

Constitutional Defense Council

Public Lands Policy Coordination Office

Utah State Capitol Complex
East Senate Building
Aspen Room

July 21, 2025
1:00 p.m.

Minutes

Attendees:

Members:

Deidre Henderson, Lt. Governor, *Chair*
Ken Ivory, Utah House
Angla Romero, Utah House
Carl Albrecht, Utah House
Kelly Pehrson, Commissioner, UDAF
Tammy Pearson, Beaver County Commissioner
Leland Pollock, Garfield County Commissioner
Bob J. Stevenson, Davis County Commissioner
Celeste Meyers, Kane County, Commissioner

Staff:

Redge B. Johnson, Director, PLPCO
Kathy Davis, Public Lands Section Deputy Director, OAG
Tess Davis, Deputy Division Director Assistant, OAG
Mark Boshell, Deputy Director, PLPCO
Dillon Hoyt, Deputy of Operations, PLPCO
Sindy Smith, RDCC Coordinator, PLPCO
Cristina Houtrouw, Executive Assistant, PLPCO
Jason Moore, Office Manager, PLPCO
Joe Pyrah, Chief of Staff, Lt. Governor's Office

Guests:

Taylor Glover, Kane County
Derek Brown, Attorney General, OAG
Dan Burton, General Counsel, OAG
Roger Lewis, Finance Director, DNR

Welcome and Introductions

Lt. Governor Deidre M. Henderson called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Approval of the Minutes

Council Members unanimously approved the draft minutes from the meeting held on February 5, 2025.

Decisions

- **Resolution:** Kane County's request for reimbursement of \$500,000 for its R.S. 2477 legal expenses has been approved.

CDC Reimbursement Formula*Kane County Commission*

Celeste Meyers, Kane Commissioner, expressed concern over the complexity of the CDC reimbursement formula, which she believes creates opportunities for error and misinterpretation. Commissioner Meyers urged for a simplification of the formula to enhance clarity.

Discussion

The council members engaged in a discussion regarding the CDC R.S. 2477 legal expense reimbursement formula.

Mark Boshell and Kathy Davis clarified for the council that Kane County would pay the first \$200,000 related to the R.S. 2477 issue, after which Kane County would pay 25% of the litigation costs and the State would cover the remaining 75%. Redge Johnson expressed appreciation for Kane County's efforts over the past decade.

Kane County Reimbursement

Kane County Commission

Celeste Meyeres, Kane County Commissioner, requested reimbursement for Kane County's legal expenses related to R.S. 2477 litigation totaling \$500,000. This funding request complies with the CDC guidelines.

Discussion

The members engaged in a discussion regarding Kane County's request for funding reimbursement.

MOTION

Commissioner Tammy Pearson moved to approve Kane County's request for reimbursement of its RS 2477 legal fees. Commissioner Bob J. Stevenson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by the council.

Council Round Table

Council members discussed the importance of obtaining financial support from the legislature to aid the State's efforts in managing the R.S. 2477 rights-of-way litigation. They emphasized that such support is crucial for addressing the legal complexities and ensuring an effective outcome.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Executive Session – Pending and Proposed Litigation

Council members convened an Executive Session to discuss pending and proposed litigation.

Closed Session

Litigation Update

Discussion

Open Session

Other Business

No other business.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.