



# IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

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## MINUTES

### Rural Transportation Executive Council (RTEC)

July 5, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

(Note: After the ICCOG Meeting)

Brian Head Town Offices

56 N. Hwy 143

Brian Head, UT 84719

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Commissioner Marilyn Wood  
Mayor Mollie Halterman  
Mayor Garth O. Green  
Mayor Clayton Calloway  
Mayor Geoffrey Chesnut  
Mayor Tod Robinson

**REPRESENTING:**

Iron County  
Parowan  
Cedar City  
Brian Head Town  
Enoch City  
Paragonah

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

Mayor Betty Gould

**REPRESENTING:**

Kanarraville Town

**NON-VOTING MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:** **REPRESENTING:**

Commissioner Paul Cozzens

Iron County

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Nate Wiberg  
Cody Christensen  
Bret Houser  
Amanda Hunter  
Rob Dotson  
Reed Erickson  
Heidi Loveland  
Chris Hall  
Tracy Munson  
Evan Vickers  
Cindy Bulloch  
Cole LaCroix  
George Colson  
Richard Wilson

**REPRESENTING:**

FCAOG  
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Brian Head Town  
Brian Head Town  
Enoch City  
Iron County  
Kanarraville  
UDOT  
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State Legislature  
Congressman Chris Stewart's office  
Sen. Mike Lee  
Iron County Emergency Management  
Iron County Engineering



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## I. Quorum Declaration

Mayor Geoffrey Chesnut welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order and declared that a quorum was present to conduct business.

## II. Approve Minutes for a May 3, 2023

Mayor Geoffrey Chesnut presented minutes for the May 3, 2023, meeting for discussion and consideration of adoption.

**A motion made by Mayor Clayton Calloway to approve the May 3, 2023, minutes as presented, seconded by Mayor Geoffrey Chesnut to approve the minutes of the Mar. 1, 2023, meeting as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

**Note** – The Chair invited Senator Evan Vickers to speak and turned the time to him.

Senator Vickers discussed the race to replace Congressman Stewart. He stated that there would be a Republican Primary and that there will be a Democrat candidate, a Libertarian candidate, and that the United Utah Party had two candidates. The Senator discussed that the Counties would run the election for this year only in all cases. Congressman Stewart decided to stay until September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Senator Vickers stated that he met with the consultants on the South Cedar Interchange project, and he talked about the meeting covered the scoping of the project, that the process will take approximately one year, and that there will be ample opportunity for input.

Senator Vickers discussed how centrally assessed properties can cause counties across the state issues, and those are typically with the larger corporations, such as Rocky Mountain Power, Union Pacific, Intermountain Power, Garkane Power, as well as others. He also mentioned that he has had conversations with the Tax Commissioner John Valentine, and that they are working toward having additional funding for expert witnesses beyond county staff.

Senator Vickers discussed that he has been involved in discussions about mental health practitioners. And talked about the licensing in Utah.

## III. Introduction

Mr. Monte Aldridge explained that he was one of the founders of the ICRPO in the 2012-2013 timeframe and participated on the RPO Advisory Council for quite a few



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years. Monte mentioned that Chris Hall the UDOT 4 Regional Planner and Tracy Munson the District Engineer are here to help answer any questions and be of service.

#### **IV. SS4A Grant Discussion**

Mr. Nate Wiberg stated that the Safe Streets and Roads for all grant comes from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, a \$5 billion appropriation fund. He also went into detail about Cedar City's initial SS4A grant award and that the award was not enough funding to complete the project appropriately. He stated that the advisory committee determined to apply for a county wide grant and mentioned that applications are due July 10<sup>th</sup>. Nate then discussed the two types of grants available through the SS4A grant and stated that this will be a planning grant. The project will cost approximately \$500,000 and there will need to be a \$100,000 match. Approval of matching funds will have to follow the correct process.

Nate discussed eligible entities and who will be the lead applicant. It was asked if the critical places in Iron County are already identified. There was discussion about how the plan addresses those details. There was discussion about how this will be a planning grant, and individual municipalities will have to write a grant for implementation projects. There was discussion about procurement and that the project must follow procurement policy.

Reed Erickson discussed and clarified that match funding will come from the Corridor Preservation Fund and explained the statute for that funding as it relates to the grant match. Reed explained that using these funds seemed like the fairest way, because the municipalities will not have to come up with additional money from their general fund but could still identify safety concerns in their jurisdiction. Reed stated that the grant application will be complete soon and that no action is needed at this time.

#### **V. Project and Study Updates**

- A. Solutions Development Study – Chris Hall explained that the consultant is still compiling all the comments that they have received. Over the next few months, they will be scheduling meetings to discuss the results from the cross-section ideas gathered during previous meetings and determine if those ideas will function in the future.
- B. South Cedar Interchange – Chris Hall stated that Senator Vickers adequately covered the South Cedar Interchange project earlier in the meeting, stated that it was moving forward, and asked if there were any questions.



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## VI. PROTECT Grant, I-15 Resiliency Letter

Mayor Chesnut discussed that the members have read the letter and that the RPO can put a letter together.

**Commissioner Paul Cozzens made a motion for the RPO to submit a letter of support for UDOT’s PROTECT Grant application. The motion was seconded by Mayor Garth Green. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.**

Mayor Todd Robinson asked where the drainage work will be done. Chris Hall from UDOT stated that he would forward an email out to the group that identifies which mile posts the culverts will be at. There was discussion about water under the freeway near Parowan and Paragonah. The discussion continued about a culvert that drains from Brian Head and flows through Parowan and that the work that NRCS is doing needs to coincide with culvert replacement.

## VII. UDOT Update

Chris Hall stated that they will be starting a construction project that was not finished last year on SR-14 when the weather permits. There are also maintenance and chipseal projects on SR-56 and SR-14 that will be worked on over the next couple of weeks. It was discussed that there is a project on the SR-14 landslide. There was detailed discussion about the UDOT evaluation of the slide. UDOT has not yet determined whether the project will be done in-house or if they will go through a procurement process. Commissioner Marilyn Wood asked about the intersection project at SR-56 and Iron Springs Rd. Chris Hall explained that the project will be a High-T intersection with no signal. There is no funding for the project yet, but UDOT is actively looking for funding.

## VIII. Other Discussion Items

There was a brief discussion regarding funding on Old Highway 91 through Enoch. The funding received was significantly lower than the project cost.

## IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2023. Location: Parowan

## X. Adjourn

**A motion was made by Mayor Geoffrey Chesnut, seconded by Mayor Clayton Calloway, to adjourn. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**