

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD BY MORGAN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
IN REGULAR SCHEDULED OPEN PUBLIC SESSION ON
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2019 AT 4:00 P.M., IN THE COUNCIL ROOM OF
THE CITY OFFICE LOCATED AT 90 WEST YOUNG STREET**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Robert Kilmer, Jeffery Richins, Tony London, Ray Little, Kelly Preece, Ron Blunck, Roland Haslam, and Tina Cannon

GUESTS PRESENT: Ty Bailey, Julie Bjornstad and Andrew Gruber, Wasatch Front Regional Council, Lance Evans, Morgan County, and Denise Woods, Secretary

EXCUSED MEMBERS: Doug Jacobs

This meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. by Chairman Kilmer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: Kelly Preece moved to approve the minutes of the Morgan Council of Governments meeting held on November 19, 2018.

SECOND: Tony London

The vote was unanimous to approve the minutes as written.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

1. APPOINTMENT/VOTE – NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Chairman Kilmer opened the floor for nominations for new Chair and Vice Chair for 2019.

MOTION: Tony London nominated Jeffery Richins as Chair

SECOND: Kelly Preece

Vote was unanimous for Jeffery Richins to serve as new Chair.

Chairman Kilmer opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

MOTION: Tony London nominated Roland Haslam as Vice Chair

SECOND: Kelly Preece

Vote was unanimous for Roland Haslam to serve as Vice Chair.

Chairman Kilmer turned the meeting over to Chairman Richins.

2. MORGAN COUNTY APPOINTMENTS TO WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL (WFRC) COMMITTEES – PRESENTED BY ANDREW GRUBER

Andrew Gruber, Wasatch Front Regional Council, introduced Julie Bjornstad, Rural Planning Organization. He stated COG was responsible for making appointments to various committees for WFRC. He distributed a list specifically for Morgan County of the appointments which needed to be made through WFRC and its committees. The list indicated the current 2018 WFRC Committees and the assigned County Councilmembers and tentative assignments for 2019. WFRC was a group of principally local elected officials which came

together to plan for the future of transportation, growth, housing, air quality, and economic development. WFR's jurisdiction included areas of Salt Lake County, Davis County, Weber County, Southern Box Elder, Tooele County, and Morgan County. He discussed each of the committees and their roles.

Julie Bjornstad explained the function of the Rural Planning Organization (RPO). Currently they were working through the list of priorities. As the plan was solidified the RPO can provide technical assistance, writing grants, identifying funding for projects, etc.

Andrew stated the COG needed take final action regarding the appointees to each of the committees.

Tina Cannon asked for clarification regarding WFEDD. She mentioned that she and Ty Bailey had been attending those committee meetings.

Andrew stated the WFEDD (Wasatch Front Economic Development District) had one member and alternate appointed by each of the COGs in the region. That group could then appoint others to participate from around the region in both the public and private sectors.

Discussion regarding COG taking a larger role in the development of the Wasatch Back instead of it being just the County Council. It needed to be a member of COG and typically the appointments were local elected officials. Tina mentioned the importance of attendance to the committee meetings. Discussed Ty being a member of the WFEDD and appointed by COG. Andrew requested time to review the WFEDD By-Laws.

MOTION: Robert Kilmer moved to table this item until the end of the meeting.

SECOND: Tony London

Vote was unanimous to table this item until the end of the meeting.

3. TRANSIENT ROOM TAX – PRESENTED BY TY BAILEY

Ty Bailey stated the RDA had been renewed and he was currently working on incentive packages. He was working on recruiting a hotel. A hotel would generate new transient room tax (TRT) and both the City and the County have adopted rates (City was capped at 1% and the County was 4.25% TRT). Currently it was based on property value and property tax generated, but the TRT tax would be a performance-based tax. He suggested using the TRT as part of the incentive package. TRT was more restrictive; two-thirds of TRT was to be used on promotion and one-third could be used on infrastructure and impact. A Tourism Tax Advisory Board (TTAB) would determine the distribution of the money collected from the TRT and would be created by the County. Discussion regarding Airbnb and revenue currently generated in the County through TRT. He stated it was a source of revenue which didn't impact the residents.

Decision made for Ty to move forward with the incentive plan using TRT tax for the hotel; the County would put this item on the agenda for the next County Council meeting. Process would be a letter of support from the County and the City.

4. RECREATION BOARD – PRESENTED BY ROBERT KILMER

Robert Kilmer stated the RAMP tax had passed for recreation. Discussion on the future direction of recreation in the County and how to handle the transition year regarding the funding. Tony London clarified the RAMP tax would not start being collected until April 1, 2019. Ron Blunck stated the School Board was amenable to bridging the funding of the program one more year. Discussed the need for a Recreation Board to continue with representation from County, City, School Board. Tina Cannon stated it should be elected officials on the Board. Kelly Preece stated the School Board knew funding would be necessary from July 1 to the end of the

year for the Recreation Board to operate until the tax monies came in. Mayor Little asked for clarification on what/when each entity would pay; City and School Board would pay their original amounts on July 1 and the County would pay on January 1. He suggested the County and/or the Recreation Board to propose the new Board going into the next year.

5. COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ENDORSEMENT PROCESS – PRESENTED BY ROBERT KILMER

Mayor Little explained COG needed to develop a protocol or process for recommending to the County Council how to utilize the Corridor Preservation Fund; how to receive applications; developing a list of priorities; and distribution of the funds each year between City, County and School Board projects or a combination that was beneficial to the community rather than one entity. Suggestion made to create a list of projects for review by COG. The road to the sewer lagoons was mentioned as a possible project because it would benefit both the City and the County.

Andrew Gruber offered to collect samples showing how other COGs evaluate and prioritize their Corridor Preservation Funds.

Chairman Richins reopened discussion on item 2 – Morgan County Appointments to WFR.

Andrew Gruber stated the COG appointment to the WFEDD needed to be an elected official. They still anticipated Ty participating by not appointed by the COG. He stated the CDBG had two names listed from the County and needed clarification as to the member. Robert Kilmer stated Roland Haslam was the member and he was the alternative member.

MOTION: Mayor Little moved that the COG accept Wasatch Front Regional Council's Tentative List with the suggestion that the COG select Ty Bailey as WFEDD's other appointed individual and Tina Cannon be the representative of COG on the JPAC Committee.

SECOND: Ron Blunck

Vote was unanimous to accept the WFR's Tentative List with Ty Bailey as WFEDD's other appointed individual and Tina Cannon as COG's representative on JPAC Committee.

Mayor Little requested a list of the meetings to be held during the year by each committee. COG would like a report back from committee members after those meeting had been held.

6. LOCAL OPTION GENERAL SALES TAX DEDICATED TO TRANSPORTATION – PRESENTED BY MAYOR LITTLE

Mayor Little stated Utah Code Section 59-12-2219 allowed for cities and counties to adopt the fourth quarter of the local option general sales tax. The City adopted it by resolution at the last City Council meeting informing the County that by doing so, the City was in favor of the County also adopting the fourth quarter and would support them. He explained if not adopted by the County by July 2022 the State would adopt it and the County would not be able to.

Andrew Gruber clarified the amounts the County and City would receive if the fourth quarter tax was imposed. The use of the money was flexible and could be used for any transportation purposes.

Tony London asked if the County elected not to impose the tax, but the City did would it only be on sales tax collected within the City.

Andrew Gruber stated the City didn't have the option to impose it if the County didn't impose the tax. He said it was only for cities within counties that had transit. He discussed proposed changes to the Code regarding this tax which were being addressed during the current legislative session.

7. REPORTS FROM COG MEMBERS ASSIGNED TO ATTEND WFRC MEETINGS

Tina Cannon reported on the Regional Growth Committee meeting she attended. She provided a handout which showed the growth in the population of Morgan County. The Wasatch Front was filling up quickly and the shoulder counties was where the growth was focused. She stated Tooele County, Wasatch County, and Morgan County were the top three growing counties within the state. She stated residential property was taxed at 45% of commercial value and commercial property was taxed at 100%. She referred to a handout she provided which showed costs of services. If we are a residential community the cost of services to a residentially based community was an increase in property taxes to provide the level of service. She stated once the property taxes rose it was hard to incentivize a business to come into a community whose property taxes were based on residential property values only. She stated the Wasatch Front was 54,000 units short.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Kelly Preece suggested the housing update for the City and County continue throughout the coming year and be put on the agenda.

This meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.



Denise Woods, COG Secretary

These minutes were approved at the February 25, 2019 meeting.