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Governing Board

Thursday, March 23, 2017, 7:30 A.M.
Utah County Health and Justice Building

ATTENDEES:

- Chair James Hadfield, American Fork
- Vice Chair Robyn Pearson, DNR
- Mayor Bert Wilson, Lehi City
- Eric Ellis, Utah Lake Commission
- Councilman Chad Argyle, Spanish Fork City
- Councilwoman Kari Malkovich, Woodland Hills City
- Councilwoman Shellie Baertsch, Saratoga Springs City
- Councilman Mark Seastrand, Orem City
- Mayor John Curtis, Provo City
- Commissioner Nathan Ivie, Utah County
- Brian Cottam, FFSL
- Mayor Mark Thompson, Highland City
- Jason Miller, Springville City
- Rod Oldroyd, Springville City
- Representative Mike McKell, Utah House of Rep.
- Councilman Brian Hulet, Payson City
- Walt Baker, DWQ

INTERESTED PARTIES / VISITORS:

- Bill Applegarth, Riverton City
- Jason Allen, State Parks
- Dr. David Richards, OreoHelix
- Todd & Louise Frye, Bonneville Sailing
- Sam Braegger, Utah Lake Commission
- Robert and Carolyn Krejci, Saratoga Springs HOA
- Rebecca Andrus, Provo City
- Scott Daly, DWQ
- Laura Ault, FFSL
- Mike Mills, JSRIP
- Ben Anderson, Division of Water Rights
- Kara Knighton, Saratoga Springs City
- Elliott Mott,
- Garrick Hall, Farm Bureau
- Bill Pope, HDR
- Jeremy Sorensen, Strawberry Water
- Randy Zollinger, CH2M
- Greg Beckstrom, Provo City
- Mark Ogren, Provo City
- Rich Mickelsen, Provo City

ABSENT: Alpine City, CUWCD, Lindon City, Mapleton City, Salem City, Utah Senate, Town of Vineyard

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1. Welcome and Call to Order

- A. Chairman Hadfield called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M. and welcomed everyone.
- B. Eric Ellis is absent from the meeting, as his wife is currently in labor delivering their child. Sam Braegger will present on his behalf.

2. Award retired Utah County Commissioner, Larry Ellertson, for his service with the ULC since its inception

- A. Chair Hadfield delayed this item until later in the meeting, as Larry Ellertson was not yet present.

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- 1 B. During the discussion about the ULC Resolution to Endorse the Utah Lake Water Quality Study, Chair
2 Hadfield presented the award to Larry Ellertson to thank him for his service. Larry said a few words.
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4 **3. Approve the Consent Agenda**

- 5 A. Chair Hadfield asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2016 Governing
6 Board meeting and the financial reports from November and December, 2016, and January, February
7 of 2017. The motion was seconded and voting was unanimous in favor of approving the minutes.
8 Mayor Wilson made a motion to approve, and Councilman Mark Seastrand seconded the motion.
9 Voting was unanimous in favor of approving the financial reports.
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11 **4. Public Hearing of FY2018 Tentative Budget, associated documents**

- 12 A. General Fund Spreadsheet
13 a. Insurance increased, just typical annual increase
14 b. Increase in Education funding, small increase for the field trips and associated needs, and the
15 allotment for the paddleboard program
16 B. Capital Projects Table
17 a. \$0 currently listed, as the typical \$10,000 contribution has been rescheduled to fund the
18 youth paddleboard outreach program this summer. However, we typically end up with funds
19 left over that are moved into the capital projects fund.
20 C. Contributions Table
21 a. No contributions for the cities, slight changes for state agencies, the typical adjustment to be
22 in line with by-laws.
23 D. Comments/Discussion:
24 a. No comments were made.
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26 **5. Director's Report- Sam Braegger**

- 27 A. Summer Internship for ULC
28 a. We've received 14 applications, we will be interviewing 6 of them and then hiring. We are
29 excited to provide them the opportunity to learn, and enable us to accomplish more.
30 B. Lake Levels
31 a. 3.24 ft. below compromise, about 55% of full. We feel optimistic that the lake could fill this
32 year, but we do not feel a concern about flooding. However, Mother Nature decides that.
33 C. Sandy Beach Improvements-- Laura Ault
34 a. County working with FFSL working on removing vegetation from near the road. Next steps are
35 to install a guard rail, a parking lot, a restroom facility, and hopefully even a campground in
36 partnership with another entity.
37 D. Saratoga Springs Marina Dredging
38 a. Marina is being dredged, and installing a pump house to replace a well that pulled from Utah
39 Lake. We have been publicizing this project to get the public excited. The project is
40 progressing well.
41 E. Utah Lake State Park Dredging—Jason Allen
42 a. Permits took longer than expected to come through
43 b. When project went to bid, the contractors who bid had questions that the engineering firm
44 didn't have answers to in time.
45 c. There was concern about the lake levels being higher, and how it impact the dredging project.
46 d. Project is delayed until after Labor Day.
47 e. The funding the Commission set aside for the improvement of the non-motorized access just
48 outside the State Park is not affected. That project will move forward.
49 F. Phragmites Removal

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- 1 a. The top ranked project in the Central Region to receive funding by state legislature.
- 2 b. About 1,000 acres to be treated this year in the areas of Provo Bay and Goshen Bay. Some of it
- 3 is new areas, others are being retreated.
- 4 c. Also, about 300 acres reseeded with a mix of native vegetation in the areas of Powell Slough
- 5 and Provo Bay.
- 6 G. Spring Fourth Grade Field Trips (April 25-26, May 2-3, Utah Lake State Park)
- 7 a. We are in process of scheduling the schools to come. We might be expanding the size of the
- 8 field trips, to extend a few more classes this spring. We appreciate the participation of several
- 9 agencies that are members of the Commission. We contact all the elementary schools in the
- 10 county, they teach one of our approved lessons and apply, and we select as many as we can to
- 11 attend the field trips.
- 12 H. Utah Lake Festival
- 13 a. June 3rd, 2017. We received \$10,000 for next year's festival. We want to thank Representative
- 14 Mike McKell for his help in securing that funding to improve the festival.
- 15 I. HCR 26
- 16 a. Thank you to Representative Mike McKell and Senator Henderson for writing and sponsoring
- 17 this resolution.
- 18 b. Mike McKell commented that the resolution has been signed, but he is attempting to organize
- 19 a signing ceremony with the Governor. He helped with the additional funding for the festival
- 20 because he wants greater public awareness.
- 21 J. Utah Lake Shoreline Trail Progress
- 22 a. The Commission partnered with MAG to develop the GIS map, the map is available on our
- 23 website at utahlakecommission.org/utah-lake-trail-plan/. The map has layers, showing the
- 24 completed and planned sections of the trail, but also other items such as the Utah County
- 25 parcel map, FEMA floodplain, city trails, wetland areas, city boundaries, etc. It is a
- 26 phenomenal resource for the public.
- 27 K. Trail Proposal for Powell Slough (Orem, UT County, Vineyard)
- 28 a. Utah County, Orem, Vineyard, and the Commission are working on this. There is currently
- 29 funding for Phase 1, the parking lot. Phase 2 is the viewing towers and trails to them. Phase 3
- 30 the section of trails to connect.
- 31 L. Grants:
- 32 a. Office of Outdoor Recreation (Recreation Infrastructure; up to \$100k)
- 33 i. We hope to potentially use this grant to help with completion of the before
- 34 mentioned trail proposal in Powell Slough.
- 35 M. Innovative Ideas
- 36 a. Development of two Waterfowl Management Areas (Provo Bay, Powell Slough)
- 37 i. Addressed in previous section.
- 38 b. Water Quality Solutions Update—Renewable Energy Innovations Inc.
- 39 i. A company who wants to provide an alternative option to POTW's to treat the water
- 40 entering Utah Lake. They intentionally plant algae between the facilities and the lake,
- 41 and then harvest it once it's absorbed the nutrients and sell it. They would self-fund,
- 42 so it wouldn't require cities to provide public funding. They've been well received so
- 43 far in the meetings, we will keep you posted.
- 44 c. Live Wind Sensors on Utah Lake for Boat Safety
- 45 i. We are working on organizing present data sources or provide new ones that could be
- 46 made readily available and understandable to the public.
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48 **6. Report from Technical Committee – Mike Mills**

- 49 A. Mike Mills:

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- 1 a. Carp- \$400,000 set aside for carp removal in the next fiscal year, as a part of the Endangered
2 Species Mitigation Fund through DNR. Issues with ice melting and freezing prevented fishing
3 during much of the winter. Bill Lloy has removed just over 450,000 pounds since Valentine's
4 Day, the first day this calendar year that they could get out on the lake for fishing. Total
5 removed since start of project is 25 million pounds. That is equivalent to the weight of 100
6 blue whales. 2016 showed a decrease in density of carp in the lake

7 B. Mike Mills

- 8 a. Water situation for coming year- We still have high snow pack, especially at Trial Lake. Deer
9 Creek is at about 95% of full, Jordanelle at 65% of full. He anticipates that both reservoirs will
10 fill and leave plenty for Utah Lake. The lake has come up about 2.5 feet since October.

11 C. Erica Gaddis/Scott Daly

- 12 a. Review Draft Charter Document for Utah Lake Water Quality Study
13 i. Purpose of the study is to identify what the water quality goal should be for Utah
14 Lake.
15 ii. The study is very high priority for DWQ. \$1 million has been budgeted to perform the
16 study. It is a continuation of previous studies involving the lake. Cities and POTW's
17 need a clear idea of where this is going.
18 iii. Erica then covered Utah's overall nutrient strategy, as background for the study.
19 iv. Discussed questions that could potentially be focused on in the study.
20 v. Phase 1 has already been completed. One of the first responsibilities of the Steering
21 Committee and Science Panel will be to review all the data collected and decide what
22 still needs to be studied.
23 vi. Steering Committee will be seated by DWQ, with suggestions from other
24 stakeholders. The committee will then seat the Science Panel, responsible for
25 reviewing the research being performed.
26 vii. Erica reviewed the proposed makeup of the Steering Committee.
27 viii. Comments by Governing Board in regards to the importance of participating in the
28 Steering Committee, suggestions on who should participate.
29 ix. Explanation of the makeup and process of the Science Panel.
30 x. Timeline: accepting final comments on charter document through April 7th. After that,
31 Eric Ellis will convene electronic meeting with Governing Board members for final
32 endorsement of the process. April, May Steering Committee will be seated.

33 D. Sam Braegger

- 34 a. Review Draft ULC Resolution for Water Quality Study
35 i. Sam passed on Eric's recommendations for the Steering Committee.
36 1. Utah County for the storm water seat
37 2. POTW's: Timpanogos Special Service District
38 3. Municipalities: A south valley city (Spanish Fork, Payson, etc.), a central valley
39 city (Provo, Orem), a north valley city (Lehi, Saratoga Springs, American Fork)
40 ii. Discussion by Governing Board members on ideas for who should fill those seats.
41 iii. Final date for comments on this is April 6th.

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43 **7. Promotions—Sam Braegger**

44 A. Channel Four Highlighting Utah Lake State Park

- 45 a. Scheduled and ready.

46 B. Youth Paddle Board Camp

- 47 a. Our summer outreach effort to bring youth and families to the lake.
48 b. We are sponsoring 2 youth from each of the 39 junior highs and high schools in the valley.
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50 **8. Communications/Public Relations Plan—Sam Braegger**

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- 1 **A. Social Media Successes**
- 2 a. Since Q4 of 2016, we quadrupled our following on Instagram. Since the start of 2017, we have
- 3 tripled it again. A great way to engage with the public.
- 4 **B. Website**
- 5 a. Utah Lake Trail Plan available on our website
- 6 b. New pages: our FAQ page
- 7 **C. Thank you to Governing Board members**
- 8 a. In Sam’s networking efforts with the lake, he received several free BYU baseball tickets. We’d
- 9 like to give some of these tickets to the Board members as a thank you for your service.

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11 **9. Governing Board Meeting schedule for the remainder of the year**

- 12 A. June 22, 2017
- 13 B. September 28, 2017
- 14 C. November 16, 2017

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16 **10. General comments from board members and the public**

- 17 **A.** Mayor Curtis gave a shout out for Sam and his efforts of working in the stead of Eric.
- 18 **B.** Question was raised as to why some cities in the county don’t participate in ULC. Chair Hadfield
- 19 commented that he plans to meet with Commissioner Ivie to present to other cities the importance of
- 20 joining the Commission, in conjunction with storm water permits from the county.
- 21 **C.** Sam asked that visitor’s and Board members sign the roll.
- 22 **D.** Walt Baker- brief update on the Tibble Reservoir situation.
- 23 **E.** Councilman Hulet requested that the Board continue to pursue courses that will not put further
- 24 financial burden on residents.
- 25 **F.** Rich Mickelsen, Provo City, invited the Board to attend a Utah Lake education day at TSSD with various
- 26 scientists and experts on March 30, 12-4pm.
- 27 **G.** Todd Frye, Bonneville School of Sailing, thanked the Board for all they do. He has asked the sailing
- 28 community to help fund the efforts to put weather sensors on the lake, he urged to continue the
- 29 efforts to get those sensors installed.
- 30 **H.** Elliott Mott, requested to create a new non-motorized launch point between Utah Lake and the
- 31 Jordan River.

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33 **11. Next Governing Board Meeting**

34 Chairman Hadfield reminded the board that the next Governing Board Meeting will be on June 22, 2017 at

35 7:30 AM in the Utah County Health and Justice Building, Room 2500.

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37 **12. Adjourn**

38 The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 AM.