# Robert K Weidner

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October 24, 2022

Dear Commissioners/Council Members:

When former three-term (1974-1993) Utah Senator Jake Garn announced his retirement from the U.S. Senate in 1992, Rural Utah Counties en masse asked me if I would change my plans to come home to Utah and instead, to stay in Washington, D.C. to represent you. After much thought, my only request was that every county pitch in to make raising a family here affordable. I'm glad I agreed to stay, and I continue to enjoy representing you through our Rural Public Lands County Council (RPLCC). Next January will mark the beginning of my thirty first year working, not including my fifteen years working for you while mentored by one of Utah's greatest, Senator Jake Garn.

On your behalf, I am proud to stand in our national capital city before decision makers in the Executive, Legislative and Judicial Branches of government advocating rural Utah values. I am most proud to have fought continually for access to and multiple use management of federal lands, even as I continue to advocate returning ownership of those lands to the states where I believe our Founding Fathers wanted them all along. Until that day comes, I stand second to no one arguing that the federal government must honor its obligations to rural public lands counties by making full Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) and Secure Rural Schools (SRS) payments. Most recently, I have worked directly with Finance Committee Chairman, Oregon Senator Ron Wyden, whose idea it was to compensate revenue sharing counties who have been harmed by reckless federal land and environmental policies to the tune of $750 million per year for two years from the Treasury Department. You should each be receiving the first of those payments now. I currently represent the National Forest Counties and Schools Coalition advocating active National Forest and BLM management as well as the uranium mining industry whose work is desperately needed on federal lands to meet the demands of American electricity users through clean nuclear power generation.

Recognizing the value of broader coalitions, I am pleased to represent several other western public lands counties in Colorado, New Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, California and Washington state advocating positions in sync with those Senator Garn taught me.

When former Garfield County, Utah Commissioner, UAC President Tom Hatch, on behalf of all the rural Utah counties, formally asked me to stay in Washington to represent you, he asked me to specifically to: 1) Keep an eye on NACo to make sure it did in fact, represent our western public lands interests and to similarly keep an eye on the Congress and Administration no matter which party was in charge to protect our same values. To that end I have been pleased to work with NACo whenever possible and by working with the National Forest Counties and

Schools Coalition to protect Congress's commitment to share revenues from management of National Forests and public lands generally.

I am grateful for your ongoing support and look forward to continuing to work on your behalf to protect access to our public lands and in time, eliminate federal control over them. Finally, let me share sage counsel from another of my original mentors, the late, great San Juan County Commissioner, Calvin Black who shared with Senator Garn and me lasting words of wisdom. Calvin taught us: "He who controls the land, controls his destiny!" Truer words were never spoken and to those words I remain committed.

Sincerely,

Robert K Weidner

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT**
**ON BEHALF OF DAGGETT COUNTY, A MEMBER**
**OF THE RURAL PUBLIC LANDS COUNTY COUNCIL**
**2023**

## I. PARTIES

This Memorandum of Agreement is by and between Robert K. Weidner, hereinafter "Weidner", with offices in the Washington, D.C. area and Daggett County, hereinafter "the County".

## II. RESPONSIBILITIES

Pursuant to the terms of this Memorandum of Agreement, Weidner will serve as Washington, D.C. government relation's advisor to Daggett County and other counties of the Rural Public Lands County Council hereinafter "RPLCC". In this role, Weidner will report to and receive guidance from the Council Members & Commissioners of participating counties in the RPLCC including:

A. Monitoring and information gathering with the Administration and Congress with respect to matters in which the counties may have interest. Specifically, Weidner will closely monitor and provide information on matters affecting public lands within member counties.

B. Lobbying Congress and departments of the executive Branch of the government including the Department of the Interior, the Office of Management and Budget, the Department of Energy, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Department of Agriculture with respect to matters, which affect member counties. This will involve arranging meetings for officials of the member counties with officials of these departments as necessary; the preparation of testimony and briefing papers; assisting in devising strategy; the implementation of that strategy with respect to House and Senate Committees; and liaison work with key committee members of the House and Senate Committees as well as Committee staff.

C. In addition to those activities described in "B" above, this will include working with members and staffs of relevant Congressional Committees on an on-going basis on behalf of member counties.

D. Providing regular briefings to the RPLCC Executive Committee and member counties following the guidelines set forth by the Executive Committee.

E. Provide periodic updates on issues and activities, which affect RPLCC member counties.

## III. DURATION

This Memorandum of Agreement shall remain in effect from January 1, 2023, until December 31, 2024. However, either party may cancel this contract on sixty days' notice without cause.

## IV. FEES

**PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO Robert K. Weidner**. In consideration of the above-referenced services to be performed by Weidner, the County agrees to pay Weidner $4,000.00 in January of 2023. Should this contract be terminated early, pursuant to the provision of III, above, and then compensation for Weidner's services shall be computed based upon the number of hours actually expended by Weidner multiplied by an hourly rate of $250.00 per hour. Provided, however, that in no event shall the fees incurred exceed the total amount stated above unless agreed to by the two parties.

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Robert K. Weidner Date

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On behalf of Daggett County Date

# Rural Public Lands County Council
# RPLCC

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January 1, 2023

## INVOICE

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2023 RPLCC Annual Dues for Public Land, Environment & Natural Resources Work by Robert K. Weidner on behalf of Daggett County in Washington D.C.

Amount Due: $4,000.00

***Please make check payable to:***

Robert K. Weidner
Chartwell Enterprises
9720 Ironmaster Drive
Burke, Virginia 22015

***W-9 S Corp. 47-2716989***

***Many Thanks!***