

Commission approves Rocky Mountain Power rezoning

By Chad Hunt
Staff Writer

Sevier County Commissioners approved a request from Rocky Mountain Power to rezone five parcels of land to accommodate the construction of a Sigurd to Red Butte transmission line, which is part of an infrastructure expansion project for RMP, during a public hearing Monday afternoon.

According to RMP spokesperson Mark Cox, permission from the owners of three of the five parcels has been obtained, while one of the two remaining lots belongs to the Utah Department of Transportation and the other to Kay McIff and Richard Chamberlain.

Cox said discussions are still in progress with UDOT, and McIff told him he was taking a neutral stance on the matter.

"I want to be careful that I'm not speaking for him [McIff], but that is what he has said to me," Cox said. He said the rezoning would change the parcels from residential agricultural zones to

grazing, recreation and forestry based areas.

He said once all the permissions are in place, RMP is looking to begin work on the 345,000-volt line within the next year to keep on pace with project deadlines.

Commission Chairman Gordon Topham said he appreciated the cooperation of RMP in working to make concessions in how the line would run through the county.

In other business —
• The commission approved contracts for Kevin Arrington, director of tourism and events, for concert series performances scheduled for January through April. Arrington said the entertainers for the four month stretch would include an a cappella vocal group, a dance troupe, a magician and the folk dancing team from Brigham Young University.

"The concert series is always really enjoyable," Topham said.

• Paul Foster, Richfield Parks and Recreation, addressed the council about using the Candy Mountain Ex-

press bike trail from Big Rock Candy Mountain to Elsinore for a marathon race next September. He said the closed course is more conducive to the style of race being considered, which would become part of the department's annual series of races replacing the Gary's Shoes Fun Run.

The commission approved the use of the trail as long as it remains open to out of town bike traffic and with consultation with Mark Rickenbach, county road supervisor.

• Topham said the county's new website is now online and active. He said while the URL address is still the same, the content on the site has taken on a more interactive feel for both administrators and users.

"It's easier to use, or at least we hope so, anyway," Topham said. He said the new site is still being worked on to make sure all the links go where they are supposed to go, and he said it includes a variety of new resources.

One of those links, Topham said is information about a prescription drug discount card that is available to uninsured and under-insured residents through the National Association of Counties.

For more information, log onto sevierutah.net.

Freedom nominees



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Utah Department of Workforce Services supervisors Susan Munk, left, and Lela King are presented with a nomination certificate by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve in Richfield Oct. 3. King was nominated for the 2011 Freedom Award by Michael Mills, a member of the 2nd Battalion 222nd Field Artillery of the Utah Army National Guard, which is currently deployed in Iraq.

Gov. Herbert signs a redistricting bill

By David Anderson
Associate Editor

Utah Gov. Gary R. Herbert signed into law three bills involving the redistricting of Utah's various political boundaries Thursday.

The redistricting of the state is something that is always a long and contentious process, said Sen. Ralph Okerlund, who co-chaired the committee.

A website for people to develop their own maps for redistricting, as well as several meetings throughout the state were held in an effort to help accumulate public input in the process, Okerlund said. However, spokespeople for the Utah Democratic Party said the plan was developed with the intent of cementing Republican power in the state.

"We were threatened with

lawsuits six weeks ago, before we had a congressional proposal on the table," Okerlund said.

As adopted, the congressional redistricting plan is designed to include both urban and rural interests. Those who opposed the plan favored a proposal where there would be three urban districts and one rural district.

However, legislators chose an option that balanced all congressional districts with both rural and urban areas, Okerlund said.

"Redistricting is an emotional and complex issue," Herbert said. "For more than six months, the state Legislature engaged members of the public in an unprecedented way. I find that the Legislature followed the law, and the outcome, although not entirely satisfactory to everyone, is reasonable."

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