

UINTAH TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT MEETING / PUBLIC HEARING
02/11/2025 Minutes.

Uintah County Commission Large Conference Room. 152 E 100 N, Vernal, UT 84078

BOARD MEMBERS: Shawn Labrum, Ryan Cook, Bob Leake, Mark Raymond, and Sonja Norton.

ATTENDANCE: Angela Walker, Kelly Walker, Troy Ostler, Bart Jensen, Jon Stearmer, Jerry Slaugh, Larry Montoya, Scott Hardman, Willis LeFevre, and Nicole Murray

Excused: Chairman Shawn Labrum

Bob Leake will be conducting this meeting as vice chair, since Chairman is absent.

Meeting started at 7:03 pm.

Prayer by Mark Raymond

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Bob Leake

1. Public Hearing for 2025 Budget. Bob declared the public hearing open. No comments. Bob declared Public hearing closed.

2. Resolution No. 02-11-2025-R1 Adoption of 2025 Budget. Mark motioned to approve the Resolution No 02-11-2025 adoption budget. Ryan 2nd. Roll call vote. Cook aye, Raymond aye, Norton aye, Leake aye. Unanimous

3. Approval of minutes from previous meeting on 02/11/2025. Sonja motioned to approve minutes. Mark 2nd. Unanimous

4. Review C.I.B one year and 2–5 year plans. For county roads we will work with Scott to bid out through the county road department. UTSSD will work on the roads most affected by the oil and gas.

1 year plan:

- Independance road phase one is already started, phase two estimated \$20 million.
- Reconstruct Glen Bench (17 miles) estimated \$25 million.
- Reconstruct Stanton Road (11 miles) \$15 million.
- Spot repair, chip and seal Old Bonanza Highway (17.5 miles) \$9 million.
- Reconstruct and widen 500 N 1500 East to 2850 East (1.5 miles) \$3.5 million.
- Chip and seal 7500 East Highway 40 to 4 corners.
- Chip and seal 8500 East 9500 East Highway 121 Lapoint to Highway 40.

2–5 year plan:

- Independance Road phase 3 estimated 4.2 million
- Highway infostructure, chip and seal projects estimated \$5 million

5. Approve website host. Ryan motioned for Jones & Demille to be our website host. Mark 2nd. Unanimous.

6. Discuss / Approve Asset Transfer Agreement. Jon Stearmer gave an update. He has been working with Mike Harrington and Cheryl Meier. They were under the impression that they were not going to transfer funds to UTSSD. They already agreed to fund 2 projects that we are taking over. With the 2 projects, and what we gather was left over from the merge, we are requesting \$13,405,224. Mark motioned to approve the asset transfer agreement with a formal response by March 14th. Ryan 2nd. Unanimous.

7. Approval of expenditures for January 2025. Sonja motioned to approve expenditures of \$1,245.95 for January. Ryan 2nd. Unanimous

8. Approve C.I.B Independance road funding. Mark stated Uintah County has given over one hundred million dollars to C.I.B. in the last 4 years. The next closest was Sevier County at 15 million. If you add up the other 28 Countys combined they would not reach the amount of money that Uintah County has given. C.I.B approved \$11,450,000. It was reduced by 1 million from \$12,450,000. Of the approved total \$8,015,000 is grant, \$3,435,000 is a 15-year loan at 0.5%. Ryan motioned to accept the funding from C.I.B. Mark 2nd. Unanimous

9. Request to put out an RFQ for a pool of Engineers. Mark motioned to approve the RFQ that Ryan presented to the board. Ryan 2nd. Unanimous

10. Updates and Other Business. Mark stated we need to get the RFP and RFQ out immediately.

Jon let us know that on February 24th Scott with the road department will be bringing over the filing cabinets and boxes from USSD1.

Larry Montoya with UDOT gave an update on the 7500 East Road in Ft. Duchesne project that USSD1 was working on. The project was held up for about a year and half, but it is all cleared up now. They have been out there working on their environmental document. They have scheduled their review mid-March. He needs our direction on selecting the project manager. He will send us a list from the qualified pool. We will get it on the agenda for next month's meeting.

The State is working with us on the UTSSD.Utah.gov name for emails and website. The state allowed us to set up an admin email adminsec@utssd.utah.gov. The other board member's emails will be set up as soon as we can.

11. Public Comments. Angela Walker asked about when we were conjoined and separated from USSD1. We didn't take on any new projects in 2023. Angela also asked about the mineral lease funds. UTSSD didn't have their account set up, until March 2024. That is when they received their 1st mineral lease payment. USSD1 received the mineral lease for January and February 2024.

Sonja motioned meeting adjourn at 9:09 pm.