

**MINUTES FOR DUCHESNE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MEETING
HELD SEPTEMBER 25, 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, Commissioner Greg Miles, Commissioner Tracy Killian, Altamont City Mayor Clyde Watkins, Duchesne County Deputy Attorney Tyler Allred, Sheriff Travis Tucker, Jenny Adams with Duchesne City Council, Duchesne County Electronic Records Director Cristina Neilson, Sheriff Travis Tucker, Nate Zilles, Carl Conrad, Laurie Brummond, and Kevin Yack with UBAOG, Vice-Chairman Tabiona Town Mayor John Breakfield, Roosevelt City Mayor JR Bird, Roosevelt City Manager Joshua Bake, Roy Piskadlo and Steven Aste with Election Certification Matters, and Commission Executive Assistant Melissa Hughes is taking minutes of the meeting. Via Zoom, Duchesne County Chamber Director Ryan Lunstrom, Tabiona Town Council Member Terry Hughes.

Absent

Myton City Mayor Kathleen Cooper

Opening of Meeting and Roll Call

(3:00 p.m.)

Chairman Rowley welcomes those present.

Consideration of Minutes from the July 31, 2023, Meeting

(3:03 p.m.)

Commissioner Irene Hansen made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 31, 2023, meeting, as corrected. Jenny Adams with the Duchesne City Council seconded the motion. The motion passed with no opposing votes.

Election Process

(3:03 p.m.)

Roosevelt City, Major JR Bird, introduced Roy Piskadlo and Steve Aste with Election Certification Matters. They presented a packet for their presentation. The information explains who they are, why they are here, what election certification is, and why the entire state of Utah should have the same process for election integrity. They will visit all counties in Utah and provide feedback for those conducting the election. Their goal is to promote outside election experts. The public will have access to the data to conduct their research and hold the election experts accountable. Information can be found at <https://www.electioncertificationmatters.com>. The parties discuss the issues with funding and the time it would take to audit the election certification.

Flood Mapping

(3:51 p.m.)

Commissioner Hansen stated FEMA is completing the flood mapping for Duchesne County. This will affect the residents if they live in a flood area. They will be required to have flood insurance. The Planning Commission will communicate with the residents in the areas for clarification.

Affordable Housing

(4:00 p.m.)

Commissioner Hansen asked what everyone was doing to help with the housing crisis. Laurie Brummond with UBAOG explained the Self-Help program, but the issue is finding land. Roosevelt City is looking at zoning for a tiny house community. Rural Development recommends duplexes. They are building concrete A-frame houses. Tabiona Mayor John Breakfield asked why the subdivided landowners don't have to pay for road maintenance. There was no direct answer to this question.

Economic Development Grant Projects

(4:11 p.m.)

Commissioner Hansen explained the submitted Utah Rural Grant application and the funds' uses. The parties discussed sand mining, the oil & gas industry, and the possible effects of increased traffic on the class D roads.

Upcoming City & County Activities

(4:16 p.m.)

The UBMC Ribbon cutting ceremony for the new tower took place last week. The DWR approved the fish pond in Roosevelt. Marlo Oaks, the State of Utah Treasurer, will speak on October 10, 2023, at the Grace Event Center at 6:00 p.m. Duchesne City will have its Halloween Parade on Halloween. Roosevelt City will close Highway 40 for two hours for its parade. There are two fall festivals in Roosevelt starting in September. The Holly Fair is the first weekend of November, and the Enchanted Forest is also in November.

Other Business

(4:23 p.m.)

Kevin Yack with UBAOG presented a flyer for a mandatory workshop for the Community Development Block Grant Application Process. The workshop will be on October 18th at 2:00 p.m. in Roosevelt.

Adjournment

(4:31 p.m.)

Commissioner Greg Miles made a motion to adjourn at 4:31 p.m. Roosevelt City Mayor JR Bird seconded the motion. The forum adjourned.

Read and approved this on the 22nd day of January 2024.

Mayor Rodney Rowley
Chairman

Commissioner Irene Hansen
Secretary

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

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