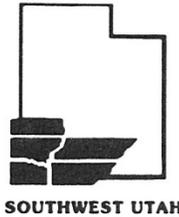


AGENDA ITEM #III.

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MINUTES

FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

1:30 P.M.

IN PERSON ATTENDED AT:

FESTIVAL HALL BUILDING; COMBINED MEETING ROOMS 1 & 2; 105 N. 100 E.; CEDAR CITY, UTAH

**ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING WAS PROVIDED
VIA A GOTOMEETING VIDEO CONFERENCE**

NOTE: WHILE THIS WAS AN IN-PERSON MEETING, DUE TO COVID-19, ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND THE PUBLIC WERE ESPECIALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE VIA THE AVAILABLE VIDEO CONFERENCE.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE IN-PERSON

Commissioner Wade Hollingshead, Chair
Commissioner Jerry Taylor, Vice Chair
Commissioner Paul Cozzens
Commissioner Andy Gant
Commissioner Gil Almquist
Mayor Robert Houston
Mayor Nolan Davis
Dale Brinkerhoff
Tyler Fails

REPRESENTING

Beaver County Commission Representative
Garfield County Commission Representative
Iron County Commission Representative
Kane County Commission Representative
Washington County Commission Representative
Kane County Mayoral Representative
Beaver County Mayoral Representative
Iron County School Board Representative
Beaver County School Board Representative

MEMBERS ATTENDING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Mayor Melanie Torgerson

REPRESENTING

Garfield County Mayoral Representative

BEAVER

GARFIELD

IRON

KANE

WASHINGTON

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE IN-PERSON

Don Ipson
Evan Vickers
V Lowry Snow
Maria McArthur
Heath Hansen
Scott Albrecht
Bryan Thiriot
Gary Zabriskie
Nathaniel Martinez

REPRESENTING

Utah State Senator, 29th District
Utah State Senator, 28th District
Utah House of Representatives, District 74
ERA Brokers Consolidated Real Estate
U.S. Senator Mike Lee
U.S. Senator Mitt Romney
Five County A.O.G. Executive Director
Five County A.O.G. Deputy Director
Five County A.O.G. Econ. Development Planner

OTHERS ATTENDING VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

Walt Brooks
Rex Shipp
Alyssa Gamble
Jack O'Donnell

REPRESENTING

Utah House of Representatives, District 75
Utah House of Representatives, District 72
Five County A.O.G. Community Planner
Self

I. WELCOME BY CHAIR.

Having confirmed that a quorum of the Steering Committee was present, in person and electronically, Beaver County Commissioner Wade Hollingshead, as Chair, opened the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

The Chair asked Beaver County School Board Representative Tyler Fails to lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Following the Pledge, Deputy Director Gary Zabriskie informed the Chair and the Board that according to long-established Bylaws of the Association, the Steering Committee, as the governing board of the Association, is made up of one county commissioner from each of the five counties, one mayor's representative from each county, and one school board member from each of the five county school boards. These 15 persons are all elected officials and are voting members on the Steering Committee. In addition to these 15 persons, the president of each of the two universities in this region (Dixie State University and Southern Utah University) or their designee are to serve on the Steering Committee, bringing their knowledge and insight into regional issues to the committee. While members of the committee, they are, however, ex-officio (non-voting) members. Mr. Zabriskie suggests that we invite those designees to take a place at the table along with the other members of the Committee. While invited, neither representative was present for the current meeting, so this is moot for this meeting.

III. MEETING MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 10, 2021 MEETING – REVIEW AND APPROVE.

The Chair presented this agenda item which is approval of the draft minutes from the February 10, 2021 Steering Committee meeting which took place in Kanab at the Kane County Water Conservancy District building. He asked if anyone had anything to bring up relative to the minutes and seeing that there were none, he called for a motion to approve.

Mayor Nolan Davis made a motion to approve the February 10, 2021 Steering Committee meeting minutes, as presented. Mayor Robert Houston seconded the motion.

The Chair called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously with all nine Committee members in attendance voting in favor and one member on the video conference also voting in favor of the motion.

The Chair, using his prerogative to do so, moved Agenda Item # VII up to this point in the Agenda so that the Utah State Senators and members of the Utah House of Representatives could present their legislative updates and be able to leave immediately afterwards if they desire.

VII. STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATES BY THE REGION'S ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES SERVING IN THE UTAH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE UTAH SENATE.

Walt Brooks – Utah House of Representatives District 75, reported on (2) Bills that passed with the help of the Senate:

- Concealed Carry Bill – which allows every legal, law abiding citizen in the State of Utah to legally conceal carry.
- Social Security tax deduction for anybody making \$55,000 or less this year.

Rex Shipp – Utah House of Representatives District 72, reported on a couple of Bills that were passed:

- Children's Hearing Aids – they were able to extend the sunset date on this bill which also allows those that are participating to donate to allow other kids to get hearing aids.
- A bill to regulate product pricing during emergencies to prevent price gouging.

Lowry Snow – Utah House of Representatives District 74, reported on a couple of Bills that involved Southwestern Utah:

- House Bill 328 called the Adult Learners Grant Program which focuses on people in our State who are over the age of 26 and have some college education but were never able to finish. Mr. Lowry discussed the preferences that are associated with this Grant program. Of note, there is approximately 370,000 of the Utah population who has some higher education – but never finished their degree. The primary institution that will initially lead out on this program is the Western Governors University (located in Salt Lake City, Utah) which is the largest provider of online college degrees in the entire country.
- The Colorado River Authority which is funded with \$9 million as part of our Defense Fund. This Bill was sponsored by the Speaker of the House and by the Senate President. The Bill is meant to protect our rights which benefits the entire state of Utah.

Senator Don Ipson – Utah State Senator, 29th District, reported on items they are working on, such as:

- Rural broadband – in the hopes of receiving some Federal stimulus money.
- Infrastructure, roads, Toquerville bypass, etc.

Senator Evan Vickers – Utah State Senator, 28th District, reported that their efforts were concentrated on the base budget and the allocation of funds to different needs. He also discussed the Census and the possible changes with redistricting. Mr. Vickers also discussed the CARES act money and possible uses.

IV. A-95 AREA-WIDE CLEARINGHOUSE REVIEW – PROPOSED SITLA LAND SALE (AUCTION) IN BEAVER COUNTY, UTAH WITH STAFF RECOMMENDING STEERING COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT.

Gary Zabriskie presented the proposed sale of a portion of the Trust Lands as described in the A-95 Areawide Clearinghouse review. He read the description of the project from the informational sheet that was provided in each Board members packet of materials.

Commissioner Jerry Taylor made a motion to Support sale of SITLA land identified in the A-95 Areawide Clearinghouse review, as presented. Mayor Nolan Davis seconded the motion.

The Chair called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously with all nine Committee members in attendance voting in favor and the member on the video conference also voting in favor of the motion.

V. APPROVAL OF FIVE COUNTY'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE UTAH ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

Alyssa Gamble reported that they have just completed the Annual Action Plan update (discussed at the last meeting). This update reports to the State Housing and Community Development Officer, and to HUD on our Region's activities in addressing housing, community development, homelessness, and other needs.

Alyssa noted that there were not any comments from the public following the 30-day public comment period and the public hearing. There were a few edits to the document as per the State Housing and Community Development Office request:

- Adding our CDBG CV or the Cares Act funds that we receive.
- Adding a bullet point list of the expected use of these funds that our region has received.
- Include a few minor formatting adjustments to the document.
- Include an updated Executive summary.

Commissioner Gil Almquist made a motion to approve the Five County Association of Government's contribution to the statewide Utah Annual Action Plan for the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, as presented. Mayor Nolan Davis seconded the motion.

The Chair called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously with all nine Committee members in attendance voting in favor and the member on the video conference also voting in favor of the motion.

VI. RATIFICATION BY THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE HUMAN SERVICE COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP (FCAOG CAP) POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.

Gary Zabriskie presented the update to the FCAOG Community Action Partnership Policies and Procedures manual. The following sections had to be changed and/or added:

- New Rental Assistance program that was given to us in May of 2020.
- Changes to the programs because of general updates.
- Updates to the policies and procedures to make sure that are up to date and in compliance with the current regulations for each of the programs.

Commissioner Paul Cozzens made a motion to ratify the Human Service Council's approval of the Five County Association of Governments' Community Action Partnership (FCAOG CAP) Policies and Procedures, as presented. Beaver County School Board Representative Tyler Falls seconded the motion.

The Chair called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously with all nine Committee members in attendance voting in favor and the member on the video conference also voting in favor of the motion.

VIII. CONGRESSIONAL UPDATES – BY CONGRESSIONAL FIELD OFFICE STAFF.

Heath Hansen – representing U.S. Senator Mike Lee discussed the 1.9 trillion-dollar stimulus bill (Senator Lee voted NO):

- Less than 9% is going to anything health or COVID related.
- Less than 1% is going towards the vaccination efforts.
- Most of the money is going towards things other than COVID – even though it was passed under the guise of being COVID relief.
- \$350 billion is allocated to go to States.
- \$65 billion to Counties.
- \$1.5 billion to the Local Assistance and Tribal consistency.

President Biden issued an Executive Order to conduct a 60-day review of the monuments in Utah to determine if re-expansion is necessary.

Other Executive orders were discussed – like the moratorium on oil and gas leases.

Other Bills Senator Lee is working on:

- PROMIS Act (Tech companies and their censorship and moderation policies).
- Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act (only biological women and girls can participate in events where the entity get federal funding and hosts sporting events).
- Child Welfare Provider Inclusion Act (introduced along with 22 other Senators) which is aimed to protect faith-based adoption and foster care entities.
- Re-introducing the NEPA Reform agenda (introduced last year).

Scott Albrecht – representing U.S. Senator Mitt Romney who also voted no on the spending bill. Senator Romney also introduced (2) amendments:

- Tying the money that would go to the State based on COVID need and not on a need that was created for the last 20 years of mismanagement.
- Tying payments to schools and education systems on getting kids back to school.

Senator Romney is also pushing forward with the Trust Act which would form committees to come up with a plan of how they are going to make each of these fund's solvent (such as Social Security, Medicare, Federal Highways Fund). Senator Romney is also introducing legislation that will fund the SRS funding (funding runs out in April of this year unless it is re-authorized).

IX. STATE AGENCY UPDATES.

There were none at this meeting.

X. UNIVERSITY UPDATES.

There were none at this meeting.

XI. LOCAL AFFAIRS / OTHER ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS.

There were no other local affairs items to discuss.

XII. ADJOURN.

Commissioner Wade Hollingshead, Chair, seeing that there was no further business to be conducted, adjourned the meeting at 3:02 p.m.