MINUTES

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
March 14, 2012
Beaver, Utah

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE	REPRESENTING
Commissioner Clare Ramsay, Chair	Garfield County Commissioner Representative
Mayor Jerry Taylor, Vice-Chair	Garfield County Mayor Representative
Ken Platt	Garfield County Schools Representative
Commissioner Chad Johnson	Beaver County Commissioner Representative
Craig Wright for Mayor Mark Yardley	Beaver County Mayor Representative
Carolyn White	Beaver County Schools Representative
Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff	Iron County Commissioner Representative
Mayor Connie Robinson	Iron County Mayor Representative
Alan Adams	Iron County Schools Representative
Commissioner Douglas Heaton	Kane County Commissioner Representative
Mayor Nina Laycook	Kane County Mayor Representative
Commissioner Denny Drake	Washington Co. Commissioner Representative

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE	
Marreen Casper	Senator Hatch's Office
Ellen Schunk	Senator Lee's Office
Mike Empey	Congressman Matheson's Office
Jan Thompson	Department of Workforce Services
John Bennett	Governor's Office of Planning and Budget
Sam Schroyer	Southern Utah Recycling Coalition
Jenifer Winward	Southern Utah Recycling Coalition
Denise Kolmer	Southern Utah Recycling Coalition
Cindy Frandson	Southern Utah Recycling Coalition
Rick Arial	Dave Clark Campaign
Ken Sizemore	Five County Association of Governments
Diane Lamoreaux	Five County Association of Governments
Gary Zabriskie	Five County Association of Governments

MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE	
Wendy Allan	Kane County Schools Representative
LuAnne Forrest (Excused)	Washington Co. Schools Representative
Mayor Darrin LeFevre	Washington Co. Mayor Representative
Dorian Page	Southern Utah University
Frank Lojko	Dixie State College of Utah

Commissioner Clare Ramsay, Chair, welcomed everyone in attendance. He acknowledged Craig Wright, representing Mayor Mark Yardley, Beaver County Mayor Representative and noted that LuAnne Forest, Washington County Schools Representative, asked to be excused.

I. MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2012 - REVIEW & APPROVE

Chairman Ramsay indicated that a quorum was present for conduct of business and presented minutes of the February 8, 2012 meeting for Board consideration.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. ALAN ADAMS TO ACCEPT MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2012 MEETING AS PRESENTED. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MAYOR NINA LAYCOOK. MOTION CARRIED.

II. SOUTHERN UTAH RECYCLING COALITION REPORT

Mr. Ken Sizemore introduced Mr. Sam Schroyer, Southern Utah Recycling Coalition (SURC), and asked that he provide introductions for others from their organization. Mr. Schroyer introduced Ms. Jenifer Winward, Recycling Coordinator for Washington County Solid Waste; Ms. Denise Kolmer, Southern Utah University; and Ms. Cindy Frandson of SURE Recycling. Mr. Schroyer reviewed the mission statement of the organization and noted that the overall goal is to provide opportunities for a long-term recycling program throughout the Five County region. The Southern Utah Recycling Coalition is a non-profit organization. Past and current programs from 2005 through 2011 were summarized, and it was noted that SURC received a grant from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2011 to expand recycling in the Five County area. Various partnerships have been formed and many ongoing recycling activities already occur. SURC would like to improve recycling accessibility through the provision of additional drop-off locations; coordination of new recycling collection routes in the region; development of local markets for glass; and improve education components emphasizing minimization.

Mr. Schroyer reported that a meeting was held on February 22, 2012 with the following three main focuses: 1) Review where things are; 2) Discuss where attendees would like them to be; and 3) Develop concepts for how to get there. The meeting was well attended and provided some valuable information regarding recycling. The next steps for the organization include: 1) Conduct a basic feasibility study to access collection options, transportation/routing, associated expenses, and funding; 2) Form a steering committee with members from each of the five counties to access existing infrastructure, potential obstacles, and other issues; 3) Complete setup of glass pulverizer in Cedar City, collect more glass and conduct outreach for crushed glass markets.

Steering Committee members were asked to provide ideas for funding and/or suggestions or ideas for consideration of the coalition. Commissioner Douglas Heaton asked if the recycling business is profitable. Mr. Schroyer responded that some resources such as aluminum and steel provide an opportunity for some profit. A lot depends on the volume and how things are packaged for transport to recycling centers. Ms. Winward reported that recycling efforts can break even but for the most part financial support is required. However, recycling provides some job creation as well as relief to the landfills in the region. She explained that Washington County Solid Waste collects a fee that is allocated to various services such as the binnie program. Mr. Schroyer explained that SURE Recycling and Rocky Mountain Recycling operate for-profit businesses. It was pointed out that some residents in Washington County pay for the convenience of curbside recycling pickup. Several Board members expressed concern for their constituents being taxed to pay for a recycling program. Mr. Schroyer noted that SURC would like to partner with various organizations to work towards implementation of a program that could work in rural areas.

III. COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CED) PROGRAM REVIEW

Gary Zabriskie, Director of Community and Economic Development, reported that the CED programs are some of the most hands on programs at the AOG. The Board frequently

receives information regarding the Community Development Block Grant, Permanent Community Impact Board, Revolving Loan Fund and Economic Development programs. Pages 10-11 of the packet summarize these programs and funding provided to the Five County region. Program information was shared as follows: **1) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program--** Funding comes from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Funds are passed through the state of Utah to regions throughout the state. An annual allocation of funding is provided to the region for allocation. The Steering Committee serves as the Regional Review Committee for allocation of these funds. A list of past CDBG projects is provided on the AOG website for those interested in reviewing where funds have been allocated. Ms. Diane Lamoreaux works as the CDBG Program Specialist to provide expertise for this program; **2) Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (PCIFB)--** The CIB program provides loans and/or grants to state agencies and subdivisions of the state. PCIFB funding is derived from royalty payments made by lease holders to the federal government for the development and production of non-metalliferous minerals. In Utah, the primary source of these royalties is the commercial production of fossil fuels on federal land. A portion of the royalty payments is returned to the state of Utah. The state then allocates a portion (32.5%) to PCIFB. On a monthly basis, the Steering Committee is asked to review applications that have been submitted from our region. Two additional handouts were provided which outline funding from the past year provided from CIB to the Five County region as well as information announcing a CIB tutorial that will be conducted on April 5, 2012 at the Santa Clara Town Hall. Those intending to submit an application to CIB are encouraged to attend the training session. Gary Zabriskie provides staff assistance to this program serving as the CIB Regional Planning Program (RPP) Planner; **3) Economic Development Administration/Revolving Loan Fund (RLF)--** Southwest Utah has been designated as an Economic Development District and pursues an aggressive regional economic development program centered on a comprehensive economic development strategy (CEDS). AOG staff endeavors to coordinate with local economic development professionals, the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah and public land managers. Staff also manages the RLF program in the Five County region. Darren Janes, Senior Planner, provides expertise as a Certified Economic Development Finance Professional for day-to-day management of the RLF program; **4) Circuit Rider Planner--** The AOG oversees the Garfield County Circuit Rider Planner program. Justin Fischer, who resides in Panguitch, currently fills this role. Services are provided to Garfield County as well as communities in the county based on agreed upon levels. Over the past year, Iron County has assumed responsibility for their circuit rider planner; **5) Planning Contracts--** Kanab City currently contracts with the AOG for planning services specific to their community. Darren Janes fulfills the responsibilities of this contract; **6) Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan (NHMP)--** During the March to April time frame, CD-ROMs containing the NHMP will be provided to all jurisdictions in the Five County region. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. St. George City and Hurricane City have formally adopted the plan and each jurisdiction in southwestern Utah will be asked to adopt the plan utilizing a formal resolution. The AOG has been granted an extension to the original contract from the state of Utah in order to complete a separate "stand-alone" plan for the three Bands of the Paiute Tribe of Utah located in the Five County area.

Mr. Zabriskie shared a few other examples of projects completed over the past year including the Kane County General Plan Revisions, the Kane County Natural Resource Plan revisions, and the SR-9 Corridor Management Plan for the area from LaVerkin to Zion National Park.

IV. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

A. SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Ramsay entertained a motion to enter into the public hearing.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAD JOHNSON TO ENTER INTO THE CDBG PUBLIC HEARING. MOTION CARRIED.

Ms. Diane Lamoreaux reported that each applicant is required to hold a public hearing to allow citizens the opportunity to provide input concerning the project that was awarded funding under the CDBG program. The Five County AOG was pre-approved by the Steering Committee to receive $90,000 to accomplish eligible activities of a regional nature. These program elements include program administration, Consolidated Plan update, rating and ranking, housing and RLF program delivery, and economic development technical assistance. She noted that the Five County AOG anticipates approximately $900,000 for regional allocation in FY 2012. As explained previously, this amount reflects the reallocation of $300,000 as a result of Color Country Community Housing, Inc. not being able to sell tax credits for a housing project in Washington City. Previous work plan elements are as follows: 1) Direct Planning to income eligible communities; 2) Updating the Region's Consolidated Plan; 3) Rating and ranking of projects; 4) Housing and RLF program delivery; 5) Economic development technical assistance; and 6) Workforce housing assistance. State CDBG staff has determined that direct planning assistance will not be eligible to the AOG's beginning this program year.

Community and Economic Development staff have developed a draft work plan for FY 2012 which includes outcomes, measurements, activities and budget amounts. Elements of the work plan include: Consolidated Plan update; general program administration; planning assistance for moderate housing plans; and program delivery for housing and the RLF programs. Staff efforts will also focus on workforce housing newsletters, ombudsman activities and educational information and presentations. Staff will continue in their effort to develop, coordinate, and catalog GIS data at the Association. State staff has agreed to allow the AOG to continue with assistance to communities in the writing and updating of their moderate housing plans.

Ms. Lamoreaux solicited comments, questions or concerns from the audience. She also asked for Board input regarding the work plan elements and if staff could continue with work plan as presented. No comments or suggestions were provided by the Board or audience. The Board provided consensus to proceed with the FY 2012 work plan as outlined above.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DENNY DRAKE, SECONDED BY MR. KEN PLATT TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING. MOTION CARRIED.

B. CONSOLIDATED PLAN HEARING

Ms. Diane Lamoreaux commenced the public hearing and reported that each year the AOG undertakes a rewrite of the Consolidated Plan. A copy of the Executive Summary for the One Year Action Plan is included in the packet on pages 14-27. As part of the Community Development Block Grant Program and because the AOG receives federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), it is required that a Consolidated Plan be developed and updated on an annual basis. The plan is rewritten every five years and a one-year action plan is required every year. Core components of the Plan include Community Development, Economic Development and Housing Development which also addresses homeless issues. AOG staff works with jurisdictions in the Five County region to update their capital improvement lists as well as to collect housing and community development information that is incorporated into the Plan. The Community Action staff at the Association also assists in providing updated information for special needs housing and homelessness in the region. Information gathered from the Human Services Public Forums is also included. The one year action plan includes a summary of goals and priorities for each of the core components, provides performance measures for past and current CDBG projects, addresses the funding process, public participation and a summary of performance measures for upcoming projects for FY 2012.

The entire document is posted on the Five County website for review. A public notice was published in The Spectrum announcing a 30-day comment period beginning March 14, 2012 through April 14, 2012. An article was also published in the Five County Newsletter encouraging local elected officials and others to review and comment on the Plan. Board members and others in attendance are encouraged to visit the AOG website to review the document. It was also noted that an excel spreadsheet tool is also posted as part of the Plan.

Ms. Lamoreaux noted that one of the most important aspects of this process is the capital improvements lists and resulting priorities which are developed. Jurisdictions are familiar with the process and are made aware that if projects are not included on these lists they cannot submit applications for funding to the Community Development Block Grant or Permanent Community Impact Board.

V. PUBLIC FORUM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Ken Sizemore referenced the announcement contained on page 28 of the packet outlining the dates and locations for each of the 2012 Public Forums. Each year these forums are conducted to solicit input from partnering agencies, elected officials and the public on services for economically disadvantaged individuals and families. Community and Economic Development and Transportation staff at the AOG also attend these forums to discuss transportation and community planning issues. Board members are encouraged to attend the forum scheduled in their respective county.

Mr. Sizemore mentioned that Sherri Dial asked that he express her gratitude to everyone for their thoughts, prayers and kindness shown through the loss of her husband. Everyone has been very gracious and understanding during this difficult time. Sherri has returned to work full time and appreciates all of the concern shown.

VI. RLF BOARD MEMBERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Ken Sizemore referenced a summary on page 29 of the packet outlining the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program and composition and terms for this nine member Board. Staff is in the process of filling several positions over the next few months and is proposing that one of the banker slots be filled by Darrin Duncan from State Bank of Southern Utah in Cedar City. Darrin is a long-time State Bank employee who works in the auditing portion of the bank operations. He reported that Brock Belnap, Washington County Attorney, has agreed to assign one of his deputy attorneys to fill the attorney slot. In addition, Richard VanAusdal is retiring from his position at the Dixie ATC in May. Staff will solicit a replacement nominee at the next Workforce Services Council meeting. Suggestions for the Workforce Services, attorney and the two business owner/manager slots will be considered at the June Steering Committee meeting.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DARRIN DUNCAN TO SERVE AS THE BANKING REPRESENTATIVE FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM ON THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND BOARD. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAD JOHNSON AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

VII. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE UPDATE

Mr. John Bennett, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, reported that Governor Herbert was very pleased with the Legislative session, especially in terms of the budget which funded most of his priorities. A handout was provided outlining bills that may be of interest to Board members with a few highlights as follows: **1) SB 137, Financial Transparency Website--** Beginning May 15, 2013, interlocal entities will be required to provide public financial information for this website; **2) HB 148, Transfer of Public Lands Act and Related Study--** This bill requires the federal government to transfer title to all lands it holds in Utah to the state of Utah with some exceptions such as National Parks. This bill will likely be declared unconstitutional if enacted; **3) HB 139, Department of Community and Culture--** This bill changes the name of the Department of Community and Culture to the Department of Heritage and Arts. A major provision in the bill is to move the Division of Housing and Community Development to the Department of Workforce Services. The physical move has already occurred. An advisory council has been established to meet and determine how services are to be provided in the future; **4) HB 220, Classification of Counties--** The purpose of this bill was to define all Utah counties as "rural" with the exception of the four Wasatch Front counties. The bill died in the Senate but is likely to return next year or during an interim study; **5) HB 224501, Political Subdivision Report of Federal Receipts--** This bill was aimed to provide a contingency plan that would address reductions in federal funds, but the bill failed; **6) HB 302, Land Use Penalties--** Requires that cities give notice to a land owner when the landowner is in violation of land use laws and provide the land owner a reasonable time to come into compliance with ordinances before a fine is imposed; and **7) HB 502, Incorporation Amendments--** Modifies the requirements for incorporating a city and town. Several other bills of particular interest were mentioned briefly. Mr. Bennett encouraged members to review the handout and contact him with any questions.

VIII. UTAH DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES UPDATE

Ms. Jan Thompson, DWS, provided a handout containing contact information and telephone numbers for the Southwest Utah Service Area. She noted that each county has an employment center to serve customers and face-to-face contact is available with eligibility workers who work at each of these employment centers. The Unemployment Insurance Division is strictly a call center, but clients can get personal assistance at any employment center. The Workforce Development Division responds to customers, job seekers and/or employers either by telephone, online or walk-in contact. These employees live and work in the local communities. She announced that the Primary Care Network for adults with or without children opens to accept applications from March 19-30, 2012. This opportunity is only provided once or twice each year.

IX. UTAH DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UPDATE

Mr. Sizemore reported that UDOT provided a presentation regarding the SR-14 landslide at the Southwest Utah Planning Authorities Council (SUPAC) meeting. The contractor is moving in heavy equipment that will be used for the project. A rough dirt surface road will be available by June for night and weekend only travel. The project will move the road out and up because of the terrain. Most of the material will be taken to the toe of the slope for reinforcement. UDOT plans to have a live webcam on the work site to provide progress of the work being accomplished. Pictures of the equipment and slide area are posted on the UDOT website at www.udot.gov

X. SOUTHERN UTAH UNIVERSITY UPDATE

None.

XI. DIXIE STATE COLLEGE (DSC) UPDATE

None.

XII. CONGRESSIONAL STAFF UPDATES

Ms. Ellen Schunk, Senator Lee's Office, provided copies and read excerpts from a press release issued by Senator Lee commenting on the recent session of the Utah State Legislature.

Ms. Marreen Casper, Senator Hatch's Office, reported that the Senator will chair the Western Caucus of the Public Lands Subcommittee. A press release was provided regarding the Western Lands Distribution and Education Equalization Act of 2012. This legislation will be introduced by Senator Hatch in the U.S. Senate and by Representative Rob Bishop in the House of Representatives. A copy of correspondence addressed to Secretary Ken Salazar was provided to Board members. The letter addresses the BLM Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Oil Shale and Tar Sands and was signed by all of the Utah Congressional Delegation. A conference call between Senator Hatch, Gary Fraiser, Department of Interior Endangered Species, Utah Fish and Wildlife Service, Iron County Commissioners, and Mayors occurred last week. This was in regard to Prairie Dog issues and the need to find solutions for the problems that are occurring. Mr. Fraiser has agreed to visit Iron County sometime in April to tour the Paragonah Cemetery,

Parowan Airport and Cedar Golf Course to witness the problem first hand. Senator Hatch has stressed that someone who is able to make decisions must meet with officials and deal with these issues. Ms. Casper reported that the transportation bill has passed in the Senate and includes amendments for Secure Rural Schools (SRS) and Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding. This will provide a two year extension for PILT and one year of funding to SRS. The bill will now be forwarded to the House of Representatives for consideration.

Senator Hatch visited the southern Utah area in August as well as Milford High School where he met with teachers and students. He was very impressed with Andy Swapp and Milford High School students. As a result, the Senator had Milford High School commerated in the Senate and today the award is being provided to Beaver County. Mr. Ken Platt expressed his gratitude to Senator Hatch for working diligently to obtain funding for Secure Rural Schools.

Mr. Mike Empey, Congressman Matheson's Office, reported that the transportation bill is a developing story in the House. A transportation bill was previously introduced in the house that would have provided a five year re-authorization. Several things were of concern with this legislation, particularly with designation of scenic byways and the bill did not move forward. Therefore, the House will likely consider the Senate transportation bill. Mr. Empey indicated that he has been spending a considerable amount of time on the Garfield County Ticaboo Electric Improvement District. SITLA has provided authorization for power lines to cross state lands. However, staff is working with BLM to obtain a resolution to cross approximately five miles of federal land that is under the BLM's jurisdiction. Commissioner Denny Drake acknowledged Congressman Matheson's work on uranium issues and thanked him for joining Washington County in this fight.

XIII. LOCAL AFFAIRS

A. CORRESPONDENCE

None

B. OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL

Mr. Ken Sizemore indicated that several out-of-state travel requests have been submitted for consideration as follows: **1) Curt Hutchings--** Request for authorization to attend the 2012 Annual Peer Learning Conference of the National Association of Development Organizations (NADO). The conference is scheduled for April 25-27, 2012 in Burlington, VT; **2) Carrie Schonlaw--** Authorization to attend the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging Annual Conference on July 7-11, 2012 in Denver, Colorado; **3) Carol Hollowell--** Request for permission to attend a workshop for Financial and Grant Management scheduled for April 24-25, 2012 in St. Louis, Missouri. Carol also requested that Scott Leavitt, the newly appointed CFO, be authorized to attend this workshop; and **4) Carol Hollowell--** A request for Carol Hollowell, Julie Duckett and Amy Brinkerhoff to attend the National Conference on Volunteering and Service that will be held in Chicago, Illinois from June 17-20, 2012. Mr. Sizemore reported that sufficient funds are included in each of the program budgets to cover associated costs of these requests, with the exception of the travel for Scott Leavitt.

Board members asked that each travel request be addressed individually in order to address questions and/or concerns.

Mr. Ken Platt commented regarding the travel request for Curt Hutchings and asked if the conference is ever held in closer proximity. Mr. Sizemore explained that the conference moves around the country to various locations. This is a very important opportunity to network with other RPO staff in coordination of efforts. A cost breakdown is included in the travel request.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CHAD JOHNSON, SECONDED BY MS. CAROLYN WHITE, TO APPROVE THE TRAVEL REQUEST FOR CURT HUTCHINGS AS OUTLINED ABOVE. MOTION CARRIED WITH ONE OPPOSED.

Mr. Ken Platt pointed out that registration for the Aging Conference is $465.00 and the motel will cost around $189.00 a night. He asked if there might be a cheaper motel that could be used. Other members indicated that typically all rates in the Denver area would be high.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DENNY DRAKE, SECONDED BY MR. ALAN ADAMS, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR CARRIE SCHONLAW'S TRAVEL TO DENVER, COLORADO JULY 7-11, 2012 TO ATTEND THE AGING CONFERENCE. MOTION CARRIED WITH ONE OPPOSED.

Mr. Sizemore reported that it would not be possible for Scott Leavitt to attend the Financial and Grant Management workshop because the budget is not sufficient to cover associated costs. However, it would be good for Carol Hollowell to attend this conference to better understand the financial requirements of the Corporation for National and Community Service programs. It was pointed out that the conference is scheduled for April 24-25, 2012.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DENNY DRAKE, SECONDED BY MAYOR JERRY TAYLOR, TO AUTHORIZE TRAVEL FOR CAROL HOLLOWELL TO ATTEND THE FINANCIAL AND GRANTS MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE ON APRIL 24-25, 2012 IN ST. LOUIS, MO., WITH THE CONDITION THAT TRAVEL EXPENSES COME IN ON BUDGET AND EXPENSES ARE BROUGHT BACK TO THE BOARD. MOTION CARRIED WITH ONE OPPOSED.

Board members expressed concern with three staff persons attending the same conference and asked that this request be tabled until justification and expenses are provided. Mr. Sizemore explained that the conference provides tracks for the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, the Senior Companion Program and the Foster Grandparent Program. Each staff person will attend the track that is a focus for their work. This request can be brought forth at the April Steering Committee meeting for consideration. The Board instructed staff to provide financial breakouts for any future out-of-state travel requests.

C. PERMANENT COMMUNITY IMPACT FUND BOARD (PCIFB) APPLICATIONS

Mr. Sizemore reported that six applications were submitted from the Five County Region to the Community Impact Fund Board in the first trimester. Those

applications include: **1) Elk Meadows SSD, Fire Station Project - $600,000--** A grant ($100,000) and loan ($300,000) application. Applicant is contributing $200,000 in match funds; **2) Bryce Canyon City, Main Street Improvement Project - $725,000--** Requesting a $100,000 CIB grant. Applicant is providing $70,000 in match funding as well as $55,000 in-kind match, and FHWA is providing an Enhancement grant for $500,000; **3) Kanab City, Replacement Senior Citizen's Center Planning Project - $80,000--** Request is for a grant in the amount of $40,000. Kanab City and Kane County will each provide $20,000 in match funds; **4) Kanab City, 300 South Storm Water Road Improvement Project, $374,538--** Request for a CIB grant in the amount of $125,000 and a loan for $200,000. Kanab City will provide $49,538 in match funds; **5) Boulder Town, Park Improvement Project, $323,990--** The town has applied for a $318,990 grant. Applicant is contributing $5,000 in match funds; and **6) Enterprise City, Water Improvements Project, $878,000--** Application for a 2.5% CIB loan in the amount of $778,000. Enterprise City will contribute $100,000 matching funds. The Board has the option to support, not support, or remain neutral on any or all applications.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF, SECONDED BY MAYOR NINA LAYCOOK, TO SUPPORT ALL OF THE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO CIB AS OUTLINED ABOVE. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. PLANNING ASSISTANCE

Mr. Sizemore presented a planning request from Springdale Town for AOG assistance with Board of Adjustment Training. The training will be made available to LaVerkin City as well as Springdale Town. Staff resources and funds are available to accommodate this request.

MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DENNY DRAKE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DALE BRINKERHOFF, TO APPROVE STAFF ASSISTANCE FOR BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TRAINING AS OUTLINED ABOVE. MOTION CARRIED.

E. OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Sizemore reported that the U.S. Forest Service acknowledged receipt of the FACA committee nominations. It is anticipated that it will take approximately 6-8 weeks to complete background checks, with notification on any appointments in the May time frame.

Mr. Sizemore also indicated that invitations have been sent out announcing an open house retirement celebration for Bob Rasmussen on Thursday, March 29, 2012 at the Cedar City Senior Citizens Center from 2-4 p.m. A special presentation will be provided at 2:30 p.m. He encouraged Board members to attend and participate in the festivities.

XIV. AREAWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEWS

Mr. Sizemore reviewed three A-95 reviews as follows: **1) Trust Lands Administration--** Milford Block Lambing Shed Lease for property west of Milford; **2) Division of Oil, Gas and Mining--** Mining and Reclamation Plan Approval for Good Earth Minerals, LLC gem mine in Washington County; and **3) Trust Lands Administration--** Special Lease Agreement to lease 66 acres north of Kanab for development purposes. All of the reviews have supportive staff recommendations.

MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. KEN PLATT, TO APPROVE THE A-95 REVIEWS AS PER STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS. Commissioner Denny Drake reported that concerns regarding air quality had been an issue for the gem mine, but those issues have been addressed. MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DENNY DRAKE AND CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 18, 2012 in Parowan. The meeting will be held at the Parowan Public Library. Mr. Sizemore reminded Commissioners that an Executive Committee is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on that same day at the same location.

MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER CHAD JOHNSON AND SECONDED BY MAYOR JERRY TAYLOR.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.