

**SAN JUAN COUNTY COMMISSION, RESOLUTION NO. 2023- 07**

A Resolution Stating the Support of San Juan County for the Established Municipal Boundaries of the Town of Bluff, and in Connection therewith Stating Opposition to the Current Municipal Disconnection Petition Now Pending Before the Bluff Town Council.

**Whereas**, San Juan County (the County) desires to promote productive inter-governmental relations between all municipalities within its boundaries.

**Whereas**, it is important that higher intensity development occur within the boundaries of municipalities where local services can more easily be provided.

**Whereas**, the County is cognizant that development outside of municipal boundaries places an increasing burden on its ability to provide services which ought to be provided by local municipal governments.

**Whereas**, the County is aware that the State Institutional and Trust Lands Administration (SITLA) holds and manages approximately 406,415 acres in San Juan County, and that SITLA has a mandate to develop those lands for the benefit of the State of Utah.

**Whereas**, SITLA has joined with a private property owner to seeking disconnection of approximately 9,514 acres of lands situated within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Bluff, the vast majority of which is managed by SITLA, as more particularly described in **Exhibit 1**.

**Whereas**, SITLA routinely develops its land holdings for a variety of development purposes; it frequently conveys developed lands into private ownership; and those lands can require municipal type services when developed.

**Whereas**, municipal disconnection proceedings can result in the transfer of responsibility for the provision of services from the municipality to the affected county, and the County has a role to play when those actions are brought against a San Juan County municipality.

**Whereas**, municipal disconnection proceedings can undermine the viability of local governments and result in inefficient economic development.

**Now Therefore, it is resolved:**

The San Juan County Commission hereby states its recognition of, and support for, the current incorporated municipal boundaries for the Town of Bluff. The County opposes the pending petition to disconnect federal, state, and private lands from the current municipal boundaries of the Town of Bluff, as depicted in Exhibit 1. This resolution is for purposes of the current disconnection petition now pending, and not for any other purposes.

**San Juan County Commission Resolution No. 2023- 07**  
**Pertaining to the Municipal Boundaries of the Town of Bluff**

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Enacted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

Those voting aye: 1

Those voting nay: 2

Those abstaining:

Those absent:

Board of San Juan County Commissioners

By: Bruce Adams

Bruce Adams, Chairman

Attest:

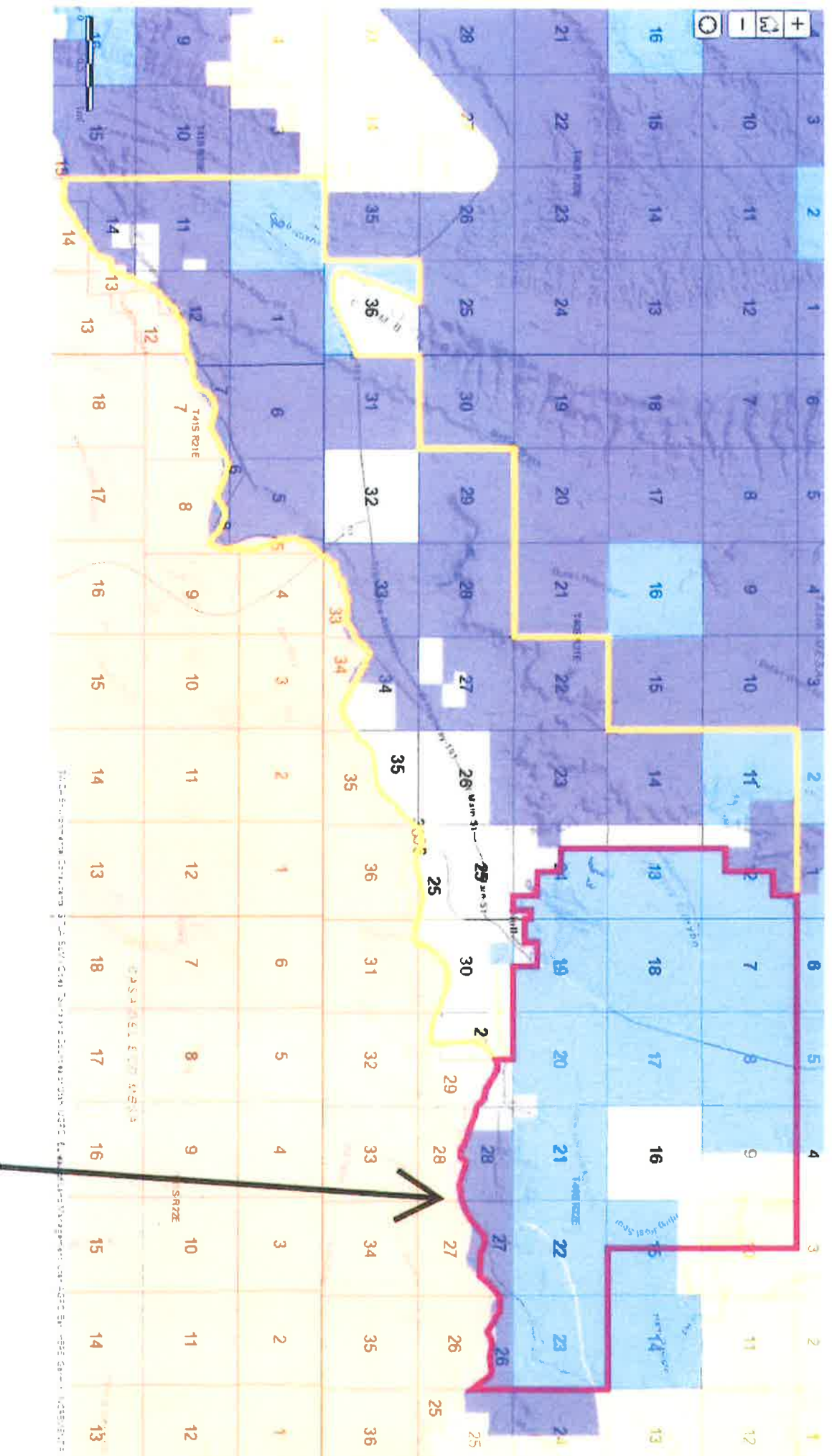
Lynna W. H. [Signature]  
County Clerk

09/05/2023

Date

Attachment: **Exhibit 1.**

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# Exhibit 1

Red boundary is the area proposed for disconnection.