

# UINTAH BASIN REVITALIZATION FUND VIRTUAL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, February 8, 2024 - 10:00 AM

Anchor Location: 140 East 300 South, room 108, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

Virtual Option - <https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/86587519475> Meeting ID: 865 8751 9475 +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)..

## APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

### Board Members Present

Evan Curtis, Chairman

Councilman Emmett Duncan - Ute Tribe  
Business Committee

Councilman Mike Natchess - Ute Tribe  
Business Committee

Commissioner Greg Miles – Duchesne  
County

Commissioner John Laursen - Uintah  
County

### Staff and Guests Present

Laurie Brummond, UBAOG Director /  
Duchesne County Grant Administrator

Kevin Yack, UBAOG Assistant Director

Chris Pieper, Utah Attorney General's  
Office

Jannell Quiroz, HCD administrative  
assistant

Trevin Morgan, DWS Contracting

Carver Black, DWS Finance Manager

Paul Moberly, HCD Program Manager

Sarah Smith, DWS Contracting

Jennifer Edwards, HCD Assistant Director

### 1. Welcome & Introductions

Chairman Evan Curtis officially called the Uintah Basin Revitalization Fund (UBRF) Board meeting to order at 1:43 PM, on Monday, October 23, 2023, as a virtual meeting via Zoom with an anchor location at 140 East 300 South, room 108, Salt Lake City, UT 84111.

Chairman Curtis invited all in attendance to introduce themselves, beginning with the board members. Commissioner John Laursen (arrived 10:11am during introductions) was introduced as a new board member replacing Commissioner Brad Horrocks.

### 2. Approval of Minutes [4:27]

The draft minutes from the October 23, 2023 meeting were presented. The chair called the question:

*Commissioner Miles made, and Councilman Duncan seconded, a motion to approve the minutes from the UBRF Board meeting held on Monday, October 23, 2023. The motion passed unanimously with affirmative votes from Commissioner Miles, Commissioner Laursen, Councilman Duncan, Councilman Natchess and Chairman Curtis.*

### 3. Fund Report [5:15]

Chairman Curtis invited Mr. Moberly to present the fund balances, which he referred to Mr. Carver Black from DWS Finance to present. Mr. Black stated that the current balances were as follows including interest through December with balances as of February 5, 2024.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Available for Projects</b>
Duchesne County	\$4,081,858
Uintah County	\$2,858,132
Ute Indian Tribe	\$4,032,834

#### **4. Board Business [6:06]**

Chairman Curtis asked the board and determined there was no board business to discuss for this meeting, as shown on the agenda.

#### **5. Project Applications [6:10]**

##### 5.a Expired contract - Ute Tribe - 18-1938 - Miscellaneous Projects [6:35]

Mr. Moberly reviewed the projects on contract 18-1938, which expired on 12/31/2023 and was originally approved in 3/29/2018. He reviewed the remaining balance on each of these projects, which were requested to be extended, with a renewal date of 6/30/2025:

Project	Remaining Balance
Buffalo Corral Revitalization	\$74.76
Scoreboard for Recreation Department	\$18,283.00
Wrestling/Boxing Club Building	\$24,851.70

*Commissioner Miles made, and Commissioner Laursen seconded, a motion to approve extension of the grant expiration date as presented to 6/30/2025. The motion passed as approved through roll call vote with unanimous affirmative votes from Commissioner Miles, Commissioner Laursen, Councilman Duncan, Councilman Natchess and Chairman Curtis.*

##### 5.b Ute Tribe - Scope of Work Change - 22-DWS-0288: Tribal Building Rehabilitation Program [8:23]

Mr. Moberly presented the scope of work change to 22-DWS-0288 which would add the "(h) Purchase, delivery, and installation of storage sheds" and change the unallowed expenses to allow storage sheds, specifically from language on the agenda,

"(i) Luxury improvements including, but not limited to fireplaces, pools, Jacuzzis, non-permanent or detached structure repair/installation **except as authorized above**, other non-essential rehabilitation or construction, general operating costs of the Tribe, or start-up or operational costs of private business ventures are not allowed under this Agreement."

Chairman Curtis asked a clarifying question on the unallowed project language.

Commissioner Miles asked a question on the inclusion of fireplaces as luxury items. Mr. Moberly deferred the question to the Ute Tribe representatives who provided the scope. Councilman Duncan responded that the Ute Tribe program has restrictions and many homes do not have fireplaces and most use gas or electric heating anyway. Councilman Duncan would be in favor of including them. Mr. Moberly asked if the timeframe for the scope change could align with the approval of the project. Councilman Duncan asked a question if this was about the schedule for home projects. Mr. Moberly clarified about the timeframe of the contract and scope change request. Councilman Duncan stated the affirmative, and stated he would include wood burning stoves in the scope. Mr. Moberly and Chairman Curtis asked Chris Pieper, legal counsel, if the board can approve scope of work changes in this meeting. Mr. Pieper stated if there wasn't a process or concern on the Ute

Business Committee for approving scope of work changes that the UBRF board could approve changes in the scope of work for funding.

Commissioner Miles indicated a motion but wanted clarification on the fireplace question. Chairman Curtis asked if removing fireplaces from the list of restricted items was how the Ute representatives wanted to proceed. Councilman Natchess confirmed.

Chairman Curtis called the question:

*Commissioner Miles made, and Commissioner Laursen seconded, a motion to approve the scope of work change, adding purchase, delivery, and installation of storage sheds as an approved use and removing fireplaces from the list of restricted items. The motion passed as approved through a roll call vote with unanimous affirmative votes from Commissioner Miles, Commissioner Laursen, Councilman Duncan, Councilman Natchess and Chairman Curtis.*

#### 5.c Ute Tribe - Elder Utility Bills - \$1,000,000 [14:48]

Councilman Duncan clarified that this project consists of assisting with utility payments, repair and replacement of furnaces, propane replacement and related issues. Chairman Curtis asked Mr. Moberly if the clarification provided by Councilman Duncan was sufficient for the contract scope of work. Mr. Moberly replied it would be, and stated that the board needs to have full understanding of the project through the scope presented, then he would work with staff to finalize it in writing.

Chairman Curtis called the question:

*Commissioner Laursen made, and Commissioner Miles seconded, a motion to approve the project as presented, **\$1,000,000 for assisting elder Ute Tribe members with utility payments, repair and replacement of furnaces, propane replacement and related heating issues.** The motion passed as approved through a roll call vote with unanimous affirmative votes from Commissioner Miles, Commissioner Laursen, Councilman Duncan, Councilman Natchess and Chairman Curtis.*

#### 5.d Ute Tribe - Rehabilitation Costs for Band Members - \$1,000,000 [16:20]

Councilman Duncan clarified that this project was home rehabilitation, including accessibility ramps, floors, windows, etc. to improve substandard homes. Chairman Curtis asked if it was just for residential homes. Councilman Duncan responded that it was for residential homes of the elders first, then other tribal members afterward. Mr. Moberly asked if this was an addition to the Tribal Building Rehabilitation Program discussed previously, and would the amount be amended to that program, divided evenly amongst the three bands. Councilman Duncan confirmed it was the same program and should be divided as in that program. Chairman Curtis asked if it was the same scope of work as that program. Mr. Moberly confirmed that this would be added to that contract and under that scope of work. Mr. Pieper asked if the motion could include these discussions.

Chairman Curtis called the question:

*With comments commending the Ute Tribe's work on their home rehabilitation work and program, Commissioner Miles made, and Commissioner Laursen seconded, a motion to approve the project as presented with the discussion, **amending contract 22-DWS-0288 to include the addition of \$1,000,000 divided evenly among the three bands, with the revised scope as previously approved.** The motion passed as approved through a roll*

call vote with unanimous affirmative votes from Commissioner Miles, Commissioner Laursen, Councilman Duncan, Councilman Natchess and Chairman Curtis.

5.e Ute Tribe - Department Projects and Equipment Purchases - \$1,000,000 [19:05]

Councilman Duncan presented that the Ute Tribe has 50 departments with outdated and obsolete equipment. Mr. Pieper asked if this was enough information for the contracts. Mr. Moberly replied that he would need more information and asked Councilman Duncan if he had a list of projects. Councilman Duncan outlined projects which will come in front of the Ute Business Council:

Concrete pad (estimated 40' x 30') in Painted Horse  
Offsite storage for IT department  
Digital Recording System and camera upgrades for tribal chambers  
Custodial equipment storage  
Water system trailer  
Water System high pressure water cutter / jetter  
Senior citizen skidsteer

Chairman Curtis called the question:

*Commissioner Laursen made, and Commissioner Miles seconded, a motion to approve the project as presented with the discussion, **\$1,000,000 for Department Projects and Equipment Purchases to be approved by the Ute Business Council, including those mentioned, to be provided by the council.** The motion passed as approved through a roll call vote with unanimous affirmative votes from Commissioner Miles, Commissioner Laursen, Councilman Duncan, Councilman Natchess and Chairman Curtis.*

5.f Ute Tribe - Whiterocks Community Playground - \$967,699 [22:35]

Councilman Duncan presented the project as moving the existing Richardson subdivision playground, land preparations, fence, and new playground equipment.

Chairman Curtis called the question:

*Commissioner Miles made, and Commissioner Laursen seconded, a motion to approve the project as presented with the discussion, **\$967,699 for relocating the Richardson subdivision playground, including land preparation, new equipment, and fence.** The motion passed as approved through a roll call vote with unanimous affirmative votes from Commissioner Miles, Commissioner Laursen, Councilman Duncan, Councilman Natchess and Chairman Curtis.*

## **6. Board Member Issues [24:04]**

### 6.a Schedule of Meetings

Chairman Curtis asked the board review the schedule of meetings, noting that the April 11<sup>th</sup> meeting overlaps with the Basin Oil and Gas Collaborative. The dates for the upcoming meetings were as follows:

Thursday, April 11, 2024 @ 3:30pm (virtual)  
Thursday, July 11, 2024 @ 3:30pm (possible in person)  
Thursday, October 24, 2024 @ 1:00 (in person, Duchesne City)

Chairman Curtis entertained a motion to adjourn.

*Councilman Duncan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote.*

*The meeting adjourned at 10:33 am.*

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*Submitted by Paul Moberly*