

# SOUTHWEST UTAH PLANNING AUTHORITIES COUNCIL (SUPAC)

## Minutes of a meeting held July 1, 2003

1. The Southwest Utah Planning Authorities Council (SUPAC) met at the Triple “C” Arena in Panguitch, Utah, on Tuesday, July 1, 2003, at 11:00 a.m. Those in attendance at the business meeting are listed on the rosters attached as Appendix A to these minutes.
2. **Welcome and Introductions:** Vice Chairman Scott Truman called the meeting to order and welcomed those present and introduced:  
Bob Russell - Supervisor, Dixie Nat’l Forest  
Cordell Roy - State Coordinator, Nat’l Park Service  
Randy Johnson - Deputy Director, Office of Planning and Budget  
Donna Owens - District Ranger, Forest Service in Panguitch
3. **Utah Rural Summit:** Scott distributed a brochure on the Utah Rural Summit scheduled for August 6-8, 2003.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Mayor Kim Lawson moved to approve the minutes, Commission Dennis Stowell seconded, and the motion passed.
5. **Water/Drought Update:** Bob Morgan provided an update on the Water/Drought conditions in the state. Northern Utah averaged 70% of normal precipitation. Reservoirs throughout the state are in good shape, with the exception of Bear Lake. Southern Utah is under a Red Flag warning for fire danger.
6. **Skyline Forest Products Update** - Steve Steed updated the membership on the Skyline Forest Products acquisition and the production levels to support the saw mill.
7. **Legislative Update** - Senator Tom Hatch addressed the committee. The Legislature had a tough year with deficits and state agencies received substantial cuts to the department budgets. Economy still not looking good, sales and withholding taxes are flat. The Senator briefed the members on the Apple initiative which relates to public lands and the impacts on education. A high profile topic for the next legislative session will be privatizing the Workers’ Compensation Fund.
8. The SUPAC council took a 45 minute lunch break
9. **Fire Update** - Keith Parke, Community Fire Planner with the Five County Association of Governments, described the Fire Plan and Community Assistance Programs.
  - A. Description of what the property owners want to protect
  - B. Communities of SSD or neighborhood assessments  
Value at risk, value of property

Water Supplies

What needs to be done, i.e. clean fuel breaks, thin trees and bushes.

Big part of the plan is the property owners working together to address a common goal or purpose.

- C. Educational plan for citizens to execute a plan of action.

10. **Congressional Updates:**

Quinn Warnick, Senator Bennett's Office, thanked everyone for their attendance and participation in the Rural Utah Business Technology Conference. PILT payments and the county allocation are available. \$25 million increase over last year's appropriation. Senator Bennett will be participating in the Glen Canyon Boundary Adjustment hearings.

Mike Empey, Congressman Matheson's Office, said that the Congressman signed on to support funding of PILT and funding for rural airport as a member of the Transportation Committee.

Peggy Harrison, Congressman Cannon's Office said that the Congressman is working on the Beaver, Minersville land exchange. He supports the Healthy Forest initiative. She provided a handout on the National Energy Policy.

- 11. **SITLA Update** - Kevin Carter Director, State Lands reported that the Prairie Dog plan is moving along well in Garfield and Iron Counties. He is working on a couple of land exchanges in Iron County and working on land issues in Eastern Kane County. The department is acquiring lands in Washington County near the Coral Canyon development.
- 12. **Triple "C" Arena** - Commissioner Clare Ramsay welcomed everyone to the new facility called the Triple "C" Arena. The new facility was a cooperative effort between Panguitch City and Garfield County. He then conducted a tour of the facility for board members and attendees.
- 13. **The next meeting of SUPAC is scheduled for September 2, 2003 in St. George.**

## Appendix A SUPAC Meeting attendants 7/1/03

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