

## Cassia County Gateway West Transmission Line

### Task Force Meeting Minutes November 30, 2009

#### Opening:

The Cassia County Gateway West Transmission Line Task Force met for a special meeting held at 2:00 P.M., November 30, 2009, in the City Hall Council Chambers, Burley, Idaho. The meeting was recorded in digital format and is available on the county website at [www.cassiacounty.org](http://www.cassiacounty.org).

#### A. Call to order

2:04:38 PM Chairman Brent Stoker called the meeting to order. A motion to approve the minutes from November 23, 2009 meeting minutes was made and seconded. Motion carried. Stoker gave a brief update of the project, and continued focus for this meeting to be completing the estimated losses worksheets. Stoker commented that notices were mailed to land owners regarding upcoming Idaho Power meetings Dec 14 & 15<sup>th</sup>, and encouraged as many as possible to attend.

#### B. Review of Worksheet Process

Doug Pickett facilitated an overview of the worksheet of the dry/crop land group numbers and reviewed the numbers this group came up with at the last meeting. Discussion occurred regarding the values for erosion control, with Larry Kincaid commenting that it would be very difficult to estimate this number without knowledge of exactly where the corridor will go. Gordon Edwards, Cassia County Weed Superintendent, commented regarding seeding with native grasses and costs. Jeff Steele/ BLM noted that some of the estimates seemed high. Discussion occurred regarding estimates being based on past experience with seeding/crop rotations, etc. General discussion occurred regarding how the figures and values were estimated. Comments then were made regarding loss of future revenue, resale value of properties, visual impacts/ loss of opportunities.

Scott Moyes, Licensed Registered Appraiser, provided testimony regarding property appraisal values, for residential properties. He stated that there have really been no studies on how power lines affect residential properties. He stated that there was a major power line north of Rupert, and he stated that they have found no evidence that it has affected residential property assessments, as long as the residential home is outside of the fall radius of the transmission lines.

(The groups then separated (irrigated and dry land) to continue to work on the Loss/Damages Worksheets - not recorded).

Groups rejoined to recap. Von Gibby noted to be sure and verify numbers as best as possible. Discussion occurred regarding securing the services of economists such as Wilson Gray or Paul Patterson with Extension Services to help validate numbers.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to meet again in January.

With no further business to discuss, this meeting was adjourned at 3:55 P.M.

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

**Approved by:**