

**DIXIE MPO TRANSPORTATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (DTEC)
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 16, 2024**

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Chris Hart, Ivins City Mayor – Chair
Naghi Zeenati, UDOT Commissioner
Gil Almquist, Commissioner – Washington County
Nanette Billings, Hurricane City Mayor
Justin Sip, Toquerville City Mayor
Kress Staheli, Washington City Mayor
Jimmie Hughes, St. George City Council
Richard Hirschi, La Verkin City Council

NON VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbra Bruno- Springdale City Mayor
Jean Krause, Virgin Town Mayor

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Chris Hart determined there was a quorum and called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

BUSINESS

Chairman Hart asked for a vote to act as Chairman for the meeting. Noting his term expired December 31, 2023.

MOTION: Motion by Naghi Zennati to approve Mayor Hart as Acting Chair for the January 16, 2024 Meeting. Motion Seconded by Mayor Sip and carried by a Unanimous vote.

a. Consider Minutes of December 19, 2023

MOTION: Motion by Mayor Staheli to approve Minutes of December 19, 2023. Motion Seconded by Councilman Hirschi and carried by a Unanimous vote.

b. Consider Amendment #2 to the 2022 Memorandum of Agreement Establishing the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization to Recognize the Town of Virgin as an MPO Voting Member.

Myron Lee with Five County Association of Governments asked the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization Memorandum of Agreement be modified to add Virgin city as a

voting member and include the town within the MPO Planning Boundary. Myron shared that this would be beneficial for the MPO moving forward. (See Attached)

MOTION: Motion to Amend the Memorandum of Agreement Establishing the Dixie Metropolitan Planning Organization to recognize the town of Virgin as an MPO voting Member by Naghi Zennati. Motion Seconded by Mayor Sip and carried by a Unanimous vote.

c. Trails Standard Committee Report

Lloyd Sutton St. George City Active Transportation Coordinator informed everyone that they anticipate a final draft of the Trails Standard agreement this quarter. The Trails Standard agreement will create uniform standards and actions across all municipalities with trails in Washington County. Patti Wise with The Southern Utah Bicycle Alliance introduced the Alliance and passed out pocket sized maps showing local bike trails.

d. Report on Northern Corridor Cooperating Agency Status

Myron Lee with Five Counties shared the Northern Corridor Cooperating Agency meeting has been called for February 15. The meeting will be virtual. Myron encouraged all Cooperating Agencies attend the meeting. Myron also emphasized the significance of participation by all agencies involved. The importance of moving the Northern Corridor forward was also highlighted.

e. Transportation items of interest before the Utah State Legislature

Nathan Wiberg from Five County Association of Governments highlighted several bills in the current legislative session for the committee.

f. Notification of the 2024 Dixie Transportation Expo

Myron invited everyone in attendance to attend the 2024 Dixie Transportation Expo being held February 13, 2024. (See attached flyer)

REGIONAL UPDATES

a. Local Government Updates

Toquerville bypass is being delayed due to unforeseen engineering issues

b. UDOT Updates

I-15 mile marker 10-13 is in the 2nd phase.

Washington City Main Street project is moving forward.

c. Federal Updates

Congresswoman Celeste Maloy is looking at having an office in Washington County.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

DTAC-February 6, 2024

DTEC January 16, 2024

Transportation Expo-February 13, 2024

ADJOURN

MOTION: Motion by Naghi Zeenati to adjourn. Motion seconded by Mayor Hart and carried by a Unanimous Vote.

Having no other business, Acting Chairman Hart adjourned the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Jayanne Lewis