

UINTAH TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT

Board Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2016

Meeting location: UTSSD Offices (Utah State University Building) 320 North Aggie Boulevard, Suite 138R, Vernal, Utah 5:30pm downstairs conference room.

Board members present: Exec Director Adam Massey, Mark Raymond, David Haslem, Duane Shepherd, Stan Gordon and Bob Leake.

Others present: Robert Abercrombie, Fed Cole, Shannon Morris, Floyd Mead, Tom **Normstrom**, **Marlene** and **Kent Pieper**, **Amelia Hadden**, **Kelly Harvey**, **Larry and Carol Henley**, **Justin Marchant**, **Werbelow**, **Kevin Yack**, **Bill Stringer**, **Aaron Latd? (UBATC)** **Bart Morrill**, **Dave Brotherson**, **Jim Harper**, **Mitch Phillips**, **Jessie Phillips??**, **Troy Ostler**, **Diego Carroll**, **Eric Major**, **Michael Hawley**, **Bryan Meier**, **James Taylor**, **Aaron Averett**, **Don Trane**, **Tami Trane**, **Larry Stelle**, **Kurt Mower**, **Doug Hammond**, **Dan Dilsaver**, **Pat Neilson**, **Leland Neilson**, (some signatures that are unreadable) **Tammie Mecham**

Meeting called to order by Duane Shepherd. Prayer given by Michael Hawley
Kevin Yack gave presentation on UBAOG local bus transit system here in our community.
Kevin gave updates and handed out packets to board members. UBAOG 2007- 2008 Public Transit Feasibly Study done for the Uintah Basin looked at this possibility of a fix route service. It was determined in this study that there was a demand for a Duchesne to Vernal route. But there was not funding available at this time. 2009- 2010 we were approached by UDOT with funding to help start the program as a demonstration project. We are currently funded with federal funds that are administered through the Utah Dept of Transportation as a pass through. Operational cost are 50% local match with a 50% federal grant. Capitol cost are a 20% local match with a 80% federal grant. This bus transports impaired individuals, low income, Terra Academy, Ute Tribe, Rise and seniors that do not have access to or are able to drive themselves otherwise. Prop 1 passed in Duchesne County and did not pass in Uintah County. When there is a fixed route it is required that we provided Parra Transit, which is a service from door to door for citizens that cannot get to a bus stop by their own merit. We use 3 separate vans for this service. Some individuals use this service for dialysis to go back and forth between counties. There is a new route proposed for Naples City. Mr. Yack showed demonstrations of proposed route. Concerns of being able to fund the Wellness Wagon because of the Prop One Bill. Comm. Raymond states the commission supports the Wellness Wagon going forward, and do they put the Wellness Wagon a higher priority than the transit system. Mineral Lease money has dropped so where does the money get spent. Comm. McKee states the transit system is not our highest priority at this time.

Comm. Stringer gave updates on the Uintah County Storm Drain and Water Irrigation System stating this RFP will be in the newspaper this week. The commission went to the CIB for funding on this project. We are inviting bidders to come to some meetings and have some public input on the matter. We want to make sure this is an open and public process. Comm. McKee addressed the potential of UTSSD doing the million dollar match to help with this project. Comm. Raymond. States people who are not aware of this

Flood Mitigation Plan. It includes retention basins located in the drainage systems located west of Ashley Valley up in the foot hills. Includes use of 2 of the canals for potentially transfer of that flood water. It includes bridges, areas where water would need to cross over roads on under roads. The RFP is pretty wide open. This project would mitigate potential flood in the Ashley Valley. Comm. Stringer states there is a Storm Water Master Plan that is out there, it was prepared in 2008. We are losing water that travels down the canals. Dave Haslem and Duane concerned about the million dollar match if UTSSD does not have that money to give.

Justin Marchant gave an update on 4 projects at the airport

1. Pavement Preservation Project:

Concerns on the seal coat product. The contractor has been back out to address those issues.

2. Earth Work and Drainage Project: Is between 60- 65% complete. On schedule for completion and completion date is for September. The new run way is starting to take shape.

3. Runway Reconstruction Project: Complete the sub-grade and build the new runway. Teleconference with the FAA to discuss grant timing for this project. We have requested from the contractor a 45 day extension for the bid hold. They responded and granted that. So, the bid hold extends to Sep the 12th to give the FAA time to get that grant issued next month.

4. Wetland Mitigation Site Acquisition: The appraisal should arrive this afternoon or tomorrow. The first initial meeting to open negotiate with the landowners is Thursday morning in Heber, Utah. We have had the pre- design meeting for this site awhile back. The grant that we are waiting for is the completion of the new runway. We are waiting to see how much funding the FAA can secure to award as much as that work as possible. This will be 95% grant and 5% local match for all that work.

Kelly Hays: 2500 South Homes Demo:

There are two homes that still need to be demolished on 2500 South. There was prior concern for asbestos and who is doing the demolishing of the homes. The asbestos situation was resolved and there is no asbestos. I have the demo licenses from the city. And this project is ready to go. Scott Allred has been doing the demo and he knows rules and regulations of the Dept of Air Quality. Duane states that is cost exceeds 25,000.00 we would have to bid this project. Kelly states it won't exceed this amount.

DOAQ will set time frame for completion.

Kelly Harvey Airport Update:

The FAA in 2013 made a requirement for all 139 certified airports to go through a wildlife hazard assessment. A grant was given to us by the FAA to complete this. It requires to hire a wildlife biologist to assess the situation, he made recommendations to the FAA with a plan, the plan was then approved by the FAA and the plan was sent back to my office. To implement this plan it required some equipment so I made another request to the FAA for a grant for the equipment. They have agreed to this grant. Which is a 95% to 5% match. It is about 3000.00 worth of equipment for around 150.00 dollars.

Ballard City: 1500 East (High School Access Road)

Mayor of Ballard City states this is for the access road into the new Union High school.

The engineer Derrick handed out a map to the board members outlining this proposed project. Duane states UTSSD has taken this off the proposed list of 2016 projects. Comm. McKee and Comm. Raymond states this project was turned in as a high priority from the county commission as a project. It is a project that the commission supports. Adam states that UTSSD had thought Ballard City was going to get with the school dist. to see if they could come up with some funds also. Adam states we will have a work session to discuss our upcoming projects and we will discuss this request further. Board discusses possibility as to put this on the 2017 budget. Dave Haslem states maybe school dist could pay ½ and UTSSD could pay ½. Dave Haslem was asked to get with the school district for more details.

Aggie Blvd: Michael Hawley states there is water bubbling around the roundabout and there is a irrigation leak. There is some concern if this project is not started soon, of what is happening underneath. The cost could increase if not addressed. The original bid started out between \$30,000.00 – \$50,000.00 now has exceeded \$105,000.00. The main cost for this project will be the boring. There is a future irrigation line that needs to be relocated. There is gas and sewer lines that are only 20 inches down. The commission states we as a partner we just need to get this project approved and started and we will look into paying what the amount or ½ of the amount later. Bob made motion to approve this bid of 105,000.00 Comm. Raymond seconded motion. Shepherd Aye, Bob Aye, Stan Aye Dave Aye, Raymond Aye. With drawn motion But, after further discussion and approval, Dave motions to approve this project one more time. Bob seconds motion. Shepherd Aye, Bob Aye, Stan Aye, Dave Aye, Raymond Aye.

Road Priority List (Master Plan): Comm. Stringer states there is a master plan and the commission has meetings and suggested that the UTSSD could take advantage of these meeting and attend them. Adam states to Comm. Stringer he would like to have a copy of the list (Master Plan) Road Priority List. They are hiring a firm to come in and do plans and incorporate plans with the county.

Book Cliffs Transportation Study: (EIS)

This is a project from Seep Ridge Road to I – 70 and the 6 County Coalition begin the process. Comm. McKee and Senator Vantassell have met with the EIS. There is a 500,000.00 grant and a 500,000.00 loan to the CIB Adam states he will put this on the agenda next also.

Leland Bench (Woods Road)

There were a lot of public attending this meeting due to Leland Bench being on the agenda. The main topic and concern were safety and school bus's traveling this road with these semis. Also, concerns of how many 90 degree turns and that this road has been patched and patched. It is beat to death states one resident. There are (8) 90 degree turns on this stretch and some of these trucks are overweight and traveling faster than the speed limit and road conditions should allow. One concerned resident sat on his porch between 7:00 and 8:00pm and counted 12 semis which is the equivalent of 3500 cars. Another resident said he has had foundation issues. This is a corridor for Newfield and Crescent Point states another citizen. Doug Hammond states he is not against the road. But, has UTSSD or the county asked any of the energy companies to help participate with funding on this project? Comm. McKee states money from CIB has already been put into place for this project. Comm. Raymond states the commission is in support of this road and project for the UTSSD. Comm. Raymond also states he with get with the county and check weights limits and restrictions and move forward to setting those regulations and rules into

effect. There is a process and certain things that have to be put into place before this can happen states Comm. Raymond. But he will put this as a priority for the commission. There was topic stating that this project is not paid for by taxpayer money that this is a grant / loan process and the remaining funding is done with mineral lease money not tax payers money. UTSSD has CIB loans and grants in place and engineers in place to proceed and move forward with this project.

UTSSD states they will hold a public hearing in the coming meetings for this topic so that public input may be voiced.

Motion to approve invoices to Brown Brothers made by Bob seconded by Stan.

Shepherd Aye, Bob Aye, Stan Aye, Dave Aye, Raymond Aye.