

UINTAH TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING

Board meeting January 12, 2016

Meeting location: UTSSD Offices (Utah State University Building), 320 North Aggie Boulevard, Suite 221R
upstairs in Vernal, Utah 5:30pm

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

Others present: Commissioner Stringer, Diego Carroll, Michael Hawley, Bret Reynolds, Kelly Harvey, Jim Harper Naples city, Bryan Meier Uintah County, Mark LaBelle Asphalt Management Comm. Raymond excused.

January 12, 2016 meeting held in room 221. Meeting was called to order at 5:33 and an invocation was offered. Commissioner Raymond is on vacation and was excused.

Mark LaBelle with ASI gave a presentation on asphalt systems. He pointed out that all of their products are manufactured with gilsonite. Because it is not refined it is the only asphalt preservation product that has been green circle certified. This certification is useful especially when dealing with environmental studies as it shows the desire to be environmentally friendly. They are not a seal coat; their product penetrates the asphalt and becomes a part of the asphalt matrix, while also sealing the top to prevent water penetration. GSB88 can also go on a variety of surfaces whether it is for new asphalt or chip sealed roads. Additionally, it is about 1/3 of the cost of typical seal coat products. He presented different pictures to show how the product has held up to the wear and tear of the road.

The transportation corridor study is completed. Diego gave a report on the study. He gave board members copies of the executive summary. Their study narrowed in on the two corridors, East Canyon and Hay Canyon. They focused on the tourism impacts as well as energy impacts. Either alignment would traverse a fair amount of BLM and SITLA land. They provided graphics and pictures on each alignment. The new path would save the motorists approximately 40 minutes and with energy production it could save approximately 2 hours. Their environmental review looked at cultural resources and forecasted how many additional sites could be encountered. They also looked at air quality. Paving the road would help in air quality by minimizing dirt from an unpaved road as well as minimizing miles travelled. The main focus was the economic impact. There would be an increase of 281,000,000 in GDP. 43,000,000 would be attributed to tourism. There would be an additional 61,000 trips to state parks which would generate revenue and help with jobs. They forecasted 1/10 of 1 percent growth which would result in a GDP increase of 89,000,000. They estimated, taking in all factors, a 1.8 Billion benefit to completing the road. This equates to a benefit cost ratio of 14.8. Duane asked about gas line. Does the cost take into account having to relocate those? Avoiding those assets would be part of the engineering but it would also be part of the impact. Some of the numbers in the graph seemed a little misleading. Instead of the percentage of the overall project it needs to be clarified that the percentages are from the 1/10 of 1 percent. They will work on making the graphics communicate the information more clearly. Duane brought up some of opposition that will come to the road. He has already been contacted

by hunters asking what is going on. East canyon has already had a lot of industry up and down that road so which makes that route favorable.

Next on the agenda was the Basin Transportation participation. Prop 1 didn't pass so the BTA contribution will continue moving forward at the 230,000.

Redwash was next. There aren't any real updates currently. Funding is not available until the end of 2018. There was some conversation about changing some of the design criteria. The discussion was also held about converting the federal funds to state funds.

Woods Road Project – Adam went to CIB to request moving the funding from AVER to Woods Road on Leland Bench. The board approved the reallocation along with an addition 600,000 for the project. They are going to do another bond hearing so that it is specific to Woods Road.

County Wide Asphalt Management Program – It was reported that they have finished the 2015 management program so now the board needs to decide where they go from here. The 2016 plan has been talked about scaling back to a 3-4 million dollar project instead of the 7 million as before. Time is of the essence as March is an optimal time for getting the crack sealers out while the cracks are still open. Dave suggested having a work session to hammer out what the board members were comfortable with.

Brett is going to get 500 South on the agenda, so that they can turn it back to the county with the caveats as previously discussed.

Vernal Airport – The employees did get officially transferred over on January 1. The county carried their insurance for one extra month so Adam is working on getting that taken care of. On the 26th there will be a 90% review of the runway design and review. Duane asked about the insurance for employees. Would it be better to keep them where they are for a year and then move them over next year? It was looked at, but the way they are set up whatever is offered to one employee has to be offered to the other. It will actually save the district about 1000 a year an employee to switch over. Duane would like to have a meeting with the employees so he knows who is who and put names to faces. Duane asked if service would be available April 1. Kelly said the airline has not given dates because they are waiting for the contract to be signed with DOT before buying aircraft. Now they are in the middle of acquisition of new aircraft. For the time being, passengers will go through security at Salt Lake. Duane asked if there is anything in the works for security and Kelly said yes he put in the application and they denied it. There might have to be congressional help to get it back. Vernal is not the only airport dealing with these denials. You don't have to have TSA to have service but if you want to market to a bigger airline you have to have TSA.

Payables were discussed and approved.

Commission made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Board members seconded the motion and all voted in favor. The motion was passed.

These minutes are to be approved at the next monthly meeting of the Board of directors of the UTSSTD.

The above minutes were approved as read/ corrected on the ____ day of _____, 2016.

Adam Massey, Director