

**MINUTES FOR DUCHESNE COUNTY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS MEETING
HELD MARCH 27, 2023, AT 3:00 P.M. AT THE
DUCHESNE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
IN DUCHESNE, UTAH**

Present

Chairman; Duchesne City Mayor Rodney Rowley, Vice-Chairman; Tabiona Town Mayor John Breakfield, Myton City Mayor Kathleen Cooper, Altamont City Mayor Clyde Watkins, Commissioner Greg Miles, Commissioner Tracy Killian, Roosevelt City Mayor JR Bird, Roosevelt City Manager Joshua Bake, Laurie Brummond, Will Wright, Carl Conrad, and Kevin Yack with Uintah Basin Association of Governments, Sheriff Travis Tucker, Jenny Adams with Duchesne City Council, Duchesne County Chamber Director Ryan Lundstrom, Duchesne County Deputy Attorney Tyler Allred, Duchesne County Emergency Management Director Mike Lefler, David Rust, and Commission Executive Assistant Melissa Hughes is taking minutes of the meeting.

Absent

Commissioner Irene Hansen

Opening of Meeting and Roll Call

(3:00 p.m.)

Commissioner Irene Hansen welcomes those present.

Consideration of Minutes from the October 24, 2022, Meeting

(3:01 p.m.)

Roosevelt Mayor JR Bird makes a motion to approve the minutes from October 24, 2022. Myton City Mayor Kathleen Cooper seconds the motion. The motion passes with no opposing votes.

Discussion of Upcoming Community Activities

(3:03 p.m.)

Duchesne City has an Easter Egg hunt at the park on Saturday, April 8th. In addition, they will have their 4th of July parade on July 4th.

Roosevelt City is having a spring fling on April 15th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. This is something new this year. There will be vendors and food trucks at the Crossroads Center. Their 4th of July activities will be on Tuesday, July 4th.

Tabiona will have their rodeo on June 30th and July 1st. Their parade is on Saturday, July 1st.

Myton City will have Myton Daze on June 23rd and 24th. Their parade will be on July 24th.

Long Horn Days will be from July 17th through the 22nd.

There is a mandatory CIB Tutorial in Vernal on April 12th.

Duchesne County will have the free dump week from April 22nd through the 29th. The County Fair is from August 7th to August 12th.

UBIC is August 3rd, 4th, and 5th.

Discussion of Flood Mitigation

(3:15 p.m.)

Duchesne County Emergency Management Director Mike Lefler gave an update on the current flooding mitigation. He has been in contact with the cities and the county road department to deliver sand and sandbags. He will continue to work with the cities for a site to place the sand. Many of the towns still have snow and nowhere to put the sand. The resources that are provided will need to be tracked. The state may need the information for the resources that the County provided. Director Lefler states that work can only be done in the rivers or drainages with proper permitting. The County's primary focus will be the infrastructure. Therefore, the residents need to prepare their properties for possible flooding.

Rail Update

(3:33 p.m.)

Commissioner Greg Miles gives an update on the County Rail project. There has been pushback from some Colorado communities. They don't want oil running through their communities; oil is already traveling through. Several counties have joined the lawsuits. Construction is supposed to start in 2024.

Legislative Update

(3:41 p.m.)

Commissioner Greg Miles gives an update on the passed legislation that affects our county. The US191 pavement preservation that Senator Winterton worked on has passed. The proposed \$88,500,000 project will construct passing lanes and extend the shoulder.

For the 2002 Olympics, money was taken from rural counties and promised to be given back. This year the State of Utah has approved a one-time bump of \$40,000,000 and \$6,500,000 each year in the future for the B and C road funds in rural counties.

Based on the programming, jail funding for state inmates housed in county jails will increase from \$52 per day to \$71 to \$78. The cost of a state inmate in state prison costs about \$110 per day. The cost is less for counties, but the \$52 does not cover the food costs. This is a win for the Counties to help make them whole and not have to ask the taxpayers for more funding.

Road Construction Projects

(3:48 p.m.)

Roosevelt City Mayor JR Bird states they are working to improve their downtown and looking at a possible bypass for the significant truck traffic. They would like them to use Pole Line Road. This would enhance the safety of the residents and be an improvement for the businesses. There are several options they are looking into.

Commissioner Miles states that the East River Road will be paved this year. SSD #2 will be installing a culvert in Dry Gulch. The County will be chip-sealing 40 to 50 miles of road this year.

UDOT will add to the passing lanes in Fruitland and extend to the passing lane in Current Creek.

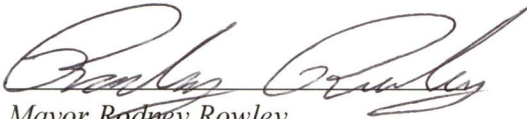
Other Business – None at this time

Adjournment

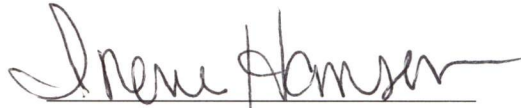
(4:00 p.m.)

Roosevelt Mayor JR Bird makes a motion to adjourn at 4:00 p.m. The end of the agenda has been reached; therefore, this motion is incontestable. The forum adjourns.

Read and approved this on the 22nd day of May 2023.



Mayor ~~Rodney~~ Rowley
Chairman



Commissioner Irene Hansen
Secretary

Minutes of meeting taken by Commission Executive Assistant Melissa Hughes

