

MINUTES

FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

October 14, 2015 - 2:00 p.m.

The Heritage Center, Room #1
105 North 100 East, Cedar City, Utah

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff, Chair
Mayor Dutch Deutschlander for
Mayor Connie Robinson
Becki Bronson
Commissioner Mike Dalton, Vice-Chair
Mayor Nolan Davis
Carolyn White
Commissioner Dell LeFevre
Mayor Jerry Taylor
Commissioner Jim Matson
Commissioner Victor Iverson
LaRene Cox
Mike Olson for Frank Lojko
Donna Law

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Bill Swadley
Miranda Jones
Gary Webster
Lisa Taylor
Senator Evan Vickers
Representative John Westwood
Jake Hardman
Jim McConnell
Harold Haynie
James Morgese
Phil Titus
Dennis Johnson
Dean Cox
Jeff Lowe
Ed Kotter
Gary Zabriskie
Carrie Schonlaw
Allison McCoy
Diane Lamoreaux

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Ken Platt
Mayor Robert Houston, Excused
Wendy Allan
Mayor Tracy Dutson

REPRESENTING

Iron County Commissioner Representative
Iron County Mayor Representative

Iron County Schools Representative
Beaver County Commissioner Representative
Beaver County Mayor Representative
Beaver County Schools Representative
Garfield County Commissioner Representative
Garfield County Mayor Representative
Kane County Commissioner Representative
Washington Co. Commissioner Representative
Washington Co. Schools Representative
Dixie State University
Southern Utah University

Senator Hatch's Office
Senator Hatch's Office
Congressman Stewart's Office
Congressman Stewart's Office
Utah State Senate
Utah State House of Representatives
Governor's Office of Economic Development
Utah Department of Transportation
Iron County School District
KUED
University of Utah - KUED
University of Utah - KUED & Iron County
Washington County
Iron County Today
General Public
Five County Association of Governments
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Garfield County Schools Representative
Kane County Mayor Representative
Kane County Schools Representative
Washington Co. Mayor Representative

Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff, Chair, welcomed everyone in attendance. Those asking to be excused include Mayor Robert Houston, Kane County Mayor Representative and Mr. Bryan Thiriot, Five County Association of Governments. Mayor Dutch Deutschlander was representing Mayor Connie Robinson, Iron County Mayor Representative, and Mr. Mike Olson was representing Frank Lojko, Dixie State University Representative. The Chair also recognized Senator Evan Vickers and Representative John Westwood.

I. MINUTES AUGUST 12, 2015 - REVIEW AND APPROVE

Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff, Chair, indicated that a quorum was present for conduct of business and presented minutes of the August 12, 2015 meeting for discussion and consideration of approval.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. BECKI BRONSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER VICTOR IVERSON, TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 12, 2015 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

II. FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTIONS - OCTOBER 14, 2015

Chairman Brinkerhoff reported that no formal actions were taken during the Finance Committee meeting.

III. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM - FY 2016 RATING AND RANKING CRITERIA APPROVAL

A. FIRST PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Brinkerhoff declared the CDBG public hearing open and asked Ms. Diane Lamoreaux to present essential information to the Board. Ms. Lamoreaux explained that the CDBG program requires each potential applicant to hold a public hearing to solicit input regarding projects that may be applied for utilizing CDBG funding. Background information was provided outlining that funding for the program is provided by the U.S. Department of Urban Development through the Department of Workforce Services, Housing and Community Development Division. Applications to the Utah Small Cities CDBG program must meet one of the three national objectives: 1) Benefit to Low-Moderate Income; 2) Prevention of Slums and Blight; or 3) Elimination of Immediate Threat to Health, Welfare, and Safety.

The Five County Association of Governments received \$738,302 for regional allocation in FY 2015. It is anticipated that approximately \$700,000 +/- will be available for FY 2016, but the state of Utah CDBG staff does not have definite funding amounts at this time.

Ms. Lamoreaux explained that the range of eligible activities is broad and includes projects such as: **1) Construction of Public Works and Facilities--** Including water and sewer lines, fire stations, acquisition of real property, provision of public services such as food banks or homeless shelters; and **2) Housing Projects--** Infrastructure for new construction of multi-family housing units, and housing rehabilitation to housing authorities for rental housing which serves low income

individuals. Other activities are identified in the CDBG Application and Procedures guide book for review at any time.

In the past, the Association of Governments has received funding for planning and technical assistance, funding to establish the Revolving Loan Fund, funds to recapitalize the RLF, First Time Home Buyer Program provided through the CHDO, construction of the Five County AOG office building in St. George, and Meals-on-Wheels delivery truck procurement for the Five County region. Projects benefitting low-moderate income individuals are preferred. Proposed activities that may result in displacement of low-moderate income individuals are discouraged.

The Five County AOG administration, planning and technical assistance application for FY 2015 included the following scope of work elements: 1) Program delivery for the RLF program; 2) Planning assistance for development and update of affordable housing plans; 3) Preparation of the Regional Consolidated Plan; 4) General program administration, including the rating and ranking of projects; and 5) Workforce housing assistance and dissemination of a quarterly housing newsletter. AOG projects have historically been primarily of a "regional" nature. AOG staff is proposing to eliminate the RLF program delivery element from the FY 2016 scope of work and to add planning assistance to smaller communities throughout the Five County region.

Set-aside funding of \$90,000 for the regional program administration and planning assistance grant for FY 2016 was approved for a one year period in the August 12, 2015 Steering Committee meeting as part of the rating and ranking criteria for the upcoming program year. FY 2016 funds have also been committed for the second year of funding for the LaVerkin fire station expansion project in the amount of \$100,000 and to Milford City in the amount of \$72,446, on behalf of the Beaver Housing Authority, for acquisition and rehabilitation of multi-family housing units in Milford.

Comments were requested of the audience and/or Board members for potential projects and/or scope of work modifications for projects of regional significance and scope. Chairman Brinkerhoff noted no comments and closed the public hearing. Ms. Lamoreaux indicated that staff would proceed with a scope of work and application for submission to the Utah Small Cities CDBG program.

B. FIVE COUNTY AOG APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE STATE POLICY COMMITTEE

Mr. Gary Zabriskie outlined the membership and responsibilities of the State CDBG Policy Committee which is made up of an elected official from each of the seven regional districts in the state. Members are nominated by the Steering Committee for confirmation of the Governor to serve two year terms on this committee. Mayor Taylor has served for the past several years as the Five County representative and is currently serving as Chairman of the State Policy Committee. His term will expire in January 2016. Mr. Zabriskie reported that the state of Utah is unique from other states because they allow the local regions to establish priorities that fit the needs of the region. A list of previous projects from the programs inception to present is posted on the AOG Website for those interested in seeing where past funds have

been allocated to jurisdictions in the Five County region. The list is broken out by county as well as project type. Staff is recommending to the Steering Committee that Mayor Jerry Taylor be nominated to serve an additional two year term because of potential changes in AOG staffing at the end of this year. This would provide continuity at the Policy Committee level for the CDBG program moving forward.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR NOLAN DAVIS, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DELL LEFEVRE, TO APPOINT MAYOR JERRY TAYLOR TO SERVE AN ADDITIONAL TWO YEAR TERM TO THE STATE CDBG POLICY COMMITTEE. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Ms. Diane Lamoreaux commented that state staff has also asked for consideration of an alternate member who could serve in Mayor Taylor's absence. Commissioner Jim Matson and Commission Dale Brinkerhoff indicated that they would be willing to attend meetings upon notification as necessary.

IV. KUED / UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, TV TRANSLATORS

Mr. James Morgese, KUED General Manager, introduced Mr. Dennis Johnson and Mr. Phil Titus who were also in attendance. He reported that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) changed from analog to digital TV in 2006 to recapture bandwidth for tablets, cell phones, etc. Legislation has been enacted which provides an opportunity for the FCC to acquire additional bandwidth for channels that are over 31. Those channels will be shut down or moved to another frequency. KUED and counties throughout the state operate over 100 translators and it is anticipated that this FCC action could close about 40% of those translators that are located in rural Utah. These translators are utilized for broadcasting TV stations coming out of Salt Lake City. It is estimated that this would impact approximately 50,000 people in rural Utah. Representatives of KUED have also been in contact with the Six County Association of Governments, the Governor and Senator Hatch regarding this issue. The FCC is assuring that 95% of the translators in Utah will be unharmed with this action, but it is difficult to determine how this would be possible. This has the potential to impact a number of agencies such as homeland security, emergency services, etc. The switch will occur in March and the full impact will be seen in rural Utah at that time. It would be difficult to stop this because legislation has already been enacted by Congress. Depending on the impact to translators, KUED will have to request funding from the Utah Legislature to preserve as much as possible of the network serving rural Utah. Some of the translators work as stand alone, but a number serve as a data chain which impacts stations down the line. Mr. Dennis Johnson explained that it has been estimated that approximately \$2 million dollars would be needed to address this issue, but he feels that it would cost that amount in this area alone. Microwave signals would be the best option for addressing this, but other hardware would be required. Commissioner Victor Iverson commented that one problem could be that Congress does not understand the landscape here in the West. The bandwidth will be sold elsewhere to T Mobile, AT&T, Verizon, etc. for other electronic applications. Mr. Johnson indicated that this change will greatly impact jurisdictions such as Beaver, Parowan, Enoch, Summit, Beryl, and to a lesser extent Cedar City. A number of letters have been written to Congress to bring this issue forward.

Mr. Gary Webster reported that staff will be visiting with Congressman Stewart regarding this issue when he is in town tomorrow. At this point it appears that there has not been an

adequate amount of information provided to review in formulation of a response to the issue. Legislation passed through Congress previously and the FCC is now at the end of implementation. Mr. Dean Cox commented that this is a competing issue where everyone wants more bandwidth for 4G and faster speed for their electronic devices. Bandwidth is a finite resource with a huge demand for this spectrum. Bandwidth is very important to cellular companies because their clients are migrating to more use of portable devices. Mr. Morgese reported that the Six County Association of Governments and Governor Herbert have provided letters regarding this issue and the impact on rural Utah for submission to congressional members. Copies of these letters will be provided to Five County staff for use in formulating a response. Mr. Bill Swadley indicated that he would speak with Mr. Morgese after the meeting, but noted that Senator Hatch is aware of the situation.

V. STATE AGENCY REPORTS

A. GOVERNORS OFFICE

Mr. Jake Hardman, Governor's Office of Economic Development, reported that their "Train the Trainer" program provides sessions for businesses to learn about programs that are available to assist with their business needs. The next session is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at the Heritage Center beginning at 11:45 a.m. A flyer and registration link handout was provided to Board members.

Mr. Hardman reported that the Rural Planning Group does amazing work and their assistance is being underutilized in rural Utah. The group consists of six very qualified planners who are available to assist cities/towns and counties on planning issues. A rural planning tool kit is available online at: www.ruralplanning.org

Another website utilized by the broadband work force provides an economic development tool which is designed to assist with site selection for companies having a desire to relocate to Utah. This information can be found at: <http://www.locate.utah.gov/>

B. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mr. Jim McConnell, UDOT District Engineer, provided a brief update of projects prioritized for funding in Region Four. He expressed thanks to the legislators present for increased gas tax funding which will allow UDOT to address level two roads to a greater extent than previous maintenance funds would allow for the past ten years. This funding will begin the first of January and will allow work on several level two roads such as SR-56 milepost 0-22 which will receive \$7.5 million for an overlay and chip seal. This route was damaged when I-15 was closed due to flooding in the Virgin River Gorge as well as the overload traffic that is being re-routed during road work in the Gorge. Funds in the amount of \$1.5 million will be available in 2018 for SR-12 milepost 29-58 Henrieville to Escalante and milepost 70-79 for an overlay. A total of \$43 million will be available in 2019 on SR-14, in the Midway area for more extensive road work.

Several capacity projects are slated which include the following: **1) I-15 Brigham Road to Dixie Drive--** Improvements on I-15; **2) I-15 Milepost 38 to 42--** Climbing

lane extension to New Harmony; **3) I-15 Milepost 135 to 145--** Climbing lane at Cove Fort; **4) SR-7--** Sand Hollow Interchange; **5) I-15 Milepost 15 to 20--** Climbing lane from Hurricane to Leeds; **6) I-15 Brigham Road Roundabouts--** Reconstruction of Single Point Urban Interchange (SPUI); **7) I-15 Milepost 181 to 184--** Climbing lanes from Holden to Scipio; **8) SR-7--** Sand Hollow to 3000 South Hurricane; Section 4B Hurricane to Washington Fields Road; and 300 South to SR-9 which is the final connection to SR-9. However, it will take ten years to complete all of these projects.

Projects that are upcoming in the near future include: **1) Bluff Street/Sunset Boulevard Interchange Improvements and Capacity to widen Bluff Street from Sunset to St. George Boulevard--** This project is approximately two years out and right-of-way acquisition will be a big hurdle to overcome; **2) Mall Drive Underpass--** This project will begin next summer; **3) SR-9 Rockville to Springdale--** This project is under design with construction likely during winter months to avoid interruption of tourists traveling to Zion National Park; and **4) SR-20 Milepost 10 to 11.5--** Road widening in the Bear Valley area. This will be the first full 3-D design project in Region Four where the package will be ready for plug-in to gps. This will reduce the risk for this project in making sure that the project will work. This is a re-process to design projects with no staking on the road. Construction is anticipated to begin next summer.

Mr. McConnell also reported that SR-7, Section 3B, Warner Valley to Washington Dam Interchange, will be completed next month. This will provide a complete connection from I-15 to Sand Hollow in Hurricane. The SR-9 project through LaVerkin has been completed. Climbing lanes south of Beaver have been completed, and the climbing lanes at Pine Creek are close to completion. Another project that may be of interest will address recent flooding issues in Parowan. This project will present various challenges with old boxes, a major irrigation line, electrical lines, sewer and water lines from Brian Head, as well as gas and telephone lines that are in the area. The project cost is \$1.5 million and construction is anticipated to begin next summer. Funding for this project is coming from economic savings on other projects provided by utilizing innovative processes and having a good bid season.

Senator Evan Vickers expressed appreciation for the recently completed project at Brian Head. Mr. McConnell reported that additional lane work and chip seal will be extended from the south end of Parowan to Brian Head next spring.

Mr. Gary Zabriskie mentioned that UDOT really stepped up to the plate during the recent flooding event in Hildale to provide infrastructure replacement. Elected officials from Hildale have expressed their thanks to UDOT as well as the Community Impact Board, Search and Rescue, Sheriff's Office, and others who responded during this difficult time of need. Mr. McConnell reported that he coordinated UDOT efforts over the five days with 28 pieces of equipment and UDOT workers to rehabilitate and reconstruct every street in Hildale. This was a very interesting project, but the community provided food for workers the entire time they were there.

C. DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES (DWS)

None.

VI. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY & DIXIE STATE UNIVERSITY UPDATES

Ms. Donna Law, SUU, reported the University's sadness at the recent loss of two employees who were killed in an airplane accident west of Cedar City. This was very tragic and has greatly impacted the institution and community. It is anticipated that it will be at least six months before the investigation will be completed to determine the cause of the crash. On a more positive note, Upper Limits Aviation has met with the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees to develop a plan moving forward with the training program at Southern Utah University. The Utah System of Higher Education released enrollment numbers which are up 2% statewide. The growth rate for SUU increased 16%, which was the highest in the state of Utah. The University is also encouraged about having the best prepared class according to SAT scores. National recognition was received for the Education Designed to Give Experience (EDGE) program at SUU. Another popular program is the GE Jump Start which rethinks general education courses and provides participants the opportunity to complete all of their GED courses in one year. There are currently 50 students enrolled in this program. SUU has also been hosting outdoor education competitions over the past few days.

Mr. Mike Olson, Dixie State University, reported that former DSU student Kristy Beatty recently completed in the Miss America Pageant. Construction projects include an addition to the Burns Arena and new student housing. The Burns Arena project, slated for completion in January 2016, will house 65 offices and a number of classrooms. New student housing will be available in the fall of 2016. Copies of the recently completed strategic plan were provided. The number one highlight is that the University will be getting rid of the Red Storm as their mascot to be replaced by something that will match the strategic direction of the University.

VII. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES

Mr. Gary Webster, Congressman Stewart's Office, extended his sadness at the recent tragedy at SUU with the two pilots killed in the airplane crash. Funeral services were very touching as this impacted a significant part of the community. He reported that the National Security Conference was held in Salt Lake City yesterday with a number of national and international security experts and guests in attendance. One report presented from a group of Utah Credit Unions reported over 101,000 cyber-attacks to their systems on a daily basis. Congressman Stewart and staffers will be meeting tomorrow with the BLM to discuss the Washington County Resource Management Plan. It was noted that a 30 day extension of the comment period has been authorized and announced. It is hoped that a better solution for this plan can be negotiated. Mr. Webster reported that he was also in Hildale during the recent flood event and praised UDOT and everyone involved in handling the situation.

Mr. Bill Swadley, Senator Hatch's Office, reported that on the national level there has been a lot of conversation regarding Planned Parenthood and the concern about recent allegations. Senator Hatch is looking to address these issues through an in-depth Senate Judiciary Committee investigation and by supporting legislation such as the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. Mr. Swadley read a prepared statement from Senator Hatch

regarding Pope Francis' recent visit to Washington, D.C. and the opportunity it presented to highlight religious liberty. He also reported that Senator Hatch and staff are working with the BLM to address concerns about the Resource Management Plan for land in the St. George area, utilizing feedback from constituents and local elected officials. Other issues of concern include the BLM Monument Grazing Plan Amendment for Kane and Garfield counties and the Glen Canyon Off-road Vehicle Management Plan which needs some changes. Ms. Miranda Jones, Intern in Senator Hatch's Cedar City Office, was also present.

Ms. Lisa Taylor, Congressman Stewart's Office, reported regarding the recent hearing in Denver Court of Appeals dealing with the prairie dog ruling. She noted that it does not look very positive in terms of Judge Benson's ruling holding up in the appellant court. It appears that only one of the three judges recognizes the issues. A formal ruling is not anticipated for three to four months. If the ruling does not hold up, it will be taken before the Supreme Court. On another note, the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled to not hear the Utah appeal of RS2477 roads in Kane County.

Senator Evan Vickers reported that he sat on the prison relocation committee this summer and he is now on the prison development committee which will determine how the prison will be built. The Utah House of Representatives voted not to accept the current proposal to expand Medicaid in Utah. He mentioned that this is a very complicated issue with many strings attached. At present, the Medicaid program will remain in its original framework of 70/30 match.

Representative John Westwood reported that the Medicaid issue continues to be contentious with a 56 to 7 vote among the republican caucus not to expand the program through participation of physicians and hospitals to cover the additional costs. There are too many strings attached to the federal money and other states who opted to expand Medicaid are now seeing costs skyrocket. There will be ongoing discussion in regard to any expansion of the program. Representative Westwood also thanked UDOT for their timely response to the recent flooding in Hildale.

Chairman Dale Brinkerhoff thanked all of the Utah Senators and Representatives, both state and national, for all of their support and hard work to address the many local issues.

VIII. LOCAL AFFAIRS

A. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

B. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Mr. Gary Zabriskie referenced information beginning on page 15 of the meeting packet requesting approval of out-of-state travel for Curt Hutchings and Myron Lee to attend the 2015 Annual Conference of the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (AMPO) scheduled for October 20-23, 2015 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The conference provides various tracks to address issues of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) which serves the Washington County metropolitan area of St. George, Ivins, Santa Clara, Washington, Hurricane, LaVerkin,

Toquerville and Leeds. There are also sessions which address the Rural Planning Organization (RPO) in Cedar City. The budget is in place to cover costs related to the conference for these two individuals. Staff is recommending approval of this out-of-state travel request for Curt Hutchings and Myron Lee.

Ms. LaRene Cox commented that the per diem rate listed on the travel request form should not include meals that are provided as part of the conference. In examining the conference agenda, several meals are provided to participants. Mr. Gary Zabriskie indicated that he would monitor travel reimbursement requests to make sure there is not duplication for meals that are provided as part of the conference.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE, SECONDED BY MS. LARENE COX, TO APPROVE THE OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL REQUEST FOR CURT HUTCHINGS AND MYRON LEE AS PRESENTED, NOTING THAT MEALS PROVIDED AT THE CONFERENCE NOT BE INCLUDED IN REIMBURSEMENT COSTS TO THE ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD

Mr. Gary Zabriskie reported that six applications were submitted to the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board on October 1st for this trimester. Applications will be due for the next trimester on February 1, 2016. Applications for review of the Board today include the following: **1) Henrieville Town--** Grant application for \$85,000 to procure a new tractor with tiller, mower, and backhoe implements and a security system for the fire station and other public facilities which are located in close proximity; **2) Enoch City--** Funding in the amount of a \$10,000 grant to fund a storm drainage master plan. The applicant will provide \$10,000 in match funds for the plan; **3) Kane County--** Application for a Civic Center Campus which includes a conference and event center, gymnasium, museum, Kanab City offices, Kanab Senior Citizens Center, art/tech center, outdoor amphitheater, etc. This is a remarkable plan which has been developed with participation of Kane County, Kanab City, and the Kane County School District. The project includes a \$1.25 million cash contribution, in-kind land donation of \$2.5 million, a CIB loan request in the amount of \$1.5 million and a CIB grant totaling \$5.25 million; **4) Hurricane Valley Fire District--** A \$1 million loan and \$500,000 grant application for a new fire station in the Coral Canyon vicinity on the north side of SR-9 in Hurricane City. This station will serve the west side of Hurricane as well as Washington City through mutual use of the facility; **5) Hurricane Valley Fire District--** An application for a \$995,000 loan to purchase a Quint ladder truck that will be located in the LaVerkin Fire Station to expand protection for new hotels being constructed there. LaVerkin City was approved for a CDBG grant to expand the fire station to accommodate this new ladder truck; and **6) Santa Clara City--** An application for a \$242,000 grant and \$243,000 loan for improvements on Old Highway 91 from the Swiss Village to 200 East in Ivins. Santa Clara City will provide \$215,000 cash and other funding comes from a Federal Highway Administration grant of \$3,251,531. An additional federal TAP grant in the amount of \$175,000 is anticipated. Staff is recommending support of all six applications to the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER MIKE DALTON, SECONDED BY MAYOR NOLAN DAVIS, TO SUPPORT THE SIX APPLICATIONS TO THE PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD AS REVIEWED. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

D. OTHER BUSINESS

None.

IX. AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS

Mr. Gary Zabriskie reviewed the A-95 reviews for committee action as follows: **1) State Trust Lands Administration, New Easement No. 2010, Lambs Knoll Access Road**-- The Bureau of Land Management has submitted an easement application for a proposed access road in Washington County. The proposed access road would provide access to Lambs Knoll, a popular recreation area on adjacent BLM property, and it would replace the existing access road that serves the area. A perpetual easement is proposed and the county has no concerns in vacating the prescriptive easement it currently has on the SITLA parcel as long as the BLM grants a perpetual easement; and **2) State Trust Lands Administration, SULA 1793 Amendment (Solar Lease)**-- This action is to amend the previous solar project located near Big Water in Kane County by increasing the acreage by 957.19 acres for a total acreage of 4626.04 acres. Kane County is supportive of this project.

Mr. Zabriskie explained that the Board can support, not support or remain neutral on A-95 actions. Staff is recommending conditional approval of the new easement No. 2010 in Washington County and supportive approval of the solar project in Kane County.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER VICTOR IVERSON, SECONDED BY MAYOR JERRY TAYLOR, TO APPROVE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE TWO A-95 REVIEWS AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

The next Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2015 in St. George at the Five County Association of Governments Office.

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.