

Cassia County Gateway Transmission Line Task Force

Special Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2009

Call to Order:

The special meeting of the Cassia County Gateway Transmission Line Task Force was called to order by Brent Stoker at 1:06 P.M., Monday, July 6, 2009

Present:

(See Attached List)

A. Introduction/Approval of Minutes

[1:06:40 PM](#) Brent Stoker welcomed those in attendance to this meeting and gave a brief overview of the procedures and topics for this special meeting. The meeting was recorded in digital format and will be made available on the Cassia County website www.cassiacy.org. Time stamps are included in these abbreviated minutes for reference purposes. A motion to approve the minutes from the June 29, 2009 special meeting was made by Von Gibby, seconded by John Buekers, with voting on the matter unanimous in the affirmative.

B. Information/Updates/General Discussion

[1:10:32 PM](#) Stoker briefed the committee on meeting with the Cassia County Commissioners earlier today, regarding a formal recommendation from the task force for an alternative proposed route. [1:12:48PM](#) Kerry McMurray, Cassia County Administrator, briefed the group regarding the county's current Interim Federal Land Use Policy and Resolution regarding public infrastructure on public lands. [1:14:44 PM](#) Scott Nannenga USFS asked a clarification question regarding the southern Stateline Alternative route. He noted that the Sawtooth National Forest Service has not been involved yet and that there was still missing information of the proposed alternative routes. [1:19:14 PM](#) Doug Balfour, Power County Planning & Zoning Attorney, discussed Power County's issues and how they are handling them, noting their draft ordinance for a transmission corridor that will be considered by the Power County Planning & Zoning Commission. [1:22:21 PM](#) Mark Webb asked a question regarding cooperation between counties regarding a transmission corridor. [1:23:36 PM](#) Al Barrus Cassia County Attorney, briefed the group regarding scheduling a joint meeting with area counties to assist in coordinating an alternative proposed route. [1:25:25](#) Mark Webb asked a question regarding determining a line through Cassia County. [1:26:45 PM](#) Stoker commented on events taking place in Willard, UT, regarding transmission line law suits, and updates on the northern and southern alternative route options. Mike Beck asked the question of how wide the southern corridor will be. [1:33:25](#) PM Beck also asked a question regarding what constitutes a quorum among the task force. [Upon verification, a simple majority of twenty (20) members of the task force constitutes a quorum.] [1:33:30](#) PM Mark Webb commented regarding the northern corridor width.

[1:33:59 PM](#) Vicki Meadows Power County Commissioner, welcomed the collaboration between the counties, and noted that the southern route works well with Power County.

[1:36:42 PM](#) Larry Ghan, Bannock County Commissioner, addressed the group noting concerns and opposition with the northern route, and support for the proposed southern alternative routes. He noted they are interested in working with other commissioners, as well as with the power companies, regarding power corridors. [1:39:37 PM](#) . Stoker addressed Scott Nannenga's comment regarding proper notification throughout this process, acknowledging the shared frustration with this process's lack of involvement from private/public landowners. He then briefed the group on the upcoming regular meeting agenda. [1:42:48 PM](#) Gaylen Smyer requested to see a list of property owner names and potential impacts that would be affected by the southern Stateline Alternative route. [1:43:46 PM](#) Stoker requested from Barrus if the Cassia County Mapper could provide this information to the Task Force. [1:47:27 PM](#) Joe Tugaw JR. asked a question regarding the original 2007 maps showing Hollister as the Substation and why it was moved to Cedar Hill. Stoker requested that Tugaw bring up this question to Tetra Tech, at the following regular meeting. [1:48:37 PM](#) Stoker requested that USFS and BLM help the task force understand the processes regarding dealing with the Roadless areas. Nannenga and Courtney/BLM responded. [1:51:07 PM](#) Stoker requested that USFS/BLM, Tetra Tech, and a few members of the task force meet in a separate room during the first hour of the regular meeting, to review the concerns of the southern Stateline route, and report back to the group suggestions or adjustments to be made. [1:53:13 PM](#) Special meeting adjourned. Next special meeting is scheduled for 1:00 P.M., Monday, July 13, 2009.

Minutes submitted by: Susan M. Keck, Deputy Clerk, Cassia County

Approved by: Gateway Task Force, 07/13/2009