

UINTAH TRANSPORTATION SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING

Board Meeting February 10, 2016

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

Meeting was called to order and Troy Ostler offered an invocation.

People present at the meeting were, Duane Shepherd, Mark Raymond, Stan Gordon, Dave Haslem, Bob Leak, Troy Ostler, Gayle McKeachnie, Justin and Jeremy with GDA Engineers, Kelley Harvey, Mike Hawley with Jones and DeMille, Terry Kiever, Adam Massey, Clint with Epic Engineering, Brian with the road department, Tammie Mecham Aaron Averett, Kris Blanchard, Jim Harper.

Dave moved to move item 4 on the agenda down to just before Item 6. Stan seconded. Passed unanimously. Time was turned over to GDA. They gave an update on the runway project. The project is set up in such a way that if extra money becomes available from the FAA they can utilize it. Right now there are six bid schedules, making for a possibility of 26 different award options. Right now the FAA has programmed 10,650,000 with a 5% local match. With the economy where it is there may be more variability in the costs. The estimate they provided is very much an estimate. They expect that the pricing could come in as much 20 -25% under the estimate. They reviewed the six different schedules. The schedules the board sees as priority are 1, 2, and 5. They asked what the board's willingness was to come up with additional funds if the FAA gives the project more money. Duane mentioned it is important to this county and they will try to find the money if extra money comes from the FAA. Mark mentioned that this was part of the reasoning behind holding off on building the new terminal building. It allows for more flexibility in the spending of the priority project. It is a priority to have a runway and a taxiway. There was a question as to how soon the schedules need to be done in conjunction with each other. The question was asked if the board had any say in the review of documents, and the answer is was yes.

The next item on the agenda was the terminal building. Duane expressed his concern from a risk management perspective. He wondered if the commissioners had all the information available to them when they made their decision. He would like to be able to promote this airport nationwide and by not doing the building we are limiting our credibility and ability to draw new people into the airport. Adam reported that when increasing the insurance to 50,000,000 the risk manager came out and identified a lot of areas that were high risk. Duane just asked for the reasoning in how they came to their decision. Mark started by saying it does not preclude the possibility of a new terminal a few years down the road. Newfield let 72 employees go today. With the economy the way that it is, it's hard to justify the expense. The priority right now is to restore air service. The number one priority for that is to improve the runway. Mark gave examples of other buildings that are not being constructed like the Maeser fire station. The commission felt it was the responsible decision to not build the new building right now. Duane asked why as the managing partner nobody on the board or the executive director was consulted. Bill responded by saying calls are not replied to. He went on to discuss the study for the basis of the airport that was done in 2006. He couldn't see a reasonable justification for the terminal building.

Duane said that the board would have probably come to the same conclusion. He wonders why there is no communication. Adam proposed the idea of the county providing the money they would use for a remodel to the district and the district would find other means of funding and they could spearhead the new building. Even if it was a scaled down version. The county will be paying for the remodel.

The comment was made that the commissioners need to be specific in what they are communicating.

The conversation moved to Boutique. They are hoping to have service in March. They will have flights to Denver and Salt Lake. They are willing to increase flights if the demand calls for it.

BTA Participation was next on the agenda. There was a basic update given, the district has committed 230,000 for the year. Duchesne County passed the tax increase so the board may be able to decrease their contribution.

Redwash – Troy presented a letter to the board requesting that the Redwash road be accelerated and to exchange federal for state funding. They just need the letter to be signed. They are ready to advertise they just need to know if the board wants the north end or south end to go first. The south end is the more logical selection, there is less potential for impact there. The south end will allow for about a mile more than if the North end is started. From 45 it gets you right about to the top of the hill just above the booster building. The idea would be that the next phase would tie from there to the project completed last summer. Mark moved to transfer the funds from federal to state. Dave seconded. A roll call vote was called for: Shepherd Aye, Stan Aye, Dave Aye, and Raymond Aye. The board unanimously supported submitting the letter.

Potential Book Cliffs Corridor Transportation Study – Adam reported funding is being sought from the legislature for the study. Some of the development will be beneficial for energy, but the study shows that a large majority of the benefit will be tourism. The executive study was presented to UDOT and they were very interested in the study. UDOT has some reservations and questions. They were honest in the fact that they were concerned that they were the ones overseeing the project. They didn't feel that would be the best approach but they are willing to help. If UDOT takes over the highway Troy felt they would want some jurisdictional transfers.

Asphalt Management Project – This will be addressed in the executive session

500 South project – It is scheduled to begin the first week in March.

2000 N 1500 W to Vernal Ave – Troy reported this will be reported to the Small Urban Technical Subcommittee on the 23rd of this month. They have requested 1,000,000 for the project. That would cover about half of the project.

Woods Road – It was advertised last Monday and it will be run for three weeks. So far there are four or five engineers that have picked up packets. CIB gave final approval for the transfer from AVER to Woods Road.

Leland Bench – Troy updated that the application has been filed asking for 2,000,000 from the Non Urban Technical Sub-committee to complete from where woods road ends back to 4 corners. That presentation will be made on the 16th in Richfield.

Red Fleet – Filed application for the State Park Access funds. It will be heard by the Non Urban Technical Sub-committee. This is a 50% state grant and 50% Match. They asked for 200,000 to patch, chip seal, guard rail, and clean up some things on the access road. If the grant is given this will be done in conjunction with the State Park renovations.

Uintah County trails Master Plan - Duane read the letter that is being submitted. It is a combined application between UTSSD and Vernal City. The application is for both Urban and Non Urban tap funds. This is for building trails throughout the county. This will allow for a single master plan for the trails. Dave Haslem made a motion and Stan Gordon seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Uintah County Storm Drain master plan – Troy has been working with the county on upgrading the plan that was put together in 2008. They have been meeting with all of the different entities to look over the group. The commission has applied to CIB in order to bring the plan together. It allows a way to get the water out of the upper canals and put it into pipeline so that the canals are available for storm water. The application has been put together with cooperation from different entities. They are asking half grant, half loan. There would be about 17 million remaining. Some of that money would come from the money not used on the terminal building. Duane asked about liability, would the canal companies assume liability for breaks? Gayle said in moving water there is some assumed risk.

Dave moved to approve payables before moving into executive session. Stan seconded. Shepherd Aye, Stan Aye, Dave Aye, Raymond Aye.

Mark moved to move item 4 on the agenda to after item 6. Stan seconded. Passed unanimously.

Mineral Lease – they haven't gotten the latest release. Mark called Paul on Monday and he said that because of legislature and other things the gal who does it is behind but it should be any day. 623,741 is what it is showing for the district for November.

Dave moved to go to Executive session.

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 UTSSD.

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

Adam Massey, Director