

Morgan County – Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization

October 2020 Minutes

Meeting
**RPO October
2020**

Date
October 1, 2020

Time
4:00 – 5:00 pm

Location
**Online Zoom
Meeting**

Julie Bjornstad, Wasatch Front Regional Council transportation planner, called the meeting of the Morgan County – Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization to order at 4:04 pm. This meeting took place via Zoom.

Policy and Technical Committee	In Attendance
Huntsville	
Mayor Jim Truett	no
Blake Bingham (alternate)	no
Morgan City	
Mayor Ray Little	yes
Ty Bailey	yes
Morgan County	
Councilmember Robert Kilmer	yes
Lance Evans	yes
Utah Department of Transportation	
Christopher Chesnut	yes
Utah Transit Authority	
Treva Blaisdell	no
Wasatch Front Regional Council	
Julie Bjornstad	yes
Weber County	
Commissioner Gage Froerer	yes
John Lewis	yes
Brooke Stewart	yes
Holin Wilbanks	yes

- Welcome [00:00:00]**
Chair Mayor Little welcomed Morgan County-Ogden Valley Rural Planning Organization (RPO) members and technical committee members.
- Approval of the August meeting minutes [00:01:08]**
Chair Mayor Little called for the approval of the August meeting minutes. Commissioner Froerer made the motion to approve and Councilmember Kilmer seconded. All votes were in favor to approve.
- Opportunity for public comment [00:02:14]**
Vice Chair Mayor Little opened the meeting up for public comment. There were no public comments.

4. **RPO Goals and Next Steps Discussion [00:02:34]**

As the interlocal agreement for funding the RPO is about to expire, Julie Bjornstad led a discussion about the future of the RPO, its goals, and next steps. Christopher Chesnut mentioned that UDOT is also in the process of discussing RPOs in general and what UDOT would like to accomplish through this framework. He saw benefits to the RPO and thought it should continue its work. Ty Bailey mentioned that legislative updates are a beneficial component to the RPO and cited local option sales tax analysis as evidence of this. Mayor Little noted that the RPO was established to coordinate and master plan roads. However, the four jurisdictions have different roadway needs. The RPO has been helpful to understand what resources are available. However, he wondered if the COG was a better format than an RPO. Councilmember Kilmer agreed with the original intent of the RPO. However, each County has its own plan, and the Counties don't need to be involved in each other's road plan. Councilmember Kilmer did not see the need for additional roads between the Counties. He mentioned that WFRC reports are now a standing agenda item at Morgan COG and thought that Morgan County and City can discuss issues at the RPO or the RPO members could reconvene in a different format when needed. Commissioner Froerer noted that Weber County has major design issues with Pineview Reservoir, and they are working with the Forest Service and UDOT to address these issues. He saw the main purpose of the RPO as coordinating possible future trail development but noted this has little concern from the Morgan County. He also noted that it will be critical for the Counties to work together as Snowbasin develops, but was unsure of the best approach to coordinate. Holin Wilbanks added that she has appreciated the coordination of the RPO, especially concerning the Wasatch Peaks development and understanding what is happening. Ty Bailey asked how often the Regional Plan needs updating and suggested the RPO reconvene every other year to update the Plan. Christopher answered that the Plan should be updated every four years - in conjunction with the Statewide Plan and the Unified Plan. Mayor Little concluded that it was important to try to time meetings around the Legislative Sessions or UDOT planning work, or when things need to be coordinated together. Commissioner Froerer and Councilmember Kilmer agreed. It was agreed that the next meeting will be in April and include a Legislative Session update and a UDOT planning update. Additional conversation about the RPO will also occur.

5. **Other Business and Updates on Related Studies [0:42:57]**

There was no other business or updates to discuss.

6. **Next meeting: April 1, 2020 in-person or web-based meeting depending on COVID-19 [00:43:30]**

A recording of this meeting may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org.