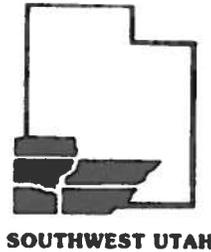


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## **\*\* M E M O R A N D U M \*\***

**TO: ALL STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND INTERESTED PARTIES**

**FROM: COMMISSIONER CHAD JOHNSON, CHAIR**

**DATE: MARCH 2, 2011**

**SUBJECT: STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING, MARCH 9, 2011**

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011, AT THE BEAVER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE, BOARD ROOM, LOCATED AT 291 NORTH MAIN STREET, BEAVER, UTAH.

THE ATTACHED MATERIALS ARE PROVIDED TO ASSIST YOU IN PREPARING FOR OUR MEETING. PLEASE REVIEW ALL MATERIALS AND ADDRESS ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS TO THE AOG STAFF, C/O KENNETH L. SIZEMORE. THIS WOULD ALLOW STAFF TIME TO RESEARCH YOUR QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS PRIOR TO THE STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING.

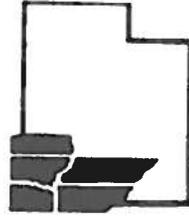
WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING WITH YOU IN BEAVER ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2011.

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ATTACHMENTS

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**STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MARCH 9, 2011**  
**BEAVER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE**  
**BOARD ROOM**  
**291 NORTH MAIN STREET**  
**BEAVER, UT - 1:00 P.M.**

- I. **MINUTES FEBRUARY 9, 2011 - REVIEW AND APPROVE**
- II. **UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**
  - A. **STATE ROADS MAINTENANCE PROGRAM**
  - B. **UPLAN - PLANNING AND MAPPING SYSTEM**
- III. **CENSUS 2010 REDISTRICTING DATA FOR REGION**
- IV. **PUBLIC FORUM ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- V. **RLF BOARD MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENT**
- VI. **DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES UPDATE**
- VII. **SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY REGIONAL SERVICES UPDATE**
- VIII. **DIXIE STATE COLLEGE UPDATE**
- IX. **CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES**
- X. **LOCAL AFFAIRS**
  - A. **CORRESPONDENCE**
  - B. **OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL**
  - C. **PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD APPLICATIONS**
  - D. **PLANNING ASSISTANCE**
  - E. **OTHER BUSINESS**
- XI. **AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) during this meeting should notify KENNETH SIZEMORE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS, at 1070 West 1600 South, Building B, St. George, Utah, (435) 673-3548 at least three working days prior to the meeting.

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# MINUTES

## STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING February 9, 2011 Kanab, Utah

### MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Commissioner Chad Johnson, Chair  
Carolyn White  
Commissioner Clare Ramsay  
Mayor Jerry Taylor  
Ken Platt  
Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff  
Commissioner Douglas Heaton  
Mayor Nina Laycook  
Commissioner Denny Drake  
Kaden DeMille for Mayor Tom Hirschi  
Ed Meyer for Brian Cottam  
Rick Palmer for Frank Lojko

### REPRESENTING

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

### OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Empey  
Ellen Schunk  
Victor Iverson  
Commissioner Jim Matson  
Mayor Raleigh Franklin  
Teresa Banks  
Ken Sizemore  
Diane Lamoreaux

Congressman Matheson's Office  
Senator Mike Lee's Office  
Senator Mike Lee's Office  
Kane County Commission  
Glendale Town  
Department of Workforce Services  
Five County Association of Governments  
Five County Association of Governments

### MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE

Mayor Mark Yardley, Vice-Chair  
Mayor Connie Robinson, Excused  
Alan Adams, Excused  
Wendy Allan  
LuAnne Forrest, Excused

Beaver County Mayor Representative  
Iron County Mayor Representative  
Iron County Schools Representative  
Kane County Schools Representative  
Washington Co. Schools Representative

## I. MINUTES JANUARY 19, 2011 - REVIEW & APPROVE

Commissioner Chad Johnson, Chair, welcomed those in attendance and noted that a quorum was present for conduct of business. Those asking to be excused include Mayor Connie Robinson, Iron County Mayor Representative; Alan Adams, Iron County Schools Representative; and LuAnne Forrest, Washington County Schools Representative. Chairman Johnson presented minutes of the January 19, 2011 meeting for Board discussion and consideration.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE, SECONDED BY MAYOR NINA LAYCOOK, TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 2011 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.**

**II. STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**A. MAYOR REPRESENTATIVES - INTRODUCTION**

Mr. Ken Sizemore reported that the mayor representatives will remain in place for the upcoming year as follows: **1) Beaver County--** Mayor Mark Yardley; **2) Garfield County--** Mayor Jerry Taylor; **3) Iron County--** Mayor Connie Robinson; **4) Kane County--** Mayor Nina Laycook; and **5) Washington County--** Mayor Tom Hirschi.

**B. CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR - BEAVER COUNTY**

Mr. Sizemore explained that in February of each year the chair and vice-chair positions rotate. Beaver County representatives will assume these duties for the upcoming year. Commissioner Chad Johnson will serve as Chair and Mayor Mark Yardley will serve as Vice-Chair. He extended his gratitude to all representatives for their willingness to serve on the Board.

**III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION**

Mr. Ken Sizemore reported that the Executive Committee met earlier today to discuss and approve FY 2010 budget revisions for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. The majority of those revisions were to incorporate additional funds into various cost centers for revenues that were not anticipated when the budget was approved in June 2010.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DENNY DRAKE, SECONDED BY MAYOR NINA LAYCOOK, TO RATIFY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION APPROVING FY 2010 BUDGET REVISIONS. MOTION CARRIED.**

**IV. MEETING SCHEDULE PROPOSAL**

Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff referenced information on page 11 of the packet outlining his proposal to consolidate the Five County AOG Human Services Council, Southwest Utah Mental Health Board, Southwest Utah Public Health Board and the Five County Association of Governments Steering Committee meetings into day long bi-monthly meetings which would be held on a rotation schedule. He reported that discussion with the Southwest Utah Public Health Board did not gather much support. The majority of commissioners and others who were polled preferred to continue with previously established schedules for each of the above mentioned boards.

**V. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM**

**A. PROGRAM HISTORY**

Mr. Ken Sizemore referenced information on pages 12-13 of the packet containing a summary of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Information is provided for new Board members that may not be familiar with the program. Over the past 30 plus years, this program has been administered through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide blocks of funding allocations to states. The state of Utah is unique from other states in

allocation of these funds. Rather than funding projects from the state level, each of the Associations of Governments receives a portion of funding to be allocated in their region. Priorities are determined at the local level through what is termed "Rating and Ranking Criteria". Staff with the State of Utah Department of Housing and Community Development oversee this program at the state level and work with AOG's to ensure that the program meets requirements established by HUD. He reviewed a typical annual program schedule developed by the State CDBG Policy Committee.

**B. REGIONAL APPLICATIONS PRIORITIZATION (RATING AND RANKING)**

Mr. Sizemore reported that each year the Steering Committee, also referred to as the Regional Review Committee (RRC), discusses and approves a refined set of approximately 20 rating and ranking criteria for utilization in prioritizing projects. Eight of these criteria have been adopted by the State CDBG Policy Committee and each region is required to include those items in their rating and ranking criteria. The criteria are utilized by AOG staff in prioritizing applications for consideration of this Board. This is a somewhat unusual year in that a federal budget has not been adopted for FY 2011 and operations are being funded through continuing resolutions. The exact amount of funding to the state is still unknown and it may be some time before funding levels are determined. However, state staff has asked that the AOG continue with the process of prioritizing applications. As funding amounts are made available, information will be presented to the Board.

Mr. Sizemore provided a handout outlining prioritized projects and reviewed pre-approved funding as follows: **1) Five County Association of Governments--** Administration, Consolidated Plan Planning, Rating and Ranking, Direct Planning, Housing Program Delivery and Economic Development Technical Assistance (\$150,000); **2) Cedar City on behalf of the Cedar City Housing Authority--** Construction of 18 unit complex for elderly/handicapped individuals (\$116,727); **3) Washington City on behalf of Color County Community Housing, Inc.--** Rehabilitation of 24 unit apartment complex (\$150,000) and **4) Beaver City on behalf of Beaver City Housing Authority--** Rehabilitation of existing facility for LMI housing (\$150,000). The remaining four applications are prioritized as follows: **#1) Cedar City on behalf of the Iron County Care & Share--** Phase II construction of the new homeless shelter in Cedar City (\$150,000); **#2) Hildale City--** Culinary Water System Improvements (\$150,000); **#3) Iron County--** Procurement of new ambulance for Beryl/New Castle service area (\$118,007); and **#4) Cedar City on behalf of TURN Community Services--** Rehabilitation of housing units and Adult Day Care Center (\$51,000). Staff is recommending approval of the rating and ranking prioritization to fund projects as prioritized until funds are exhausted.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CLARE RAMSAY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF, TO APPROVE THE RATING AND RANKING OF FY 2011 CDBG PROJECTS AS PRESENTED AND TO APPROVE FUNDING, INCLUDING PRE-APPROVED PROJECTS, AS PRIORITIZED UNTIL FUNDS ARE EXHAUSTED. MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Mike Empey, Congressman Matheson's Office, indicated that a continuing resolution is most likely, but it is still unknown if this will provide funding through the

remainder of the year or to some other established date. Ms. Diane Lamoreaux explained that the three pre-approved housing projects have already entered into contracts for the first year (2010) funding and it is likely that all of these projects would be able to move forward should funding cuts occur. Cedar City Housing Authority would have to solicit other funding to move their project forward. Color Country Community Housing, Inc. and the Beaver City Housing Authority could revise their scope of work to rehabilitate less units and seek other funding for the remaining portion of the project. Discussion has also occurred with other applicants in terms of seeking other funding or the possibility of adjustments to the scope of the project if only a portion of funding becomes available to a project. Copies of the funding history for the CDBG program 1982 through 2010 and rating and ranking prioritization scores were made available to those in attendance.

**C. CONSOLIDATED PLAN ADOPTION**

Commissioner Johnson mentioned that a public hearing was held during the January 19, 2011 Steering Committee meeting. The Plan has been made available for public review and comment from January 1<sup>st</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup>. A copy of the executive summary was also provided in the January meeting packet. No comments were received from the public or Board members. A resolution was presented for Board consideration.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DENNY DRAKE, SECONDED BY MAYOR NINA LAYCOOK, AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR'S SIGNATURE ON THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FY 2011 CONSOLIDATED PLAN ONE YEAR ACTION PLAN AND UPDATED EXCEL TOOL. MOTION CARRIED.**

**VI. REVOLVING LOAN FUND BOARD REORGANIZATION**

Mr. Ken Sizemore explained that the RLF program has been operational for the past 24 years in the five county region to provide supplemental financing to start-up and growing businesses in the region. Over the course of the program, a total of \$6.8 million dollars has been lent to 109 businesses, which has created more than 700 jobs. The RLF plan was amended in November 2010 and forwarded to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for their approval. EDA has approved the change in the Loan Administration Board membership from seven to nine members. Board members serve for two-year terms and terms are staggered so that two terms expire every two years. Dale Edwards and Doug Bringhurst have both served multiple terms as bankers on this Board. Both of their terms expire this month. Staff is recommending new members for consideration of the Steering Committee as follows: **1) West Martin**-- Senior officer for Town and Country Bank in St. George; and **2) Terry Keyes**-- Southern branch of Wells Fargo Bank in Cedar City. Terry has extended experience having served as director of the Small Business Development Center and Iron County Economic Development director. Both of these individuals bring a vast amount of experience to the Board; and **2) Paul Campbell**-- Recommended to fill the slot of equity and investment as a member with the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE).

Mr. Sizemore explained that there is also a vacancy for a new position representing the Chamber of Commerce but at this point no recommendation is available. The chairman of the Steering Committee has also served on this Board. However, Commissioner Johnson

has indicated that due to other commitments, he will not be able to serve in this capacity. The Board typically meets approximately 6-7 times a year in St. George or Cedar City and members receive travel reimbursement to attend these meetings. Chairman Johnson entertained nominations for a Steering Committee representative.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DOUGLAS HEATON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF, NOMINATING COMMISSIONER JIM MATSON TO SERVE AS THE STEERING COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR. MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CLARE RAMSAY, SECONDED BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE, TO APPROVE APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD FOR WEST MARTIN, TOWN AND COUNTRY BANK; TERRY KEYES, WELLS FARGO BANK; AND PAUL CAMPBELL, SCORE, ALL FOR TWO YEAR TERMS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Sizemore reviewed other members currently serving on the Board as follows: 1) Nick Lang, CPA, St. George; 2) Van Mackelprang, Kanab City Attorney; 3) Jeff Marchant, Cedar City; and 4) Joe Judd, Washington City. He also indicated that he will be approaching the Department of Workforce Services Regional Council next week for guidance and to determine possible changes in representation from their Council.

**VII. UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (UDOT) UPLAN PRESENTATION**

Mr. Sizemore reported that UDOT representatives have asked to defer this agenda item to the March meeting in Beaver so that Nathan Lee and John Thomas will be able to attend.

**VIII. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY REGIONAL SERVICES UPDATE**

Mr. Ed Meyer reported that Brian Cottam, Southern Utah University Government Relations and Regional Services, was unable to attend today's meeting because of prior commitments. He announced that Wes Curtis tendered his resignation as director of Governmental Relations and Regional Services. Brian Cottam has been named as the interim director at least to July 1<sup>st</sup>. Southern Utah University is committed to maintaining the regional services office and functions but needs to determine where this best fits into a particular department.

**IX. DIXIE STATE COLLEGE UPDATE**

Mr. Rick Palmer indicated that Frank Lojko was unable to attend because he is at the Legislature. A contractor has been selected for construction of the Holland Centennial Commons facility and work should begin soon. The Board of Regents has approved four new four-year degree programs at Dixie State including: 1) Theater; 2) Theater Education; 3) Math and 4) Math Education. The institution has been divided into five divisions as follows: 1) School of Business; 2) School of Education; 3) School of Humanities and Fine Arts; 4) School of Science and Technology; and 5) School of Nursing and Allied Health, with a dean over each of those schools. The Board of Regents also approved Dixie State College for study to move towards university status over the next 3-4 years. Commencement will be the biggest ever entertained, with each school awarding their own

degrees. He reported that the enrollment at Dixie State College has increased to approximately 8,000 students, and a ten percent growth rate is projected to continue in future years.

## **X. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES**

Mike Empey, Congressman Matheson's Office, reported that Marreen Casper asked to be excused because of family business in Texas. The Congressman anticipates a continuing resolution for the FY 2011 budget to either the end of the federal budget year or calendar year. At this point, it is uncertain if the funding will be at 2008 levels or somewhere else. As information is received he will forward it to the Five County office.

A meeting was held in Escalante on January 26, 2011 to discuss possible funding options and partnerships that may be explored to continue operation of the Skyline Forest Resources sawmill in Escalante. Various agency representatives attended to collaborate and discuss what options might be available. A conference call was conducted but a lot of confusion made it impossible for a number of individuals to participate. Commissioner Clare Ramsay has asked for further discussion in this regard under correspondence.

Mr. Empey reported that Congressman Matheson is very concerned with the proposed wild lands secretarial order and has written correspondence to Secretary Salazar outlining constituent concerns in this regard. He would like to prohibit funding for this type of project. Commissioner Doug Heaton pointed out that this is very difficult to accomplish because of the enormity of the Interior Department budget and the ability to shift funds internally.

Commissioner Johnson recognized Ms. Ellen Schunk and Mr. Victor Iverson who will be staffing Senator Lee's Southern Utah Office. Ms. Schunk reported that she will be director of the Southern Utah office and Victor will be working mainly on public land issues. She provided a handout with contact information for Senator Lee's offices in Washington, D.C., Salt Lake City and St. George. Senator Lee will be serving on the following committees: 1) Judiciary; 2) Foreign Relations; 3) Energy and Natural Resources and 4) the Joint Economic Committee. The Senator is very happy to be on these committees and has been very busy since his arrival in Washington, D.C. He has introduced a bill for a balanced budget which differs somewhat from the bill introduced by Senator Hatch. Senator Lee's bill would limit spending to 18 percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP), eliminate loopholes, and require a 2/3 vote in both houses of Congress to increase taxes.

A town hall meeting was held last night in which Senator Lee participated and discussed concerns with executive agencies writing regulations that may not necessarily meet the original legislative intent. It is being proposed that significant departures from legislative intent would require authorization from Congress. A good example would be regulations that have been written to enforce the Clean Air Act. This will be a challenge, but it is something that needs to be addressed. Senator Lee will be in Washington County on February 19<sup>th</sup> to attend the Lincoln Day Breakfast and other locally scheduled meetings.

Mr. Victor Iverson introduced himself and provided some background information. He reported that a close relationship will be formed between himself and local elected officials as work continues on public land issues. He will be stationed in the St. George office and will be fully accessible to meet the needs in the region. Public lands and natural resource issues are close to his heart as he grew up in the area and is very familiar with these aspects.

**XI. LOCAL AFFAIRS**

**A. CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Sizemore provided draft copies of correspondence to Interior Department Secretary Salazar and reviewed the major points addressed regarding the recently-released Secretarial Order 3310 regarding "wild lands policy". Correspondence concluded with a statement that development of policy to implement the Order will be closely monitored. A request was also made that state and local officials in Utah be formally consulted and included in development of the policy. Committee members noted that the correspondence needs to include a date and asked that copies also be provided to the New York Times, New York Post, Los Angeles Times and the Salt Lake Tribune. It was Board consensus to authorize the Chair's signature with the above mentioned additions.

Correspondence addressed to Michael Jewel, Chief of the Regulatory Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento Division, regarding implementation of the General Permit 40 was reviewed. It was also noted that a date needs to be included at the top of this correspondence. Mr. Sizemore reported that he changed the wording of this letter somewhat as a response to a meeting held at the Washington County Water Conservancy District office. Reference is made to a website for the new GP-40 permit, associated list of authorized projects, and the white paper on Army Corps jurisdictions in the arid west. A request was made to keep our organization posted in regards to the workshop that will be conducted in southwestern Utah later this spring. Commissioner Denny Drake responded that correspondence is very diplomatic. In addition to the GP-40 permit, correspondence also needs to address jurisdictional permitting which has essentially shut-down construction on the eastern corridor of the Southern Parkway. UDOT applied for permitting but because the wash led to the Washington Field Canal, the Army Corps of Engineers assumed jurisdiction. Issues associated with jurisdictional transfer could have huge impacts on future projects in the entire Five County area and the regulatory division has not been willing to address anything associated to the jurisdictional transfer at this point. Commissioner Doug Heaton commented that he feels this issue will need to be addressed in court and it will be if restrictions occur in Kane County. Board members asked that once revisions have been made copies be e-mailed to members for review.

The third letter the Board requested is in regard to uranium withdrawal on the Arizona Strip. Because the Environmental Impact Statement is to be released within the next 1-2 weeks, staff felt it would be best to hold off until the EIS is distributed to provide a response. It was the consensus of Board members that this would be the appropriate direction to proceed.

Mr. Sizemore reviewed correspondence from Governor Gary Herbert in regard to the Community Impact Fund Board appointment. A number of appointments for various boards have been forwarded by the Governor to the Utah State Senate for confirmation. Commissioner Denny Drake's name has been forwarded as the recommendation for confirmation as the Five County representative on the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board.

Commissioner Clare Ramsay reported that as a result of the recent meetings in regard to the viability of the Skyline Forest Resources, the Garfield County Commission is requesting that this Board provide a letter of support to be used in seeking competitive grant funds.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DENNY DRAKE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF, INSTRUCTING STAFF TO DRAFT A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THIS BOARD FOR USE IN SEEKING FUNDING FOR THE ESCALANTE SAWMILL OPERATIONS. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**B. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL**

None.

**C. PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD (PCIFB) APPLICATIONS**

Mr. Sizemore reviewed the six applications that have been submitted to the PCIFB as follows: **1) New Harmony Fire District--** Requesting a \$266,000 loan to procure a large fire rig similar to those used by the Bureau of Land Management; **2) Brian Head Town--** Request is for a \$2.6 million grant/loan for construction of a new public safety facility; **3) Tropic Town--** A \$20,000 grant for a storm drain study; **4) Iron County--** Request for a \$1 million dollar loan to participate in construction of the Southern Utah Museum of Art at SUU; **5) Alton Town--** A grant for \$221,000 to pave roads in Alton; and **6) Big Water Municipal Government--** Request for a \$100,000 grant for construction of a public works facility. The Board has the option to support, not support, or remain neutral.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY MAYOR NINA LAYCOOK, SECONDED BY MAYOR JERRY TAYLOR, TO SUPPORT ALL APPLICATIONS AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**D. PLANNING ASSISTANCE**

None.

**E. OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**XII. AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS**

Commissioner Johnson reported that there are no A-95 reviews for Board consideration.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9, 2011 in Beaver at the Beaver County School District Office.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

UDOT REGION FOUR



*“Laws and institutions must go hand in hand with the progress of the human mind. As that becomes more developed, more enlightened, as new discoveries are made, new truths discovered and manners and opinions change, with the change of circumstance, institutions must advance also to keep pace with the times. We might as well require a man to wear still the coat which fitted him when a boy as civilized society to remain ever under the regimen of their barbarous ancestors.”*

*Thomas Jefferson*

*Performance Model*

It is an awesome responsibility we carry at UDOT to provide safe and efficient transportation systems for the citizens of this great state and all those who choose to explore its vast resources. Southern Utah contains many of the states natural resources, spectacular destinations, and opportunities that can be found no where else.

The Governor’s goals for the vitality and success of the state include development of clean coal, oil, natural gas, wind, and solar resources. Extremely satisfying is the knowledge that our team, the Region Four UDOT team, is dedicated to assisting in access and delivery of these economic resources.

UDOT is driven by a set of strategic goals. They provide guidance in the department’s efforts to improve the quality of life and economic vitality of the state. Whether its moving goods and services or getting to work on time, getting kids to school or special events, access to state parks or local businesses, it is exciting to see how our implementation of new discoveries helps meet the transportation need.

All initiatives and efforts, grand as they are, can really be traced back to each of you. It’s great public servants, doing spectacular things, with the latest technologies, who make our system great. That is what this Region Four Performance Model highlights. It is a persuasive document that shows

*Governor Herbert’s Priorities:*

- Economic Development*
- Transportation Infrastructure*
- Energy Security*
- Public and Higher Education*

transparency in government and identifies concise answers about what we do and why it is important. It describes measurable goals, identifies challenges, and helps build confidence with our customers, partners, and citizens.

*UDOT Strategic Goals  
“The Final Four”*

- Take care of what we have*
- Make the system work better*
- Improve safety*
- Increase capacity*

Each of you are outstanding individuals complimented by many accomplishments and personal goals. Your efforts are the cornerstone of the Region Four team. UDOT’s success is defined by what you do. May you find this model a useful tool in accomplishing your work, identifying priorities, and meeting regional goals.

I’m confident as new ideas emerge and we face new challenges, innovative ways will be found to do things and we will see changes in our plan. May you find joy in your service and feel confident your efforts are advancing the goals, wishes, and desires of those we serve in the great state of Utah.

*UDOT Project Delivery Themes:*

- Accelerate Delivery*
- Decrease and Minimize MOT*
- Encourage Innovation*
- Get A Good Price*

**AGENDA ITEM # II-A. (Continued)**

**MAINTENANCE**

Maintenance of the state roadway system is an integral part in providing a system of transportation for the public. Various activities are conducted by our crews throughout the year to provide this high quality service. Maintenance Performance Measures have been prepared to help provide direction. Areas of focus for the maintenance division are budgets, employee safety, MMQA and work planning.

**OPERATING BUDGETS**

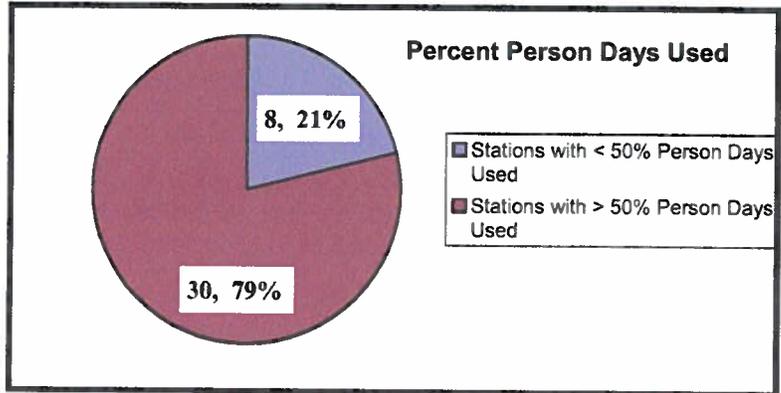
Operating within budget is a very crucial component of our business. It is important for our maintenance crews to complete their work within allocated budgets.

**2010 Performance Goal**

60% of maintenance crews to finish the budget year within 0.1% over or 0.5% under allocated budget.

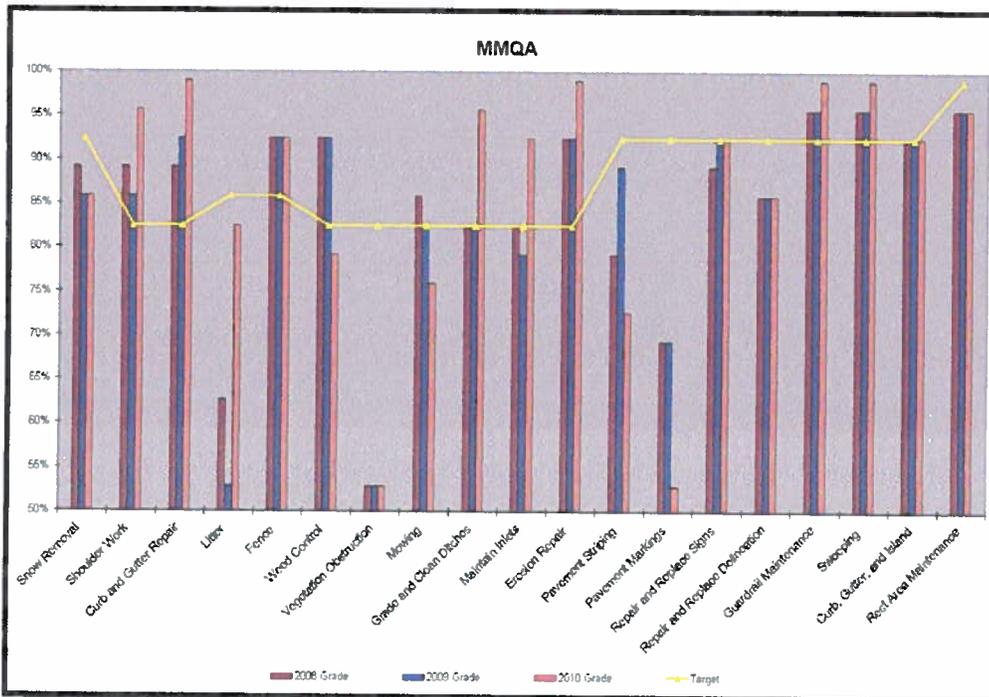
**2010 Accomplishment**

This goal is evaluated by the percentage of person days used to date. Region 4 has 38 maintenance crews that are working towards this goal with 30 crews on target to meet the goal based on person days. Station Supervisors meet with the Region Analyst, Area Engineers, and Area Supervisors to evaluate their budgets on a monthly basis to ensure this goal is met.



**MAINTENANCE MANAGEMENT QUALITY ASSURANCE REPORTING (MMQA)**

MMQA is the program to measure the Level of Maintenance (LOM) for our highway system. The directly measured MMQA activities are listed with the Region 4 Grade and associated MMQA Target. Some MMQA activities are not directly measured, so they have been omitted from the graph. This measure shows where the efforts need to be applied in materials, equipment, & labor.



**2010 Performance Goal**

Our Region 4 goal is to meet the LOM target.

**2010 Accomplishment**

Currently we are on target with 10 of the 19 categories meeting or exceeding current Region goal.

*MMQA activities, by their nature, will continually deteriorate over time. By aiming our activities above the posted target, we will be able to maintain a Region grade that meets the target. An important aspect of these activities, these grades begin to drive our budget levels in the given activities and locations.*

## **AGENDA ITEM # II-B.**

### **What is UPlan?**

UPLAN is an interactive planning and analysis tool developed to assist the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) in giving decision-makers access to data to support informed discussions and decisions. UPlan also facilitates synchronizing planning efforts with other state agencies, local governments, federal agencies, utility companies, and within UDOT's many departments. UPlan is an interactive web application that allows stakeholders to access data where they live their lives.

Data is compiled from a variety of sources and displayed spatially on an interactive map allowing users to view potential projects or studies and their adjacent resources. By organizing data in this format, data can be analyzed and displayed as meaningful information. Additional information (i.e. reports) can be linked spatially so all data associated with a project or study can be viewed on a single platform. UPlan has powerful analytical capabilities to allow us to measure environmental impacts in an automated way.



### **UPlan Concept**

The entire premise that drives UPlan development is very simple: organize data in a way that makes it useful to a broad spectrum of users. With that in mind, attention has been focused on the different data silos and combining that data with GIS tool that provides access to that data. A key aspect of this concept is that this information had to be made available to a much broader audience of users than what we currently have with most GIS based products. Our goal was to develop a tool that allowed decision-makers access to that same data that is contained in the data silos, combine it with other data sources,

## **AGENDA ITEM # II-B. (Continued)**

become more informed with that knowledge, and provide that information in an environment that has 'click on, click off' functionality. This is in contrast to the traditional desktop or server GIS applications that require a high degree of technical competency to access that same data.

With 'click on, click off' access to data, the user base for data contained in the various databases has greatly increased.

### **Where this all started.....**

In mid-2007, UDOT Planning issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to begin the process of developing a planning 'tool'. The RFP was fairly brief and direct. Essentially, it asked proposers to provide their idea of how to bring data into a GIS environment, organize it in a way that allowed analysis of that data and finally, and perhaps the most important part, deliver a graphical user interface (GUI) that decision-makers could use in their daily quest to better understand how this data could assist in more informed decisions.

Two years later and with a lot of resources expended, we had evaluated different proprietary software packages, tried to modify Google Earth, reviewed what the other 50 states had done and essentially came up empty handed. What we learned is that there are numerous, beneficial products or tools out there that address very specific needs. However, we were looking for a tool that could deliver broad or unlimited spatial display of data and at the same time provide navigation of that data in an organized way. During the spring of 2009, a member of the consulting team presented at a team meeting ArcGIS API loaded up with some data and we viewed that data through the internet.

This was our moment. The dark clouds parted, the sun began to shine through and we could hear the birds singing! Right then and there, we stopped all work on the other exploratory efforts and put all of our efforts into developing this application further.

### **What we have learned so far.**

Now that we had a platform to focus on, we could begin to develop our ideas and populate UPlan with more data and analytical tools. Our world started change and it was a very exciting time.

With the ESRI GIS product combined with Adobe Flex framework, these out of the box, industry standards opened doors for rapid application development. One of the benefits that we immediately recognized is that we now had access to databases in other State Agencies, utility companies, cities, counties and other sources. We could now take data from the sources, load it into UPlan to display and analyze.

We also learned that once we put data into a web application that is easy to navigate and display, that there is a lot of demand for information presented this way. And we learned about an unintended consequence. This tool has repeatedly shown itself as an effective collaboration tool.

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### **HEAT Applicants to See Lower Benefit Payments**

SALT LAKE CITY- Due to federal budget cuts to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Home Energy Assistance Target (HEAT) applicants will receive lower average payments beginning March 2, 2011.

In order to serve as many clients as possible, the State HEAT Benefit payment will be reduced from an average of \$510 to an average of \$360 per household.

“More than 50,000 households were provided with HEAT Benefits in 2010 and in today’s economic environment we don’t anticipate a decrease in the need for this service,” said Utah Division of Housing and Community Development director Gordon Walker. “In order to serve as many Utahns as possible it was determined that benefit amounts had to be lowered.”

To help Utahns understand the changes to the HEAT program, the Utah Division of Housing and Community Development has developed a fact sheet which contains information on how they can off-set the reduction of their payment.

To qualify for HEAT, a family must earn below 150 percent of the federal poverty level: about \$33,000 for a family of four. Priority for H.E.A.T. assistance is given to households with the highest energy burden in relationship to household income while taking into consideration vulnerable populations such as the elderly, disabled and families with young children.

Utahns are encouraged to visit our website at <http://housing.utah.gov/seal/offices.html> to find their county’s contact information, or to dial 2-1-1.

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The H.E.A.T. program is Utah's version of the federal LIHEAP program (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program LIHEAP). It is funded 100% by the Federal Government through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Utah's State Energy Assistance and Lifeline Office is managed by the Utah Division of Housing and Community Development under the Utah Department of Community and Culture.

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**Home Energy Assistance Program**

**Guide for Changes in Benefits**

***LIHEAP Federal Budget Cuts:***

Nationwide the LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) funding will be reduced from a little over \$5 billion to just \$2.5 billion.

***State of Utah HEAT Budget Cuts:***

Utah's portion will be between \$14 million and \$17 million compared to \$30.1 million this year, cutting our budget in half.

***Importance of funding:***

For the first time in 30 years the HEAT Program surpassed 50,000 households in assisted mark in 2010. 52,313 households applied and 50,099 were approved for HEAT assistance.

***What this Means for You:***

In order to serve as many clients as possible, the State HEAT Benefit payment will be reduced on March 2, 2011 from an average of \$510 to an average of \$360 per household. Your benefits will be less.

***For Additional Information:***

To Contact your local HEAT office, call 2-1-1.

For information on energy efficiency improvements, call 2-1-1 or (801) 538-4798 or (801) 538-8815.

Visit our website at:  
<http://housing.utah.gov/seal>

***How Clients Can Off-Set the Reduction of their Payment:***

1. Make every effort to pay your full gas and electric bills each month.
2. Be aggressive about energy use in your home by following these tips which can save 10 to 20 % on your utility bills.
  - Change your furnace filter every 2-3 months.
  - Use compact fluorescent bulbs.
  - Use a microwave instead of a stove.
  - Buy ENERGY STAR appliances and equipment.
  - Set water heaters at 110 degrees.
  - Install low-flow shower heads.
  - Turn off lights, computers, monitors and TVs when not in use.

It takes less energy to reheat or re-cool your home when you get home than to leave it running while you are gone.

***Winter Tips***

- Set thermostat to 68-72 degrees.
- Set thermostat to 55 degrees when gone.
- Open blinds to let in the sun.
- Close blinds at night to keep the heat in.
- Wear warm clothes.

***Summer Tips***

- Set air conditioner to 78-82 degrees.
- Set air conditioner to 85 degrees when gone.
- Turn off air conditioner and open windows at night to let cool air in.