable partnership for businesses looking to build or expand into our area. Our current RLF has a funding cap of \$150,000, whereas, the program that Collette is referencing has a funding cap of \$4,000,000.

Forest Turner was invited to share his update / presentation from the Governor’s Office of Economic Opportunity. Forest clarified that the Governor’s office has made the strategic decision to relinquish the familiar title of GO Utah to GOEO in an effort to emphasize the goal of providing economic opportunity to the variety of areas that are being served as a core mission of the Governor’s office.

Forest announced that the Rural Community Opportunity grant has been funded again during the most recent legislative session, with an increase from \$3.95 million dollars to \$4 million. They are anticipating applications to open in October and Forest encouraged anyone interested in applying to do so. Forest also invited anyone with questions to contact either himself or Collette

to discuss and clarify further. Forest also announced the official extension of the REDI program through 2028; this program provides direct funding to businesses as they add full-time permanent employment opportunities.

Lastly, in 2022, a one time award of \$10 million was presented to the State of Utah through the Manufacturing Monetization Grant to assist manufacturing projects in modernization, establishment, or relocation efforts. This funding was renewed again for 2023 in the amount of \$10 million and focuses on businesses with a total of 250 employees or less. Forest will provide more information on this as it becomes available.

Mayor Joette Langianese was invited to provide an update on her recent visit to Washington D.C. Joette, County Commission Chair Jaque Hadler, a city council member, and another county commissioner visited Washington D.C. to advocate for funding for the UMPTRA site outside of Moab. This has been an ongoing removal project for the last 20+ years and is reaching the final 3 million tons of dirt. Joette's team wanted to ensure that congress allocated \$67 million per year to fund the remainder of the project. Joette is pleased to announce that the president's budget included \$67 million and has support across the state, as well as surrounding states.

Joette's team also met with some Public Lands subcommittees to discuss the Arches Tied Entry Program and learned about the LODGE Act, which passed in December 2022. The Lodging Options Developed for Government Employees (LODGE) Act assists in removing barriers and provides the National Park Service with new authorities and increased flexibility to enter into innovative housing partnerships for NPS employees.

Larry Ellertson was invited to share his update / presentation to the board. The Congressman's office is currently involved in a number of efforts regarding Public Land issues associated with permits and mining projects on public lands. Their efforts are also being expended in reducing barriers in regard to utilizing public land for a variety of uses. An important ongoing goal of the Congressman is attempting to have more conservative and rational discussions about climate change on a larger scale with surrounding state and federal officials.

Bruce Adams commended the Congressmen's work over the last few years, especially throughout Southeastern Utah. His efforts have made a significant difference in our rural region.

3. MOTION: CONSENT AGENDA

- a. SEUALG Board Meeting Minutes - January 26, 2023**
- b. Monthly Expenses**
- c. SEUALG & Gov. Office of Economic Opportunity - BEAD Program Contract**
- d. Ratify Email Vote: CDBG Allocations & Awards for PY2023**
- e. Out of State Travel**
 - i. American Planning Association - National Planning Conference: April 1-3, 2023 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**
- f. Memorandum of Understanding - SCAP & SEUALG**
- g. Tripartite Advisory Board**
 - i. Tripartite Board Meeting Minutes - December 8, 2022**
 - ii. Fiscal Reports - CSBG, FY22 CSBG CARES Balance of Funds, CSBG CARES Discretionary, FY23 EFA, FY22 HEAT, FY23 Unified Funding, TANF Family Housing, FANF III, EITC, ERA, HAF**
 - iii. New Board Member - Grand County Commissioner Bill Winfield**
- h. Regional Growth Program Contract - Carbon County & SEUALG**
- i. Regional Growth Program Contract - Emery County & SEUALG**
- j. Economic Development Services - SEUALG & Utah Regional Growth Association**
- k. Housing Program Application - Carbon County Rural County Grant Program**

A motion was made by Commissioner Lynn Sitterud to approve the consent agenda and was seconded by Mayor Michael Kourianos. The consent agenda items were unanimously approved.

4. DISCUSSION / MOTION: PULLED ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No discussion or motion on this agenda item.

5. DISCUSSION / MOTION: OPEN PUBLIC HEARING - CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

A motion was made to move to a public hearing by Rick Davis and seconded by Bill Winfield. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting was moved to a public hearing for 15 minutes.

Bruce Adams provided a brief description of CDBG goals and services and invited questions and comments from the public. Bruce clarified that all questions and comments made during the public hearing will be published and made available to the community.

6. INFORMATION / UPDATE: MAIN STREET SOUTHEASTERN

Geri Gamber provided an update on the Main Street Southeastern program. This board recently held its first organizational meeting and is the second 501(c)3 program that falls under SEUALG. Geri clarified that this program is regional and currently has 3 organizational subcommittees: Castle Dale, Helper, and Price cities. Geri invited any interested cities to reach out to her with more information and encouraged all Main Streets within our region to participate.

Mayor Michael Kourianos commended Geri and the AOG on their successful work and dedication to the Main Street program. Price City and Brigham City were chosen as pilot cities for this program and have proved a formidable undertaking. Michael stressed that the success of this program would not be possible without the collaborative efforts of the leadership and staff at the AOG.

Joette asked for clarification on the Main Street Pilot project. Mayor Michael clarified that this program is designed to revitalize and improve / restore rural main streets. Geri provided resources and encouraged Joette to research the program's mission in more depth.

7. INFORMATION / MOTION: REBRANDING SEUALG | SEUEDD

Jade Powell opened a discussion regarding the rebranding of SEUALG | SEUEDD. With the relocation of the AOG into its new location, the decision was made to change the name and rebrand SEUALG. This rebranding would not apply to the legal name for SEUALG, which will remain the same and instead applies to EDA and the public eye. Along with the issues the current acronym presents, similar AOGs throughout the state are rebranding under the banner of "Regional Council" and our local AOG would like to follow suit. This designation would clarify that we are not a government agency but rather a public agency. The effort was made to be inclusive of all 4 counties in our region when considering new name options. The leading option via staff and program manager picks was Arches Regional Council (ARC), this was regarded as the top choice due to the fact there are natural bridges in every county within our region, as well as driving home the emphasis of our mission in bridging services between community-city,

city-county, county-state, and state-federal. Other options that were discussed included: Bookcliff Regional Council and Jurassic Regional Council. Joette made the suggestion of Natural Bridge Regional Council.

Jade stated that this will continue to be an ongoing discussion and encouraged interested board members to reach out to him with questions. Geri advocated for this change as an opportunity to “get our name out there” and for people to gain a better understanding of the services we offer. Geri added that if the board is amenable to this change, that a decision should be made during the May meeting so that proper signage can be arranged for the new building for the SEUALG.

A motion was made to arrange a motion for a name change in the May meeting by Bill Winfield and seconded by Rick Davis. The motion to arrange a motion was unanimously approved and will be added to the May agenda.

8. INFORMATION / MOTION: COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (COG) MEETINGS

Jade Powell introduced an idea to the board regarding resuming the responsibility of arranging a Council of Governments meeting for all counties in our region. SEUALG was responsible for this arrangement in the past but has since shifted hands. Jade proposed a schedule be created for regular meetings between counties under the umbrella of Council of Governments. Jade and Geri asked if Carbon, Emery, Grand, and San Juan representatives would be interested in participating in this and opened the floor for discussion and feedback. Joette Langanese asked if the AOG has the capacity to take this on. Geri confirmed that we have the bandwidth to accommodate this. Rick Davis asked how the board would be structured. Geri stated that this arrangement does not have a board but rather a collaboration between mayors and county commissioners. Geri also mentioned that a new position of City Administrator will be added to all AOGs throughout the state and that collaboration with this administrator will be made easier through consistent COG meetings.

A motion was made to approve the proposal to resume COG meetings by Mayor Michael Kourianos and seconded by Commissioner Lynn Sitterud. The motion to approve the proposal was unanimously approved.

After 15 minutes, a motion was made to close the public hearing by Rick Davis and seconded by Commissioner Lynn Sitterud. The motion was unanimously approved and the open hearing was closed.

9. DISCUSSION / MOTION: APPROVAL OF CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2023

Tamara Dockstader led the discussion for the CDBG Annual Action Plan 2023. This annual action plan entails reviews, demonstrated allocation of funds, and low-income community impact. Tamara clarified that the purpose of the public hearing was to invite any public sectors to make suggestions or comments on the updated action plan for 2023. Tamara invited the board for suggestions and discussion. Rick Davis asked if this was reviewed and approved by the Tripartite Board. Jade clarified that this does not need Tripartite Board approval.

A motion was made to approve the CDBG Annual Action Plan 2023 by Rick Davis and seconded by Mayor Bayley Hedglin. The motion was unanimously approved.

10. MOTION: AGENCY FINANCIALS

Petrea Oman provided an update of the agency financials. Petrea stated that our largest ongoing expense currently is the new building. There are no further financial updates.

A motion was made to approve the agency financials by Bill Winfield and seconded by Commissioner Lynn Sitterud. The motion was unanimously approved.

11. DISCUSSION / MOTION: DO NOT PAY PROCESS - HOUSING PROGRAM

Vikki Ori led the discussion on Do-Not-Pay processes within the housing program. There is a requirement for Self-Help grantees to receive Department of Treasury "Do Not Pay Clearance". This would require submitting these forms that include tax ID and social security numbers for the CEO, CFO, and any person who will be accepting or distributing funds, as well as chairman president and chairman of the governing board prior to grant closing. This process will go through Petrea in the fiscal office, she will send the required information through a password protected document to the necessary departments within Rural Development. This is a new process and we are asking for board approval for the release of that information. Geri clarified that this is a mandatory requirement through USDA.

A motion was made to approve the release of necessary personal information by Joette Langianese and seconded by Bill Winfield. The motion was unanimously approved.

12. DISCUSSION / MOTION: VETERAN CAREGIVER PROJECT CONTRACT & SEUALG - AGING

Shawna Horrocks led the discussion for the Veteran Caregiver Project Contract. Shawna is currently undergoing the application process for a grant that would include the cost of salary, fringe benefits, travel, and training seminars centered around Veteran Care. Bruce Adams commented that he is continually shocked by the growing need of veteran services and care. This is a growing need within our region and he would like to see expansion of services become more available.

A motion was made to approve the Veteran Caregiver Project Contract & SEUALG by Mayor Bayley Hedglin and seconded by Rick Davis. The motion was unanimously approved.

13. DISCUSSION / MOTION: PROPOSAL OF AGING WAIVER SERVICES TO UINTAH BASIN AREA

Shawna Horrocks led the discussion for the aging waiver. Uintah Basin Local Governments has expressed the need to discontinue offering the aging waiver service in their region. Because of this, Shawna was approached about absorbing the clients that are currently utilizing the service in their area. There are currently 5 clients utilizing the service and Shawna hopes this will be a foundational step in expanding our project and service. Shawna also spoke with them in regard to expanding the veteran program to their area as well.

A motion was made to approve the proposal to absorb aging clients from Uintah Basin by Mayor Michael Kourianos and seconded by Mayor Joette Langianese. The motion was unanimously approved.

14. DISCUSSION / MOTION: CONFLICT OF INTEREST FORMS - CDBG

Tamara Dockstader led the discussion on approval of the CDBG conflict of interest forms. These conflict of interest forms are a requirement through SCAP and are specifically designed for public officials to clarify that themselves / their families are not being personally compensated through grant funding.

A motion was made to approve the conflict of interest forms for CDBG by Bill Winfield and seconded by Mayor Bayley Hedglin. The motion was unanimously approved.

15. INFORMATION: SOLICITATION OF CIB PROJECTS FY24

Tamara Dockstader provided information on the solicitation of CIB projects for FY24. There was a significant change with the addition of Capital Asset Self-Inventories, there were previous applicants on file that had applied for funding that were outside the “local” designation requirements and the CIB board felt it best to restructure and update all applications. No future applications will be accepted without Capital Asset Self-Inventories. There will be three opportunities to apply for this funding within FY24: June, October, and February 2024. Jade Powell added that if anyone knows of any interested parties, to get them on the Capital Asset Self-Inventory list right away (deadline) and encourage them to contact Tamara or himself to assist with the application process.

16. INFORMATION: BUILDING UPDATE

Jade Powell provided an update on the new building for SEUALG. Included in the packets provided to the board members is a document that dictates our current expenditures until the end of February. Photos of progress were also provided. Contractors are on track to complete their project within the contracted deadline. The projected completion date is August 2023, with a significant portion of the move happening throughout the month of September.

17. INFORMATION: LOCAL ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR LEGISLATIVE REQUEST

Jade Powell provided information on the local administrative advisor legislative request. This has been approved by the legislator and is awaiting approval from Governor Cox. Geri clarified that this is for the Administrative Advisor position that was mentioned earlier in the meeting.

18. UPDATE: UTAH LEAGUE OF CITIES & TOWNS

Rick Davis provided an update on the Utah League of Cities and Towns. The local chapter continues to serve and provide opportunities for our region with no significant updates to report.

19. UPDATE: UTAH ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Bruce Adams provided an update on the Utah Association of Counties. There will be a nationwide WIR conference being held in St. George, UT in May, with the National Association of Counties meeting in July in Austin, TX.

20. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Joette Langianese proposed an agenda item for the next meeting to review the Transit system that launched in Moab last week. This includes a fixed route system that provides transportation through downtown Moab, as well as an on-demand service.

Mayor Bayley Hedglin commended Tamara Dockstader for the hard work she's been putting in for the community.

21. MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Lynn Sitterud and seconded by Mayor Joette Langianese. The board meeting was adjourned.

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