

**VISION DIXIE
STEERING COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 21, 2006**

Chairman James J. Eardley, Washington County Commissioner, opened the meeting at 2:06 p.m.

Members of the Executive Committee in attendance:

James Eardley, Washington County Commission
Alan Gardner, Washington County Commission
Jay Ence, Washington County Commission
Kenneth Sizemore, Five County Association of Governments
Amanda Smith, The Nature Conservancy
Gary Esplin, City of St. George
Daren Barney, Mayor, Ivins
Ron Thompson, Washington County Water Conservancy District
Karl Wilson, Mayor, LaVerkin
Brad Barber, Oquirrh Institute
Scott Hirschi, Economic Development Council
Rick Rosenberg, City of Santa Clara
Lee Caldwell, Dixie State College
Lorri Kocinski-Puchlik (formerly) St. George Chamber of Commerce
Jim Crisp, Bureau of Land Management
Frank Lojko (for Dr. Lee Caldwell), Dixie State College

Members of the Steering Committee joining the meeting:

Carol Sapp, SUHBA
Russell Behrmann, Chamber of Commerce
Jeri Iverson
Judy Gubler, Ivins City
Jane Whalen, Hurricane
Kayla Koeber, Merrill-Lynch
Mike Empey, Congressman Matheson's Office
Lin Alder, Citizens for Dixie's Future
Kent Perkins, City of St. George
Terri Kane, Dixie Regional Medical Center

Agenda

The proposed Agenda for this meeting was as follows:

- Welcome/Introductions Chairman Jim Eardley

- Approve Minutes from 8/24/06 and 10/5/06 meetings Committee
- First Report on Workshops Alan Matheson, Envision Utah
- Review/Approve Vision Dixie Steering Committee Statement Committee
- Assignments/Other Business Jim Eardley
- Set Next Meeting Date/Adjourn Jim Eardley

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Motion by Rick Rosenberg to approve Steering Committee Meeting Minutes of 8/24/06 and 10/5/06, as submitted. Motion seconded by Ken Sizemore and carried by unanimous vote, with all present voting aye.

First Report on Workshops:

Alan Matheson, Executive Director of Envision Utah, repeated the essence of his report to the Executive Committee.

Review/Approve Vision Dixie Steering Committee Statement:

Copies of the document entitled “Vision Dixie Approach,” dated November 1, 2006, was distributed to all committee members. Chairman Eardley said that there has been considerable feedback concerning this statement. The final document reflects input from the committee members including the suggestion that the last three (3) paragraphs be struck from the document. Alan Matheson said that in his opinion those paragraphs could be excised from the document without materially changing its content. The paragraphs in question read as follows:

If the Lands Bill passes and the Washington County Vision reflects a sound basis and clear public preference for BLM land disposal, an additional phase (Phase II) could be added to conduct the fine-grained analysis needed to identify specific, appropriate lands.

Phase II would start by identifying specific lands based on the Washington County Vision and assessing whether disposal of those lands would be consistent with the strategies and principles identified in the Vision. More detailed and relevant technical information for each parcel would also be included in the discussion. Phase II would inform, but not supplant, NEPA or any other legally required process.

In summary, if the Lands Bill passes and the Washington County Vision proposes the sale of BLM lands, the community-supported strategies embodied in the Vision can

help Washington County select BLM lands for disposal that will best support a high overall quality of life over the long term.

Jane Whalen said that because one goal of the document is to explain the difference between Vision Dixie and the Land Bill, it would be more confusing, rather than less, to remove those paragraphs. Ron Thompson said that he is in favor of removing those paragraphs because the Vision Dixie process will and should continue even if the Land Bill does not pass. He said that the disposal of public lands should be dealt with in the First Phase, not the Second Phase. Lin Alder asked for clarification of which parcels would be disposed of. Chairman Eardley reiterated that the purpose of the Land Bill was never to identify specific parcels of public land for disposal but rather general concepts of land disposition. Carol Sapp said that in her opinion this process helps the public and the decision-makers gauge the amount and location of land disposition. She sees the last three paragraphs as a redundancy of what is already known. Chairman Eardley agreed, saying that the Vision Dixie process is intended to provide more information to municipalities to aid in developing general plans for their communities. The committee will look at different areas of the County with an eye toward density, development, recreational uses, etc., but most of the planning that takes place will be decided by the individual municipalities.

Jim Crisp added that if the Land Bill does not pass, BLM will need to prepare a land-use plan with additional input from the cities, using Vision Dixie's data to prepare guidelines. Ron Thompson said that there may be land that has multiple and/or conflicted uses. He said the committee should develop some principles to decide what resources should trump disposal. Ken Sizemore reminded the committee that part of this process is a contract with the Governor's Office of Planning & Budget to do a critical lands element for the general plan. Amanda Smith asked if a list of critical lands exists, and Ken said that one is available from his office.

Lin Alder said he was confused about the concept of the land disposition. He said that Chairman Eardley seems to feel that Vision Dixie will not identify specific parcels of land, that Ron Thompson wants to include identification of lands in the process, and that the BLM will go through the process anyway, regardless of what Vision Dixie does. Ron said that he was more concerned about making sure that certain lands were not disposed than identifying lands for disposal. Jim Crisp said the BLM is more concerned with endangered species habitats, archeological districting, cultural resources, and the like.

Chairman Eardley asked for a motion on the Vision Dixie Statement.

MOTION: Motion by Kayla Koeber to approve the Vision Dixie Steering Committee Statement as written in the November 1, 2006, draft. Motion seconded by Jane Whalen and carried by unanimous vote, with all present voting aye.

Assignments/Other Business:

None.

Set Next Meeting Dates:

Chairman Eardley said that the next Steering Committee meeting will be on December 21, 2006, at 2:00 p.m., at the Dixie Center. If deemed necessary, the Executive Committee will meet thirty minutes before the Steering Committee, or at 1:30 p.m. on December 21, 2006. Subsequently, the Steering Committee will meet again on January 18, 2007. As that date approaches, Envision Utah will make a determination on the progress of the scenarios and possibly postpone the January 18th date.

The standard schedule for the Vision Dixie committees has been:

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| Executive Committee | 2nd Thursday of each month, 2:00 p.m. |
| Steering Committee | 3rd Thursday of each month, 2:00 p.m. |

This schedule will continue until decided otherwise.

Adjourn:

Chairman Eardley adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.