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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Thursday, March 26, 2009, 7:30 A.M.
Historic County Courthouse Ballroom – 3rd floor
51 South University Avenue, Provo, Utah

ATTENDEES:

Mayor Lewis K. Billings, Chairman
Commissioner Larry Ellertson, Vice-Chair
Reed Price, Utah Lake Commission
Walt Baker, UT Dept. of Environmental Quality
Don Blohm, Highland
Dick Buehler, Dept. of Forestry, Fire & State Lands
Mike Cobia, Mapleton
Mayor Jim Dain, Lindon
Chris Finlinson, Central Utah Water Conservancy District
Mayor Howard H. Johnson, Lehi
James Linford, Santaquin
Mike Morley, House of Representatives
Dean F. Olsen, Springville
Mayor Timothy Parker, Saratoga Springs
Robyn Pearson, UT Dept. of Natural Resources
Mayor Heber Thompson, American Fork
Mayor Jerry Washburn, Orem
Brent Arns, Payson
Steve Densley, Provo/Orem Chamber of Commerce

Other Interested Parties

Stephen Schwendiman, Attorney General's Office
Bruce Chesnut, Orem
Greg Beckstrom, Provo
Dave Grierson, Forestry, Fire & State Lands
Michael Mills, JSRIP
Reed Harris, UT Department of Natural Resources
Gene Shawcroft, Central Utah Water Conservancy District
Bob Trombly, Provo
LaVere Merritt, Consultant
Gary Aitken, Strawberry Water Users Association
Dennis Astill, Anderson Geneva
Ted L. Carpenter, BERRI
Jim Clinger, Clinger Farms
Rick Cox, URS Corp.
Rick Heninger, Utah Windriders Association
Randy Kaufman, Forestry, Fire & State Lands
Paul Kelly, BERRI
Marsha McLean, Sierra Forum
Donald W. Meyers, Salt Lake Tribune
Laura Snow, Utah Valley Sierra Forum
Peter Staks, Citizen
Dan Wheeler, Citizen

ABSENT:

Genola, Orem, Pleasant Grove, Vineyard, Woodland Hills

1. Welcome and call to order

Chairman Billings welcomed everyone to the March Governing Board meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:35 A.M. He invited those in the audience who were here for the first time to introduce themselves.

2. Review and approve the Utah Lake Commission minutes from February 26, 2009

Vice Chairman Ellertson acted as the Chairman for the Governing Board meeting held in February and he was invited to conduct this agenda item. Vice-Chair Ellertson opened the floor to discussion. Mr. Walt Baker requested that the following changes be made on page 5 of the February 26, 2009 minutes:

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“Most of the impairments in the state waters are a result of nutrients, including phosphorus phosphate and nitrogen.”

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes with the requested changes. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Review and approve the monthly financial report of the Commission for February 2009

Mr. Price reviewed with the Board the financial report for February, 2009. With 33% of the year remaining, the Zion's Checking account balance was \$1,776.26 and the Zion's Money Market account balance was \$186,429.55. The Petty Cash balance was \$2.12. There were two transfers made in the amount of \$6,500.00 and \$7,000.00. Interest earned totaled \$265.66 from the Money Market account bringing the year-to-date interest earned at \$4,594.65. Expenses for the month of February totaled \$13,425.88. The budget balances were included in the Budget Report with the corresponding per cent left. The year-to-date transactions totaled \$222,992.97. A significant payment that was made to the consultant of the Master Plan will clear in March and be in that financial report. Mayor Howard H. Johnson moved to approve the financial report from February and it was seconded by Mayor Jim Dain. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Report from the Technical Committee

Mr. Bruce Chesnut, Chairman of the Technical Committee, reported that many members of the Committee have continued to work on the final draft of the Master Plan. The Committee met earlier in the week and they are finding that there are many ideas and programs that are coming forward regarding Utah Lake. At the last Monday meeting the Committee heard a proposal for a Utah Lake Cable project. This is a recreational type of proposal which is wakeboarding by cable and not by boat. The project proposed construction of a park on Utah Lake and it was evaluated by using the goals and policies in the Master Plan. The project seemed to be compatible with Master Plan guidelines. There are some things that need to be worked out and Mr. Ty Hunter of Parks and Recreation will be assisting with those enhancements. A report of the phragmites around the lake was heard at the meeting and will be discussed later in the agenda.

Mr. Chesnut invited questions. He said there was full representation at the last meeting from the municipalities.

Chairman Billings thanked Mr. Chesnut and requested he convey the Governing Board's appreciation to the Technical Committee.

5. Report from the Executive Director

Mr. Price said that it felt appropriate to send former Governing Board member, Mr. Barry Tripp, a congratulations card on his retirement and thank him for his participation in the Commission. The card was passed around for the Board to sign and the Commission will also be sending a small gift. The phragmites removal was discussed at the Monday Technical Committee meeting and since that time Mr. Price has been informed that Forestry, Fire & State Lands (FFSL) is expected to conduct a burn next Monday, weather permitting. In review, the area of focus is 112 acres between Lindon Boat Harbor and Center Street in Vineyard. This will be a small project to insure it will be successful before committing to a much larger program on the remaining 5500 acres of phragmites. FFSL is doing some public outreach through the media to let the public know that this is a beneficial project for Utah Lake.

Chairman Billings suggested that Mr. Price get a video tape done of the burn and Mr. Price agreed. Ms. Barbara Gardner who is the area manager of FFSL will notify Mr. Price on Sunday night to confirm the burn for Monday and he will email the Governing Board and the Technical Committee of the status. There is a possibility it will have to be postponed if weather conditions are not conducive.

Mr. Parker requested that Mr. Price include the directions for the best place to observe the burn in the email. Mr. Price said he has been told that the best place to observe will be the Lindon Boat Harbor.

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There are been some considerable planning for this year's Utah Lake Festival which will be held on Saturday, June 6 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Current plans are that prior to the Festival, Board members, city council members and elected officials will be invited on a boat tour with a continental breakfast served prior to the tour. The tour will leave the harbor at approximately 8:30 A.M. and official's families will also be invited. Mr. Cross who conducted boat tours for the public at last year's Festival will, hopefully, assist with this tour. Mayor Billings participated in the sailboat regatta last year. The sailing community would like to invite the officials to participate in one sailboat regatta race that will begin at about 10:00 A.M. A letter will be circulated requesting RSVP's from the elected officials.

During the Festival there will be activities such as game booths sponsored by Provo City. Orem City will be sponsoring a face painter similar to last year that did incredible artwork. There will also be a series of different booths from interested parties including state departments, environmental groups, etc. There will be free food again. Springville City will sponsor a popcorn booth, American Fork will provide free water, and the Commission will provide free hot dogs. Mr. Price said that if the member's cities would like to sponsor some type of food item booth they should contact him.

One of the new attractions to this year's Festival is a Polynesian group from Salt Lake City that will be bringing some 40-foot Hawaiian outrigger canoes and doing demonstrations. A professional boat builder will be assembling an old-fashioned boat on site. June 6 is also free fishing day.

Last week Mr. Price attended the June Sucker Recovery Implementation Plan (JSRIP) annual assessment meeting. Lots of information was shared about studies that are being done to help understand June sucker which in turn helps in understanding more about Utah Lake. As Mr. Price discussed these studies with the Technical Committee they realized that the Commission needs to be involved more with assisting in the sharing of information. The Commission is planning to organize a research group that will meet occasionally to share ideas and coordinate studies.

This summer there is a study that is going to be conducted by South Utah Valley Municipal Water Association (SUVMWA). When the work plan was sent to some members of the Technical Committee some ideas were shared and it is hoped this will continue in the new research group and will help make the SUVMWA study and other future studies better.

Last month Mr. Price forwarded an email from Mr. Reed Harris to the Commission members as JSRIP was looking for a new disposal site for the carp. The farmer's field they were using for disposal was receiving some negative publicity. Mr. Price received several comments back from members of the Governing Board and Mr. Harris is pursuing one of those ideas.

Mr. Dick Buehler, as a point of information, informed the Board that the Special Master who has been working with the Utah Lake boundary issue has requested a tour of the Lake to look at several properties so he can get a better sense of the issues. FFSL will be taking him out on the lake on April 2 and Mr. Buehler will keep the Board updated on that issue. The state is hoping to get this issue regarding the stakeholders and the lake bed resolved soon.

6. Review and discuss the proposed tentative budget

Mr. Price reviewed that members had received the proposed tentative budget for 2009-2010 via email and a hard copy was sent in their packets. He referred to the Revenues and Expenditures as listed. There are some increases in some accounts such as accounts for mileage, internet usage, and consultants. The amount budgeted in the consultants account is for work to create model ordinances for shoreline development as identified in the Master Plan. Mr. Price consulted with Mr. Jim Carter who assisted in the Master Plan consultant group for an estimate in preparation of the budget and Mr. Carter estimated it would cost approximately \$20,000 to create model ordinances.

One of the goals of the Commission is to seek grants and to be able to leverage funds. In discussing this with members of the Technical Committee, it was suggested to create a Capital Project Fund (CPF), separate from

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the General Fund. The money in this account could be drawn out as projects are identified and as funds are needed. Mr. Price estimated \$70,000 to be budgeted for this account.

There was a Fund Balance from last year in the amount of \$36,000. The projected unused funds for this year will be about \$57,000, leaving a fund balance in the General Fund of \$93,000. With the creation of the CPF fund there would be an additional fund in the amount of \$70,000. The total amount for the requested budget would be \$292,000. This is a 10% decrease from the budget requested for last year. After updating the population numbers some cities will have a decrease of more than 10% and some cities will save a little less due to population increases. The numbers used to calculate population were taken from Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG) projections.

Chairman Billings verified that this proposed tentative budget is to assist the members as their cities begin to prepare their own budgets. In the meeting next month it is anticipated that the Commission will adopt a tentative budget. It is required to have a thirty day waiting period before the budget can be adopted.

Mr. Don Blohm asked what the CPF fund is being reserved for specifically. Mr. Price answered that this account was suggested by the State Auditor's Office to allow the funds to be used without having to comply with the restrictions on the General Fund. More information was requested. There was discussion on the title of the fund. The term for this new account will be researched.

Mr. Walt Baker referred to the many cuts that have been necessary in these tough economic times including the lack of pay increases for state employees. Referring to the proposed budget he noted there are increases budgeted for Commission employee salaries. He requested that the Executive Committee review that allotment. Mr. Price responded that the budget does include the annual merit increase which in lieu of Mr. Baker's comments may not be appropriate at this time, but it would be a decision at the time of the employee anniversary. He explained that the increase in benefits is a preparatory precaution in that the Executive Assistant's husband has relocated to another job in California and Ms. Mausser currently takes an insurance waiver. Should that position need to be filled during the year it may require a potential increase in the insurance payment.

Chairman Billings said that this will be an item on the next Executive Committee agenda to be discussed. He requested that any other comments on the proposed budget need to be received soon so the budget can be formalized next month. Mayor Parker also commented that the Commission members should be prepared to assure their city councils on the value of this contribution investment in the Commission.

Mr. Price has spoken at the Provo City Council and the American Fork City Council recently. It was suggested that other cities can extend an invitation to have him speak to their councils as well.

Mr. Baker asked if there is any indication that some communities are not going to be able to participate. Mr. Price said he has not had any notification of that at this point. In the Interlocal Agreement it stipulates that if anyone wants to no longer participate in the Commission they are required to give at least a year's notice.

Mr. Buehler stated that the state agencies appreciate the decreases in their contributions for this year.

Chairman Billings reviewed that no action would be taken today, but any issues should be received by Mr. Price by the first week of April in order for the Executive Committee to review them before approving next year's budget.

7. Review and approve the recommended amendments to the Bylaws of the Utah Lake Commission

Mr. Price reviewed that in the January Governing Board meeting during the discussion of election of officers he was asked to review the Bylaws with the Commission's legal assistants. There were a few sections that they felt needed some changes.

In the first section there is only a grammatical change and is as follows:

Section 5.3 – Compensation, Per Diem and Status

Governing Board Members, Committee members of the Technical Committee, subcommittees or other committees are not employees or contractors of the Commission. They serve on the Commission or its

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committees at the request of their governmental jurisdictions or as private citizens. Any compensation, per diem or reimbursement, except as part of authorized and approved Commission business, shall be borne by the appointing governmental jurisdiction or jurisdiction for ~~whom~~ **which** the individual is employed.

Section 6.2 - Election of Officers

The Chair and Vice-Chair shall be elected from among the official representatives on the Governing Board by a majority vote of the Governing Board. Initial elections of Chair and Vice-Chair shall be conducted at the first meeting of the Commission. Those individuals shall serve until the first meeting ~~following of~~ the next full calendar year. Thereafter, elections shall be held bi-annually at the first meeting of the calendar year **(even numbered years)**. ~~There are no specific terms for said officers except as determined by vote of the Governing Board.~~ In the event that the Chair resigns, is no longer authorized to act on behalf of a Member or for other reasons is not capable of acting, the Vice-Chair will be elevated to the office of Chair and the Governing Board shall elect a new Vice-Chair to fill the unexpired term. In the event the Vice-Chair is no longer able to act, the position shall be immediately filled by a majority vote of the Governing Board ~~until the first meeting of the new calendar year~~ **for the remainder of the term.**

The first meeting of the Commission was in April, 2007 and officers were to be elected at the beginning of 2008; however, the Commission neglected to do so. The Interlocal Agreement says that a term of office is limited to not serving successive terms, so this change is more compatible with the Interlocal Agreement. The change in the next sentence was also grammatical to read as follows:

Section 10.2 – Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is provided for in Article 11.1 of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement establishing the Utah Lake Commission.

10.2.5(f) – Overseeing the ~~developing~~ **development** of methods to obtain grants and future Member contributions.

Section 10.3 – Technical Committee

The Technical Committee is provided for in Article 12.1 of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement establishing the Utah Lake Commission. The membership of the Technical Committee shall elect a Chair and Vice Chair to conduct the business of the group. **Terms of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Technical Committee shall coincide with the terms of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Governing Board.** The Technical Committee shall maintain minutes ~~for~~ **of** their meetings.

Chairman Billings questioned who consulted with Mr. Price to conduct these changes. He replied that those participants included Mr. Robert West and Mr. Stephen Schwendiman. Mr. Schwendiman was invited to speak and he said that he talked with Mr. Price and he thought the changes were consistent with the issues discussed in January. He voiced approval of the changes.

Mayor Johnson verified that election terms are for two years.

Mr. Baker informed the Commission that in the last legislative session Senator Knudsen spoke on the issue of per diem. The changes proposed in these Bylaws are in harmony with the Senator's bill that precludes an official from receiving per diem from the state and then getting reimbursed from his municipality as well. Mayor Parker moved to approve the changes to the Bylaws and Mayor Thompson seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Ellertson in referring to the allocation page of the proposed tentative budget noted that in the block reading "FY 2009 Total" it should be "FY 2010 Total." That correction will be made.

Chairman Billings, noting that the scheduled Public Hearing time was soon, moved ahead to other agenda items.

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10. Other Business

Mayor Parker announced that Saratoga Springs has an event beginning on the same day as the Utah Lake Festival, June 6, and invited the Commission to participate at the Saratoga Splash.

11. Confirm that the next meeting will be held at the Historic County Courthouse Ballroom on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 7:30 A.M.

Chairman Ellertson moved to advance to agenda Item 9 before beginning the Public Hearing. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

9. Report from the June Sucker Recovery Implementation Program (time allowing)

Mr. Michael Mills as representative of the June Sucker Recovery Implementation Program (JSRIP) reported on the carp removal program. A power point presentation was included.

As background, the common carp was introduced into Utah Lake in the late 1800's. Over the years it has populated and now dominates the Utah Lake fish community. Carp are often referred to as "Ecosystem Engineers." In the case of Utah Lake, carp have shifted the ecosystem from a system that was dominated by aquatic plants or macrophytes to one that is dominated by algae. With the loss of aquatic plants has come a loss of refuge habitat in the lake and has made it difficult for young fish to escape predation.

JSRIP has been dealing with carp and other non-native fish since the program was initiated. One of the first programs was to identify all the non-native species in the lake and to determine which species were most detrimental to the lake and to the recovery of June sucker.

From 2002-2005 several studies were done assessing control methods and options to identify non-native fish. These studies indicated that mechanical removal would be feasible as long as hundreds of pounds of fish could be removed each year for consecutive years.

In the years 2006-2008 JSRIP did several pilot studies and looked at potential uses for the fish to try to determine what funding, personnel, and effort would be required to implement the removal program.

In the fall of 2008 JSRIP initiated a large scale project. JSRIP received \$500,000 through the Department of Natural Resources for carp removal and it was decided to use that funding to test carp removal targets.

From the earlier studies it was determined that the carp population could be reduced by 75% if five million pounds of carp could be removed for six years.

The JSRIP advertised for request for proposals (RFP) in the fall and emphasized the importance of cooperation. They wanted marketers to work with fishermen to bring proposals that would cover the entire project i.e., catch the fish, bring them ashore, turn them into a product and then market the product to offset the cost of the removal. They hoped to use the funding as a subsidy.

The JSRIP received eight responses to the RFP and what became very evident was that there was not enough funding to remove five million pounds. With that in mind it was decided to cut the goal in half and remove 2.5 million pounds in six months.

The contract was awarded to Loy Industries and, to their credit, they really got off to a great start.

Mr. Mills went through a series of pictures that showed the process of the fishing including transferring the fish into the boats and how the fishing is done through the ice. One problem Loy Fisheries had was that they were catching so much fish they had to make multiple trips with their boat.

Since October Loy Fisheries has removed almost 1.3 million pounds of carp and 500,000 pounds were removed through the ice in three weeks. The fish have been used as composting and as mink feed.

They did run into some issues with their original disposal site, but with some assistance by members of the Commission they have been able to find another answer to dispose of the fish. They are now working with a composting company in Elberta.

On some of the best fishing days they were able to remove in excess of 60,000 pounds of fish which has been very encouraging to JSRIP. The average catch has been about 23,000 pounds of fish per day.

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Loy Fisheries has been able to invest in some larger boats and more equipment and so have been able to have multiple crews fishing on the lake. Although they haven't been able to meet their target they feel with doubling the effort with the new boats they will be able to reach their goal.

The Division of Wildlife Resources has had their observers out on the lake and has found the by-catch to be extremely low. They estimate the by-catch has been less than 5%. Approximately 100 June sucker have been caught, but in almost every case they have been able to be returned to the lake to survive.

In terms of the future the JSRIP is continuing to seek funding to implement this project on a full-scale basis. They are initiating a process now to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act. This spring they will be holding some meetings to move forward with drafting an environmental assessment. That should aid in the seeking of funds. They are also continuing to research potential uses. Mr. Mills said he is still hoping that some of the cost can be offset through the marketing of the carp. They have a group coming out next week to research the possibility of using the fish in fertilizer.

Chairman Billings asked Mr. Mills if he feels they will be able to remove the goal of five million pounds of carp per year. Mr. Mills said he feels they will be successful and informed the members that it will cost between one and one and a half million dollars per year to complete the project.

Chairman Billings remarked that this was a very positive report.

Mr. Price added that he was contacted by the media not long ago and he let them know this project was encouraging and exciting. It has shown that with a little more effort the project can be done.

Mayor Thompson asked what the average weight is per carp and Mr. Mills said it is about five pounds. A visitor in the audience was recognized and asked if the fishermen would be able to keep up with the spawning during that period. Mr. Mills answered that they have used models that take that into account to assess the need to remove five million pounds.

Mayor Johnson requested clarification on the possibilities for obtaining revenue through the disposal. Mr. Mills said they are still seeking for that solution. Many people who would like to market the fish are looking for a partnership and there seems to be a lack of infrastructure.

8. 8:30 A.M. – Public Hearing on the Final Draft of the Utah Lake Master Plan

Mr. Price highlighted for the public some background information on the process of the Master Plan. On April 2 & 3, 2008, the first Public Open Houses were held and the Statement of Current Conditions was introduced to the public. Input was sought from the community.

The Commission held a Visioning Workshop to combine the public and Commission's ideas to formalize a vision for Utah Lake. That was followed by an Opportunities and Constraints Workshop where they took the visions and tried to identify what obstacles needed to be overcome and what opportunities there were to achieve the visions. Another set of Public Open Houses were held on July 30 and 31 where these ideas were presented.

After receiving additional feedback from the Commission members and the public the plan was written and a preliminary draft was presented to the public on December 3 and 4, 2008. Many revisions were then made and a final draft plan was approved by the Commission at last month's meeting.

The Master Plan doubles as the management plan for FFSL. Essentially both the Commission and FFSL feel the plan is completed; however, there is a 45-day comment period from the date of submission to the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget as required by the FFSL. The plan is in that phase right now where the public can offer written comment to the state which would be responded to in the public comment section in the Master Plan. As a Commission it was felt necessary to provide the public with one last opportunity in the form of a public hearing to offer comment on the Plan. If anyone would like to respond formally on the plan comment forms were provided at the back of the room and could be returned to Mr. Price at the end of the day's meeting.

It is anticipated that with this schedule a joint ceremony of the Commission and FFSL to adopt the Plan will be able to be held in May.

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Chairman Billings opened the forum as a Public Hearing at 8:42 A.M. and asked those present who would like to respond. He asked them to keep their comments concise in order to allow everyone time to comment before 9:15 A.M.

Ms. Laura Snow – Utah Valley Sierra Forum

Ms. Snow said she has watched the process of the Master Plan during the last year. She said she is very excited with the organization and feels there is room for improvement to the lake and development.

Mr. Peter Staks – Citizen

Mr. Staks introduced himself as a land planner by training and experience and stated he has been involved in land planning for a number of years including properties along Utah Lake shoreline. He commended all those who have participated in the creation of the Master Plan document and for providing the public information sessions. He acknowledged the expertise of Rick Cox, URS consultants, Clyde Naylor and Dick Buehler and others.

He requested three things from the Commission as they begin in the implementation of the planning document:

- 1) To not set sites too low regarding Utah Lake's potential,
- 2) To not be afraid to look outside the box to meet the goals that have been outlined,
- 3) To reach out to other non-governmental parties and the private section for broadening the creativity and achieving the plan goals.

The Master Plan document provides for a number of Tier One and Tier Two tasks and activities and seems to center around regulatory agencies to achieve those tasks. He encouraged incentive based thinking as well. He suggested that the public be provided with a vision of possibilities such as phragmites or tamarisks being used for bio-fuel, using the corridors that enter the lake for more productivity, and that a University could be invited to build along the lake for classroom activities. He closed by thanking the Commission for their work and for providing the opportunity to be heard in public forum.

Chairman Billings requested that he submit his comments in written form to the Commission.

Dan Wheeler – Citizen

Mr. Wheeler introduced himself. He stated that he previously taught canoeing for Brigham Young University and has a Doctorate in Recreation. He asked that the Commission might consider other models of recreation opportunities i.e., leasing campsites to individuals. He suggested that lease options might be considered to encourage development. He stated that an enormous amount of work has been done and that he is very excited that this opportunity is going forth. The lake is an untapped jewel. Mr. Wheeler pointed out that the Master Plan encourages cooperation and asked what that would mean for private individuals, corporations, and entities in regard to regulations, taxes, access, etc.

He said having been involved with parks and recreation he was aware that they are concerned with water quality and facilities. He recommended that in a down economy the Commission look to other communities for answers on how to increase opportunities for Utah Lake.

Paul Kelly – Bio-Environmental Resource Recovery International (BERRI)

Mr. Kelly said he works with Dr. Carpenter in the BERRI Corporation. He questioned why the Commission is saving the June sucker. He stated that when he grew up in Idaho the June sucker was considered trash fish. He said he would like to see more sporting fish preserved in the lake such as varieties of trout.

Marsha McLean – Sierra Club

Ms. McLean stated that her big concern is to restore the beautiful Utah Lake to its original habitat and wildlife and she feels that the protection of habitat and wildlife are of ultimate importance. She encouraged

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development of the lake to be enjoyed in a more peaceful and quiet manner and protection of the habitat, wildlife and flora. She expressed concern about over-development in commercial entities. She stated that the June sucker is unique to Utah Lake and encouraged protection of this fish. She feels that a return to natural conditions is more beneficial to the community. Her vision of Utah Lake is of better access to the lake, but by keeping within in a calm setting and being enjoyed by uplifting everyone's lifestyle.

Chairman Billings asked Mr. Dick Buehler, FFSL, to comment. Mr. Buehler stated that FFSL started a process to develop a Utah Lake Management Plan about three years ago. It was obvious at that time that there were a lot of players that were left out of that process. He said the state is so happy to bring a collaboration of people together. There is a lot of interest on a variety of issues. The Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands is the state agency who has the management authority over the bed of Utah Lake. It has been debated for many years to determine exactly what the bed of the lake is and that decision is becoming closer to being identified.

There are many people who have interests in the lake and what they want it to become. Some of those things may not happen, but many things will happen. FFSL is willing to work with anyone who has the interest or desire in the lake and to work with those plans and formulate direction. Once the Master Plan is adopted by the state it essentially becomes the FFSL "Bible" that has to be followed.

Mr. Buehler said he couldn't overstress the collaborative effort that has been exerted in the development of the Master Plan among the Board, Technical Committee, consultants, public, and interest groups who have expressed their concerns. They are excited to adopt the plan, hopefully in May. Mr. Buehler thanked all for their input including all those who commented in today's meeting. He also thanked all the mayors, the county members, the representatives from all the entities and everyone else who has contributed. He stated that this Master Plan will make a difference in Utah Lake.

Chairman Billings thanked Mr. Buehler and closed the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at 9:02 A.M. He asked if there were any more comments.

Mr. Densley commented on the success of the Master Plan, but expressed that he felt the one thing missing was a specific objective to increase the amount of trees around the lake. Mr. Cox said that it is addressed in the document and Mr. Price will consider those comments and review the document.

Mr. Rick Cox, URS consultant of the Master Plan, was invited to make any comments. He said he will continue to be involved in Utah Lake and will continue to attend meetings.

Mr. Price expressed his appreciation of the involvement and support of the Governing Board and the public comments that were received throughout the entire process. This is the culminating event prior to the adoption in May and he looks forward to the adoption ceremony. He extended all his thanks and appreciation.

10. Adjourn

Chairman Billings thanked everyone and reviewed that the next meeting would be held on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at 7:30 A.M.

Mr. Baker moved to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Mayor Johnson. The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 A.M.