

# Resource Development Coordinating Committee Meeting

## May 12, 2009

Amended Minutes

### Attendees:

David Grierson, Chairman  
Rebecka Stromness, Co-chairman  
Susan White  
Susan Zarekarizi  
Todd Adams  
Derek Jones  
Carmen Bailey  
Brent Everett  
Mike Mower  
Ron Daniels  
Bill Schlotthauer

### Staff:

Kelly Beck  
Ben Machlis  
Debby Montgomery

### Guests:

Jan Morse

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dave Grierson at 9:00 am.

### Approval of Minutes:

- Minutes of the May meeting were approved as amended. Motion made by Todd Adams, seconded by Susan Zarekarizi.

### Special Presentations:

- Jan Morse with DNR, Oil, Gas and Mining gave a presentation describing the states role in reclamation of abandoned mines and initiatives to curtail the physical safety hazards they present. Jan noted bats often utilize the abandoned mines, the state uses all possible precautions to ensure their survival and habitat. The program is funded by Utah's coal production at 15cents per ton from underground mining and 30 cents per ton for above ground mining. The department is also exploring methods for prevention and extinguishing of underground mine fires in cooperation with various other state and federal agencies.

### Reports from Agencies:

- Derek Jones reported on fugitive dust and its regulations. He noted that anything larger than ¼ acre with Agriculture and Horticulture being exempt, required a permit. The permit is issued when the application submitted by the contractor has an acceptable plan in place for dust control, this being one of the permit requirements. He further noted the E.P.A. rules from the new administration should have been released to the public last February, but have not been seen.

- Susan White reported there is 2 items on the RDCC site one being a Wildcat Drill Hole. The other a 7 acre project in Emery County.
- Brent Everett discussed the Fairfield arsenic contamination resulting possibly from the abandoned Mercur Mine. The contamination is extensive and estimated costs to clean up are \$40 million. The water supply has proven safe under average conditions. They are working with UDOT to keep culverts clear during heavy water flow as possible flooding spreads the arsenic. Only one small personal property is currently being considered for clean up at present.
- Kelly Beck reported the RDCC data base is failing by leaps and bounds. A new system is being developed but is not expected to be completed and on line for about 4 to 6 months. The IT personnel are working to keep the current system functional until the new system can be implemented. Kelly introduced Ben Machlis, as the newest member of the PLPCO staff.
- Dave Grierson reported the Galena Property will be visited by the Governor later this month. Dave is hoping for an agreement between the archeology community and UTA/Developer prior to the visit. Bear Lake Comprehensive Plan is near completion the comment period is over and the record of decision is being written. He expects it to be signed by the end of the month.  
Utah Lake Master Plan comment period is over and they are currently responding to comments. The record of decision will be written following the comment period.
- Mike Mower reported the Great Salt Lake Commission met with the Governor and an advisory committee is being formed. The stimulus package is being utilized well within the state, there are still many requests for financial aid but there is no money left.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.**