MINUTES OF COMBINED COMMISSION WORKING & REGULAR SESSION MEETING HELD MONDAY, JULY 03, 2023, BEGINNING AT 9:00 A.M. IN DUCHESNE, UTAH

Present -

Commissioner Irene Hansen, Commissioner Greg Miles, Commissioner Tracy Killian, Deputy Attorney Tyler Allred, Public Works Director Mike Casper, Emergency Management Director Mike Lefler, Treasurer Stephen Potter, Deputy Clerk-Auditor Janet Jenkins, Human Resource Payroll & Benefits Administrator Jamie Park, Children's Justice Center Director Cheryl Boren, and Commissioner Executive Assistant Melissa Hughes is taking the meeting minutes.

Opening Comments

(9:03 a.m.)

Chairperson Hansen welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

(9:03 a.m.)

Public Works Update

(9:04 a.m.)

Public Works Director Mike Casper gives an update on existing projects and upcoming work. They are chipping in Fruitland, then moving to Duchesne and Myton. Commissioner Miles stated that there is a pivot that is watering the county road. Before we chip seal it, we need to talk with the property owner to adjust the pivot so it isn't dampening the road. Inmates are helping with patching potholes in the county where complaints were received. They will be zipping Ben Crowley's Road (CR 56W), then applying an overlay. Concrete will be added to trouble areas for added strength. They hope to start mowing soon. Lower Red Creek (CR 15) will not be paved in the near future. There isn't enough money in the budget. They are looking into zipping a portion, then completing a double-chip seal the following year. The Commissioners commend the road department for a job well done with the chip seal truck. The crew did an excellent job on Potato Pit Road (CR 3) and other roads in the County.

Emergency Management Update

(9:24 a.m.)

Emergency Management Director Mike Lefler gives an update for the Emergency Management Department. The rivers are down throughout the County. They are conducting the staff meeting on Wednesday. A meeting is scheduled with Reeds Ranch and Young Living representatives and others to create a long-term fire mitigation plan. They have submitted the documents needed to receive the rest of the funding for the purchased flood mitigation equipment. Commissioner Miles asked if clean-up is required in the Duchesne River now that the river has subsided. Director Lefler will look into the permitting and report back.

Discussion & Consideration of the Contract for Services for the CJC Mental Health Treatment Provider

(9:29 a.m.)

Duchesne County Children's Justice Center (CJC) Director Cheryl Boren presented the contract for services for the CJC Mental Health Treatment Provider. Cecile Rios, a therapist, will be the treatment provider for the contract period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025. The parties discuss the funding received for the center. The grant was reduced by forty percent this year. Fortunately, the State Legislature passed a bill giving them $67,000 for therapy sessions. This will allow for 308 sessions per year for two years. *Commissioner Miles makes a motion to authorize the signing of the Contract for Services for the CJC Mental Health Treatment Provider and authorize the chair to sign on behalf of the County. Commissioner Killian seconds the motion. Commissioner Miles votes aye, Commissioner Killian votes aye, and Commissioner Hansen votes aye. The motion passes.*

Discussion & Consideration of the Rules of Order & Procedures

(9:36 a.m.)

Deputy Attorney Tyler Allred presented the Board of Duchesne County Commissioners' Meeting Rules of Order and Procedure. Commissioner Hansen explains the reason that the Commission is required to have the document posted during the meeting. This will be

a living document and may be updated at any time. The parties discuss the public comment process. The Commissioners want to hear from their constituents. *Commissioner Miles makes a motion to adopt the language as presented for the Meeting Rules of Order and Procedure as presented. Commissioner Killian seconds the motion. Commissioner Miles votes aye, Commissioner Killian votes aye, and Commissioner Hansen votes aye. The motion passes.*

Discussion & Consideration of Resolution # 23-02; A Resolution Joining the Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc. and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation in Warning of an Impending U.S. Energy Crisis

(9:45 a.m.)

Commissioner Miles states that Moon Lake Electric sent a press release about the impending energy crisis. Duchesne County receives a hundred percent of its power supply from Moon Lake Electric. They are a non-profit rural electric cooperative in Northeastern Utah and Northwestern Colorado. Their mission statement focuses on reliability, accountability, transparency, and safety. In addition to the mission statement, Moon Lake takes great pride in the affordability of its power rate for the membership – residential customers pay approximately five ($0.05) cents per kilowatt hour which contributes to a higher standard of living for many low-to-moderate income and underserved communities within Duchesne County.

The current U.S. Energy Policy does not align with the best interests of the American people. The Federal government, specifically the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, is promoting the premature closure of numerous coal-fired power plants that provide reliable, non-intermittent base load electricity to communities throughout the country, commencing in 2025. Regionally, coal-fired power plants in Colorado and Utah are scheduled to be decommissioned without any announced base load replacements with proven fuel stock.

Duchesne County and Moon Lake Electric fully support an "all-of-the-above" approach to fuel sources that include: hydroelectric power, clean coal, natural gas, solar, wind, geothermal, nuclear, and other proven fuel stocks.

The Board of Duchesne County Commissioners now warn the federal, state, tribal, and local government officials nationwide of the impending dangers to current standards of living, the nation's economy, and our national security, as stated by the Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc. and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation. Duchesne County beseeches all government officials to immediately and forcefully articulate, promulgate, and implement a "common sense" rationale to the U.S. energy policies, mitigating the foreseeable, avoidable energy crisis and the calamities that await.

The parties discuss the impending energy crisis and the resolution. *Commissioner Killian makes a motion to approve Resolution # 23-02; A Resolution Joining the Moon Lake Electric Association, Inc. and the North American Electric Reliability Corporation in Warning of an Impending U.S. Energy Crisis. Commissioner Miles seconds the motion. Commissioner Killian votes aye, Commissioner Miles votes aye, and Commissioner Hansen votes aye. The motion passes.*

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Commissioner Miles makes a motion to saunter. Commissioner Killian seconds the motion. Commissioner Miles votes aye, Commissioner Killian votes aye, and Commissioner Hansen votes aye. The motion passes.

Discussion & Consideration of the Correspondence to the BLM Regarding the Two Feather Events Special Recreation Permit

(10:08 a.m.)

Duchesne County received a letter from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Vernal Field Office regarding a proposal they received from Two Feathers Events for a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) to run an approximate 100-mile mountain bike race in the Nine Mile Canyon area. The letter requests the county to send concerns about how the SRP event could affect the right-of-way's integrity or ability to operate. Community Development Director Mike Hyde composed the response letter. A portion of the letter reads: The BLM letter does not indicate the day or dates that the event is proposed to be held and does not indicate the number of riders and support staff that are anticipated to attend. Please advise the event organizers to provide that information and coordinate with the following local agencies before the event: Duchesne County Road Department, Duchesne County Sheriff's Department, and TriCounty Health Department. The event organizers should be aware that the subject road is located in areas used by the oil and gas industry and that truck traffic may be present. Off-highway vehicle (OHV) use also

occurs on these roads. The area has grazing allotments so livestock can be present on and along the roads.

Duchesne County is very supportive of multiple uses of our public lands and encourages recreational events such as the proposed one. We welcome the organizers to our county and wish them well with the event.

The parties express gratitude to Director Hyde for the well-written response. *Commissioner Miles makes a motion to approve the letter that was prepared by Director Mike Hyde related to the correspondence to the BLM regarding the Two Feathers Events Special Recreation Permit. Commissioner Killian seconds the motion. Commissioner Miles votes aye, Commissioner Killian votes aye, and Commissioner Hansen votes aye. The motion passes.*

Discussion & Consideration to Ratify a Portion of the May Tax Sale
(10:13 a.m.)

Treasurer Stephen Potter stated that these two properties completed the May tax sale for 2023. *Commissioner Miles makes a motion to approve and ratify the final portion of the May tax sale. Commissioner Killian seconds the motion. Commissioner Miles votes aye, Commissioner Killian votes aye, and Commissioner Hansen votes aye. The motion passes.*

Discussion & Consideration of New Business Licenses
(10:16 a.m.)

Clerk-Auditor Deputy Janet Jenkins presented seven new business licenses:

- Best Buddies Boarding, owned by Jamaica Breckenridge, Bridgeland, UT
- Ames Peak Enterprises LLC, owned by Roger Ames, Altonah, UT
- Leejay Design, owned by Joe Meyers, Bluebell, UT
- Treycin Murray Welding, owned by Treycin Murray, Altonah, UT
- Wickel's Wicked Shears, owned by Mariah Wickel, Bluebell, UT
- Hobby Tractors & Equip, owned by Scott and Lance Sage, Roosevelt, UT
- Bayani, owned by Shaun Hicken, Myton, UT

The parties review and discuss the business licenses. *Commissioner Killian makes a motion to accept the business licenses that have been issued by the Clerk-Auditor's Office as presented. Commissioner Miles seconds the motion. Commissioner Killian votes aye, Commissioner Miles votes aye, and Commissioner Hansen votes aye. The motion passes.*

Auditors Office – Vouchers
(10:23 a.m.)

Deputy Clerk-Auditor Janet Jenkins presented the vouchers for July 03, 2023, check numbers 161719 through 161786, for $254,291.89. The parties review the vouchers submitted. *Commissioner Miles makes a motion to approve the vouchers for July 03, 2023, as presented. Commissioner Killian seconds the motion. Commissioner Miles votes aye, Commissioner Killian votes aye, and Commissioner Hansen votes aye. The motion passes.*

HR Office – Payroll
(10:27 a.m.)

Human Resource Payroll & Benefits Administrator Jamie Park presented the payroll report ending June 24, 2023; there were 205 employees paid. *Commissioner Killian makes a motion to approve the payroll ending June 24, 2023, as presented. Commissioner Miles seconds the motion. Commissioner Killian votes aye, Commissioner Miles votes aye, and Commissioner Hansen votes aye. The motion passes.*

Discussion of Possible Subjects for the Next Meeting
(10:33 a.m.)

Consideration of Minutes for Combined Commission Meeting held June 26, 2023
(10:36 a.m.)

Parties review the combined Commission meeting minutes held on June 26, 2023.

Commissioner Miles makes a motion to approve the minutes for June 26, 2023, as amended. Commissioner Killian seconds the motion. Commissioner Miles votes aye, Commissioner Killian votes aye, and Commissioner Hansen votes aye. The motion passes.

Calendaring & Weekly Update on Events
(10:45 a.m.)

Adjournment
(11:06 a.m.)

Commissioner Killian makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m. Commissioner Miles seconds the motion. Commissioner Killian votes aye, Commissioner Miles votes aye, and Commissioner Hansen votes aye. The forum adjourns.

Read and approved this on the 10th day of July, 2023.

Irene Hansen
Commission Chair

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Clerk-Auditor

Minutes of the meeting prepared by Commission Executive Assistant Melissa Hughes