



# IRON COUNTY RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION

ICRTEC CHAIR—MAYOR CONNIE ROBINSON • ICRTAC CHAIR—TOM STRATTON • PLANNING MANAGER—CURT HUTCHINGS

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## MINUTES

### Rural Transportation Executive Council (RTEC)

March 6, 2013 2:00 pm

Paragonah Town Office

44 North 100 West

Paragonah, UT

#### **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mayor H.C. "Dutch" Deutschlander  
Mayor Joe Burgess  
Mayor Robert Rasmussen  
Commissioner Alma Adams  
Commissioner David Miller  
Mayor Keith Williams  
Mayor Constance Robinson  
Mayor Donald Landes

#### **REPRESENTING:**

Brian Head Town  
Cedar City  
Enoch City  
Iron County  
Iron County  
Kanarraville  
Paragonah Town  
Parowan City

#### **MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE:**

Commissioner Dale Brinkerhoff

#### **REPRESENTING:**

Iron County

#### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Dave Demas  
Mr. Gary Zabriskie  
Mr. Rob Dotson

#### **REPRESENTING:**

Five County AOG  
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ICRTAC (Enoch City)

### I. QUORUM DECLARATION

Ms. Constance Robinson welcomed all to the meeting and declared there was a quorum present.



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## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 2, 2013

**A motion was made by Mayor H.C. “Dutch” Deutschlander, seconded by Mayor Donald Landes, to approve the Minutes of January 2, 2013 of the Iron County Rural Transportation Executive Council, with the following changes:**

**On page 5, Item V, Sub-item B, last paragraph, it should  
Read “Parowan Canyon” in place of “Cedar Canyon”.**

**MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## III. TRANSPORTATION PLAN (RTP) OUTLINE

### A. Plan Outline

Mr. Dave Demas provided all members with a copy of the outline for the Iron County Rural Planning Organization (ICRPO) Regional Transportation Plan. The Rural Transportation Advisory Committee (RTAC) members reviewed the outline of the plan at their last meeting and reviewed and modified the plan goals.

### B. Goals

Mr. Demas provided a list of goals for the ICRPO to be included in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). These goals contain changes suggested by the RTAC. The RTP will be based on the work the ICRPO has been doing, existing regional planning, and the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) program as well. Mr. Demas stated that he wants this to be a collaborative project, including suggestions by local government entities, the RTEC, RTAC, UDOT, and others who have been involved with local transportation planning.

## IV. CEDAR URBAN CLUSTER BOUNDARY (SMOOTHED) UPDATE

Next Mr. Demas handed out a map of the Cedar Urban Cluster Smoothed Boundary after being reviewed by the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) and returned to the ICRPO for its second review. Commissioner Adams suggested that the west boundary that was extended to 5700 W also be extended northerly to Iron Springs Road. Mr. Demas supports this request and will review it with Mr. Steve Platt, Iron County Engineer, and will resubmit the map to UDOT and ask for that change.



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## V. COMMUNITY IMPACT BOARD (CIB) PRESENTATION

Mr. Demas reminded RTEC members that during their discussions on the Alton Coal Mine, there were questions raised about the possible use of Utah Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (CIB) monies to help mediate the impacts of the coal truck traffic on roads in Iron County.

Mr. Demas asked Mr. Gary Zabriskie from Five County Association of Governments (FCAOG), who is the CIB's Regional Planning Program Planner for this region, to come and explain the program better.

Ms. Connie Robinson inquired of the RTEC members present if any of them are applying for CIB grants. She mentioned that Mr. Kit Wareham, the Cedar City Engineer, and Mr. Steve Platt, the County Engineer have visited with her in the past about CIB projects. Ms. Robinson asked if these engineers meet with the local cities and towns on a regular basis regarding possible CIB projects. A Councilmember responded that the engineers would only do that if they were partnering on a project. It is the responsibility of each city or town to apply for CIB monies.

Parowan City received money this current year for a water infrastructure improvement project that is currently underway. Commissioner David Miller stated that the County has applied for multiple projects this coming year.

Mr. Zabriskie began by explaining that the State of Utah collects money from the mining of certain resources (natural gas, coal, oil) on federal ground, including Bureau of Land Management and US Forest Service lands. Some are fees on the successful bidding for a lease and these monies go into the Bonus Fund. The other monies are royalties on the ongoing extraction of resources which goes into the Mineral Lease Fund.

Half of the monies go to the federal government and half comes to Utah. Approximately one third of the State's portion goes to transportation; one third to education; and one third to the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board (CIB).

The CIB is charged with the responsibility of mitigating the impact of the resource development - for example, improving road systems in effected communities. But it also can be used anywhere in the State of Utah whether or not an area is directly or indirectly effected by the mining. And the funds can be used for other community



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Projects, such as improving infrastructure or building fire stations and other community buildings.

The projects to be funded must be submitted for inclusion on a one year project list. Future projects can be put on a 2-5 year list. The Regional planners have been advised to identify exactly which projects applicants are serious about and prepared to undertake.

The CIB has given a lot of zero interest loans and grants to communities in mineral producing counties. Now the CIB mineral lease royalties will be provided most often as a loan unless there is a hardship situation that warrants a zero percent loan or grant funding. The interest rate on CIB loans has been lowered to 1.5%.

As of the last CIB meeting in February 2013, there was \$27 million unallocated bonus fund monies available and insufficient monies in the mineral lease fund. The bonus fund monies must be loaned as interest bearing loans. Currently loans are given liberally.

A Councilmember asked what projects qualify for zero percent interest funding. Mr. Zabriskie answered that for the most part those monies go to producing counties. Some go to impacted counties. The coal truck hauling from the Alton Coal Mine is currently coming from private land. If and when the mining occurs on federal land, then Iron County will be considered an impacted county.

A Councilmember mentioned that some banks are offering very good terms and in some cases communities are choosing bank loans over CIB loans.

Loans for road projects committing B & C Road funds as a revenue source must be paid back within 10 years, but public safety or community infrastructure projects can be paid over 15-30 years. Refinancing of existing loans is not an option.

Mr. Zabriskie reminded members that there is an important CIB projects decision meeting being held the following morning and all community representatives who have or want items on the project list need to attend that meeting. There is also the option of applying for funds in emergency situations at times outside of the usual trimester schedule.



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## VI. OTHER DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. Miscellaneous Items

None suggested.

### B. Next Meeting: May 1, 2013

Location: Enoch City Hall

## VII. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous agreement.