



November 15, 2007, 7:30 A.M.  
Historic County Courthouse Ballroom – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor  
51 South University Avenue, Provo, Utah

**ATTENDEES:**

Members

Mayor Lewis Billings, Provo  
Reed Price, Utah Lake Commission  
Paul Hawker, Utah County  
Mayor James Brady, Mapleton  
Dick Buehler, Forestry, Fire & State Lands  
Harry Judd, UT Dept. of Environmental Quality  
Mayor Jim Dain, Lindon  
Chris Finlinson, CUWCD  
Bob Fisher, Woodland Hills  
Deon Giles, Pleasant Grove  
James Linford, Santaquin  
Mayor Gene Mangum, Springville  
Robyn Pearson, UT Dept. of Natural Resources  
Mayor Jerry Washburn, Orem  
Steve Densley, Provo/Orem Chamber

Other Interested Parties

Stephen G. Schwendiman, Attorney General's Office  
Bruce Chesnut, Orem  
Dave Grierson, Forestry, Fire & State Lands  
Barry Tripp, Forestry, Fire & State Lands  
Kris Buelow, Central UT Water Conservancy District  
Sarah Sutherland, Central UT Water Conservancy Dist.  
Gene Shawcroft, Central UT Water Conservancy District  
Chris Keleher, Dept. of Natural Resources  
Dave Wham, Utah Dept. of Environmental Quality  
Rick Cox, URS Corporation  
Darrel Cook, MAG  
Shawn Seager, MAG  
LaVere Merritt, Private Consultant  
Robert West, Provo  
Leon Harward, Utah Crossing  
Catherine Smith, Deseret News  
John Holden, Heartland Processing

**ABSENT:** Highland, Lehi, Utah County Legislature, Saratoga Springs, Vineyard, American Fork, Genola,  
(Commissioner Ellertson, Mayor Heber Thompson and Walt Baker asked to be excused.)

**1. Welcome and call to order.**

Chairman Lewis Billings called the meeting to order at 7:34 A.M. Official notification was received from Commissioner Larry Ellertson that he would be out of town and he had designated Mr. Paul Hawker to represent him. Mayor Howard Johnson called and had family medical issues arise and would try to get to the meeting as soon as possible. Mr. Reed Price announced that there has been a change in representation for Woodland Hills and Bob Fisher will now be the representative replacing Mayor Toby Harding. Mayor Heber Thompson of American Fork is on vacation and had designated Mr. Shirl LeBaron to represent him at this meeting but Mr. LeBaron had not yet arrived. It was noted that Mr. Robyn Pearson was present representing Mr. Mike Styler and Mr. Harry Judd was present representing Mr. Walt Baker. Mr. Deon Giles was present representing Councilman Lee Jensen of Pleasant Grove.

**2. Review and approve the Utah Lake Commission minutes from October 25, 2007.**

Chairman Billings asked everyone to review the minutes. Mr. Hawker was asked by Commissioner Ellertson to request some corrections. Under the Attendees section on the first page Mr. Clyde Naylor needs to be added as being present. It was requested that there be clarification of the last sentence of Item 5 on page 3 where it reads "...and approving a transfer of sick leave for the Executive Director." Mayor Brady explained that in the resolution it explains that Mr. Price had an unused sick leave balance when he left Orem City and had requested that it be carried over from the member organization to be used in accordance with the sick leave policy described in the Utah Lake Commission Employee Handbook. Also, it was requested that the first sentence of Item 9 be corrected grammatically. A motion was made to approve the minutes with the corrections as noted. It was seconded and approved.

**3. Review and approve the monthly financial report of the Commission for October, 2007.**

Mr. Price reviewed the financial report for the month of October. He went over the account balances noting specifically the one transfer from the Money Market account to the Checking Account of \$10,000.00. He also reviewed the expenses for the month and the budget report. At the last meeting it was recommended that Mr. Price meet someone in the Finance Department of Provo City to discuss the record keeping procedures of the Utah Lake Commission. Mr. Price met with Mr. John Borget, Provo City's Finance Director, and will continue to do so to review procedures with him. Mayor Billings asked Mr. Price to make a report to the Commission in the near future regarding those meetings. Mr. Clyde Naylor is preparing a procurement policy for the Commission. Mr. Jim Linford noted that in the financial report under the Account #9200 in the Restricted Account\* category that the "% left column" is incorrect. There was discussion and Mr. Price will make the corrections to the financial report for clarification. The "% left column" will be changed to read 100% however, the asterisk will be left to indicate the original budgeted amount. It was moved and seconded to approve the financial report with the clarifications. The motion was approved. Chairman Billings noted that Clyde Naylor also had requested to be excused as he is in St. George on Utah County business.

**4. Report from the Technical Committee**

Mr. Bruce Chesnut, Chairman of the Technical Committee addressed the Commission excluding discussion of the Master Plan which would be addressed later in the agenda. He said the Technical Committee has been very active the last few weeks. The Transportation Subcommittee met with the Executive Committee to discuss a proposal presented by Representative Ken Sumsion. Representative Sumsion is working with the Transportation Committee to draft a resolution for presentation to the Governor. The Technical Committee met this past Monday and it was a very lively meeting that brought forth a lot of discussion and information. He commented that it was good to see the active participation and involvement. He expressed appreciation to all those who participated and offered their knowledge and expertise in discussing this proposal and the direction that the Commission will take. As requested he reviewed the four Technical Committee Subcommittees that are established which are Transportation, Land Use, Recreation and Natural Resources. Mr. Chesnut commented that as work begins on the Master Plan it will be critical for all the cities that want representation on the subcommittees to notify Mr. Price as soon as possible. Mayor Billings added that there is real value in the Technical Committee and subcommittees and that, in his opinion, the success of the Utah Lake Commission's Master Plan will largely be determined by the contributions of these committees. He expressed gratitude to Mr. Chesnut for all the hours he had devoted in the past few weeks.

**5. Report from the Executive Director**

Mr. Price also expressed his appreciation of the time and continued involvement of Mr. Chesnut and all the members of the Technical Committee.

He first addressed the funding opportunities that are currently being sought. It is his desire to keep the Board abreast of the paths that are being pursued in order to achieve some of the objectives set forth in the Interlocal Agreement.

On the state level he is working with Representative Ken Sumsion, Representative Stephen Clark and Representative Mike Morley. This topic will be addressed in more detail in another agenda item.

Mr. Price is keeping in close contact with Brad Shafer in Senator Bennett's office on the Federal level and Mr. Shafer is assisting in locating possible funding opportunities.

In the last meeting Mr. Price mentioned that a colleague of his in Washington D.C. has offered assistance. He has put him in contact with some friends of his that are in the United States Department of Agriculture. That department has some programs that are specifically designed to help smaller communities with a population of fewer than twenty thousand in economic development and other improvements for their community. Mr. Price reminded the Board that if they hear of any funding opportunities that the Commission could benefit from to be sure and let him know.

In review of his Top Ten list, last week he decided that the list needed to be updated as so many of the items had been accomplished and he wanted to add more items to the list. Concerning some items that were on the list:

- a. Technical Committee - the organization of the Subcommittees is going along well
- b. Develop the Master Plan - great strides have been made and everything has stayed on schedule to select a consultant to assist in the Master Planning process. Last week was a monumental week as the three firms being considered gave oral presentations to the Selection Committee. More details will be given under another agenda item.
- c. Seek grant opportunities to achieve goals - he has been seeking funding opportunities vigorously to help achieve the Commission's goals.
- d. Meet with the Bear Lake Commission – Mr. Price and Mr. Naylor are scheduled to meet with Mr. Harrison of the Bear Lake Commission this coming Monday. They hope to get ideas from him on what has been accomplished at Bear Lake and how some of those ideas can be implemented with Utah Lake.
- e. Be visible – get out and express goals and ideas of the Utah Lake Commission. Earlier in the month he met with the Utah Partners for Conservation and Development group. They contacted him to come and make a presentation on what the Commission is about. Many of their objectives coincide with the objectives of the Utah Lake Commission. They also are interested in eliminating non-native plants and reseeding with native vegetation. They may have some sources that can help with the goal of eliminating the phragmites and creating better access to the Lake.

Mr. Price summarized that it has been a busy and exciting month and things are moving along well. It was noted that Mr. Price has been the Executive Director for three months.

## **6. Report from the Master Plan Selection Committee**

Mr. Price stated that the Master Plan will not only benefit the Commission but the community as well. As background he reviewed that from the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) process there were three firms asked to proceed with the Request for Proposals (RFP) process. Three firms were asked to prepare complete RFPs and to make oral presentations to the Selection Committee. Those presentations were given on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. All three firms gave excellent presentations and it was a difficult decision to select one firm. After a lengthy discussion there was a motion made to begin contract negotiations with URS, Corp. for the Master Plan for Utah Lake and its shoreline. It was also moved that if a contract cannot be agreed upon that negotiations would begin with Bio-West, Inc. URS was chosen for several reasons. First of all their overall approach to the planning process was very clear. They have a lot of expertise and excellence in creating with Master Plans. They have excellent recommendations from those who have used their services in the past. URS has an excellent team they have put together and also can have much of the work done in-house. Another selling point was that they have Mike Donohue on their team who has a great background as

he worked with the Great Lakes Commission for eighteen years. He has a proven knack for finding grant opportunities. Many of the individuals on the Selection Committee were astounded that someone of his caliber would be on their team. He has a high reputation in the field. Mr. Price, on behalf of the Selection Committee, formally recommended that contract negotiations begin with URS Corp. for Master Planning services for Utah Lake and its Shoreline and if a contract cannot be agreed upon that negotiations with Bio-West, Inc. would proceed.

Mayor Billings stated that the Executive Committee had been informed of this decision and was very impressed with the process that had taken place. The Executive Committee agreed with the recommendation and it is their expectation that the Chair and Vice Chair of the Technical Committee and the Executive Director and Assistant Director of the Commission and those assisting the Commission legally would meet with URS, Corp. within 30-45 days. Responding to questions Mr. Price answered that URS, Corp. has an office in Salt Lake City. He also reviewed for the Board that the other firm in the final three was Landmark Design, Inc. who is based in Salt Lake City. Mayor Billings affirmed that none of the firms are being dismissed but that negotiations are being opened first with URS, Corp. Mr. Fisher inquired if it was assured that there were no conflicts of interest. It was stated that nine people were intensely involved in the selection and it was a strong majority recommendation. He invited response from the members of the Selection Committee that were present. Greg Beckstrom reaffirmed that it was a difficult decision. There were three qualified firms. The decision probably came down to being one of nuances. URS, Corp. is very capable of doing the work and everyone on the Selection Committee was very supportive of the final decision. In review the members of the Selections Committee consist of Reed Price (Utah Lake Commission), Clyde Naylor (Utah County), Representative Stephen Clark (Utah Legislature), Bruce Chesnut (Orem, Technical Committee Chairman), Dave Wham (Dept. of Environmental Quality), Howard Johnson (Lehi City), Dave Grierson (Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands), Greg Beckstrom (Provo City), and Chris Keleher (Department of Natural Resources).

Chairman Billings commented that this will be the foundation activity that is undertaken for everything else that is done in the future. He is very interested in the final product that will be brought back. He reminded the Board that this contract will exceed this year's budget and everyone should be expecting to fund a similar amount in next year's budget. The project will cover two years and two budgets. Discussion was invited. Mr. Judd stated that Utah Lake has a very complex ecological system. He asked what professional staff URS, Corp. brings to the table that will be of benefit relative to the ecological, hydrological, and biological components. Mr. Price answered that it is his understanding that URS is the largest consultant firm in the United States and they can tap into finding any experts anywhere that they would need. He then asked Mr. Rick Cox, URS Project Manager, if he had any comments. Mr. Cox thanked the Selection Committee for trusting them by this selection. He responded to the inquiry that URS has been involved with many projects involving Utah Lake such as the Central Utah project with Provo River. They recently did a wetland study for Utah County for the trail system and therefore are very familiar with those issues involving the Lake. He also commented that they have Quentin Bliss on their team who for sixteen years was on the Interagency Aquatic Biological Assessment Team.

a. Approve the consulting firm selected by the Master Plan Selection Committee

Chairman Billings welcomed a motion to accept and approve the recommendation from the Master Plan Selection Committee to enter into now formal negotiations and develop a final contract with URS Corp., and that committee will be comprised of the Chair and Vice Chair of the Technical Committee, Executive Director, Assistant Executive Director of the Utah Lake Commission and the ad hoc legal representation of the Utah Lake Commission and that they would report back to the Commission not later than January. A motion was made and seconded. It was approved unanimously. Compliments were extended to Mr. Price on his excellent work.

**7. Discuss resolution of support for Representative Sumsion’s proposed legislation for a Transportation/Ecological Study of Utah Lake.**

Chairman Billings welcomed Representative Ken Sumsion who is a new friend to the Commission and has some similar interests. Mr. Price reviewed that the Interlocal Agreement outlines many different areas of the Lake that the Commission wants to address such as access, recreation, water quality, and many other issues. The Commission recognizes that the transportation issues are growing around the Lake. Representative Sumsion was invited to meet with the Executive Committee and Transportation Subcommittee to explain some of the work he is pursuing in drafting legislation in support of transportation solutions that may involve Utah Lake. He outlined findings that MAG has come up with for development not only for the west side of the Lake but county wide. This is a growing area and with this growth comes transportation concerns. Representative Sumsion had asked if the Commission would draft a resolution supporting legislation that he is sponsoring to alleviate some of the transportation problems. As the Committee met with him they realized that, although transportation is a concern, there are also other concerns of importance. It was decided to draft a resolution in support of funding for any and all funding options that may arise. The Technical Committee was asked to develop a resolution to support the funding not only of transportation but of water quality, recreation and all other issues that concern the Commission. The Technical Committee has met over the past week and has drafted a document that reflects the importance of funding of studies and projects that help the Commission accomplish its goals and objectives. Chairman Billings thanked the Technical Committee for their initial report. He mentioned that there had been a lot of correspondence back and forth to the point of almost being a blog. The resolution was presented as follows:

1 UTAH LAKE COMMISSION

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3 RESOLUTION 2007-8

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5 A RESOLUTION OF THE UTAH LAKE COMMISSION ENDORSING THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS  
6 FOR TRANSPORTATION AND ECOLOGICAL STUDIES AND FOR STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION FOR  
7 PROJECTS RELATED TO UTAH LAKE, WHICH ARE DEEMED ESSENTIAL TO IMPROVING THE  
8 QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE, AND WHICH WOULD ALSO ASSIST  
9 APPROPRIATE STATE AGENCIES AS THEY FULFILL THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES FOR MANAGING  
10 SOVEREIGN LANDS AND PUBLIC RESOURCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC TRUST  
11 DOCTRINE, STATE LAW AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULE.

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13 WHEREAS, Utah County continues to be a place of rapid growth and development; and

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15 WHEREAS, the population on the west side of Utah Lake is projected to reach 200,000 by the  
16 year 2030; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Utah Lake Commission recognizes that this continued growth and development  
19 impacts Utah Lake; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Utah Lake Commission is in the process of creating a Master Plan document that

22 will identify the needs and set forth the objectives for management and utilization of Utah Lake and its  
23 shorelands, and will identify corrective actions needed to restore and/or maintain the ecological  
24 integrity of Utah Lake; and

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26 WHEREAS, upon completion of the Master Plan document next year, additional investigation  
27 and review will be required to address many of the findings of the Master Plan; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Utah Lake Commission has an active Technical Committee with subcommittees  
30 investigating the issues related to the health and utilization of Utah Lake and its shorelands; and

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32 WHEREAS, the Utah Lake Commission Technical Committee and other experts have determined  
33 that there are various critical issues that have been allowed to progress unchecked for years and that  
34 need to be addressed to reverse their negative effects on Utah Lake’s ecology and image, including:

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- Control and management of non-native and invasive plant species
  - Control and management of non-native and ecologically-unfriendly fish species
  - Water quality and contaminants
  - Transportation
  - Recreation
  - Other issues
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43 WHEREAS, recent studies have revealed other water quality and contaminants issues that  
44 require further evaluation including:

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- Polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination
  - Elevated phosphorus levels
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49 WHEREAS, east-west transportation options along the Wasatch Front are currently inadequate  
50 and worsening as evidenced by the congestion through Lehi City as commuters attempt to reach I-15;  
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53 WHEREAS, as transportation alternatives are considered that could affect Utah Lake, potential  
54 impacts will need to be studied with regard to threatened and endangered species, riparian and aquatic  
55 habitat, wetlands, water quality, air quality, recreation, cultural resources and socio economics;

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57 NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion and second, be it resolved by a majority vote of the Governing  
58 Board of the Utah Lake Commission as follows:

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- 60 1. The Governing Board supports the appropriation of funds that will provide for the strategic  
61 investigation of the feasibility of potential transportation systems impacting Utah Lake and  
62 the inherent ecological effects that would arise;
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64 2. Furthermore, the Governing Board supports the appropriation of funds for the review, study  
65 and implementation of key projects that will address lake access, water quality,  
66 contaminants, shoreline protection, non-native fish control, recreational needs and other  
67 issues affecting Utah Lake.

Representative Sumsion commented upon invitation that he is pleased with the resolution. He will be presenting a bill to the State for the allocation of \$5 million to do ecological studies and an EIS. It is not guaranteed that the funding will be approved but there is a lot of support. He deferred to the Lake Commission and stated that he knows this appropriation wouldn't cover everything that the Utah Lake Commission wants to study, but it will cover many aspects for environmental studies.

Chairman Billings invited discussion. Mr. Linford inquired who would be the co-sponsor in the Senate. Representative Sumsion replied that he anticipates that Senator Madsen or someone of that caliber will be supportive. He explained that his strategy at this point is to not get bogged down in specifics but to get the study going. There are several plans circulating and there is time to address details once the studies proceed. He is aware that this project is not currently in the Top Ten of priorities for the State. He has talked to all the municipalities in his district surrounding the lake and he surmises that if a causeway facility was in place right now the facility would pay for itself through tolls. Mayor Brady questioned why the document does not state right out that the Commission is asking the state for an appropriation of funds. He said the document seems more general. Chairman Billings responded that it is expected that there will be various attempts and efforts made for appropriations. Basically what is being said is that the Commission supports there being an appropriation of state funds to get some of these things accomplished by being somewhat specific but being broad as well. At this point before the Master Plan is done it's hard to bring specific amounts into focus. Not only is the Commission seeking funding at the state level, but at the federal level too.

Mayor Brady suggested that the item listed under the WHEREAS on line 36, Control and management of non-native and invasive plant species, be included in Point 2 under what the Governing Board supports for the appropriation of funds as all the other items are listed there. It was suggested that after all the comments have been made that this addition be put forth as an amendment.

Ms. Finlinson asked where the funding will go if the Representative is successful in obtaining the appropriation of funds. Representative Sumsion responded that it is his intent that the funds will be brought to the Lake Commission and then the Lake Commission will work with UDOT as needed. She asked if there is an interface between this study and the Master Plan. Representative Sumsion responded that these funds would not be available until probably July. By that time two studies will be well underway, those being the Master Plan and the East/West Corridor study. Ms. Finlinson asked if Representative Sumsion is receiving any indication of support in the legislature. He replied that he has strong support clearly in the House and less so in the Senate. He is hoping this resolution will help bring more support. The monies available are in high demand.

Mr. Harry Judd expressed support of the items addressed by Ms. Finlinson and stated that he has the same sentiments. He thinks it is very important that the funds come back to the Commission. He stated that he feels it is critical that the Commission define the scope of work associated with those funds and in reference to the Master Plan, the funds should be delegated out to what the highest priorities are to help facilitate the overall achievement of the Master Plan. Chairman Billings agreed with Mr. Judd and expressed hope that as the Master Plan will define the focus of the Commission that progress won't be delayed with the funds in place. Ms. Finlinson suggested that when the actual language of the bill is finished that the bill be returned to the Board.

Mr. Dick Buehler spoke next and expressed support for getting the funding. He encouraged caution in following the appropriate process so when the time comes to defend the Commission's actions when approached by special interest groups as work initiates in and around the Lake, there will be supportive documentation. He suggested that the Master Plan be in effect before other things are supported. His department has had experience with this in decisions made in the past that are being challenged by special interest groups. They had followed a proper process so they are protected. He stated that the Commission needs to be careful what they support before the Master Plan is done.

Mr. Paul Hawker asked if the proposed funds would go from a study into an EIS process. Mr. Sumsion replied in the affirmative.

Mayor Jerry Washburn agreed with Mr. Buehler's concern that the Commission doesn't take the cart before the horse. He stated appreciation that Representative Sumsion is trying to augment what the Utah Lake Commission is doing. The Master Plan has to be in place first. This is a great opportunity to bring many things together. He thanked the Representative for going to bat with the legislation. Mr. Bob Fisher agreed that he thinks this is also a wonderful opportunity. Mr. Steve Densley asked how the proposal fits into the overall transportation plan in Utah County. Mr. Darrell Cook from Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG) presented to the Board an overview of the different plans that are circulating in regard to crossing over the Lake and where the landing places are suggested. He distributed a handout for illustration. The East/West Corridor route was also reviewed in addition to other north/south freeway systems.

Mr. Price commented that this has been a fun process and he has learned a lot. The time is short as the resolution needs to be to the governor in the first week of December.

Chairman Billings suggested going around the table once more so that everyone could have the opportunity to comment once more and make any suggestions for amendments to the resolution.

Mayor Brady suggested a stylistic amendment to insert in paragraph 2, line 66 following the words "non-native fish control," the phrase, "non-native plants species." It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Buehler had three amendments. In line 41 before the bulleted "other" he moved that a separate bullet be added to read "preserving and enhancing public access and use." The motion was seconded and approved. Regarding line 55, Mr. Buehler moved that it be changed to read "cultural resources, socio economics, and public use and access." The motion was seconded and approved.

Mr. Buehler stated that he would like to add an Item #3, line 68 under "NOW, THEREFORE" stating "The Governing Board directs that all studies, findings, and recommendations under this resolution are submitted to the Commission and all Commission committees for review and consideration for inclusion in the Master Plan." Following discussion it was decided to table this amendment while Mr. Buehler considered the wording of the amendment in consideration of it being more of a recommendation or request. There was further discussion. Chairman Billings expressed discomfort at using the word "directs" as the Commission is not a directing body. Mayor Washburn stated that although he agrees with the idea, he wondered if this was the appropriate document to include this item in and that it seemed more appropriate for a general plan. Mr. Schwendiman was consulted for his advice. He commented that he had seen several drafts of the proposal and basically sees that the proposal doesn't state any mandates but is very generic. He said that the proposal states that the Commission supports the appropriation of funds. The commission can make recommendations and then make decisions. He doesn't see anything in this document that dictates what the Governing Board has to do. Robert West added that the word "invite" could be substituted for "request". The floor was returned to Mr. Buehler to restate his motion so that the wording would be, "The Governing Board invites that all studies, findings, and recommendations under this resolution be submitted to the Commission and all Commission committees for review and consideration for inclusion in the Master Plan." The motion was seconded. Discussion followed.

Mr. Fisher commented most of this is self-evident and will be built into the Master Plan. He stated he was not comfortable putting this language into the resolution. Mayor Mangum agreed with Mr. Fisher. Mayor Brady added that he supported the language and the direction, but not for it to be included in this document. Chairman Billings suggested that the Commission should entertain the idea of a separate resolution to convey this message. Mayor Dain asked if Representative Sumsion thought this would help or hurt the resolution. The Representative responded that he felt neutral about the proposed Item #3 and did not feel it would affect the document either way. The motion was read again and a vote taken. It was necessary to ask for a show of hands. The count total was For-6; Opposed - 6. Mr. Price stipulated that he had not received an official letter regarding Deon Giles representing Pleasant Grove if someone wanted to challenge

that vote. There was no challenge. Chairman Billings respectfully said he agreed with the concept, but voted against to break the tie and the motion did not pass.

Mayor Brady suggested that in the next meeting the Commission discuss drafting a resolution that addresses these issues that have been discussed. It will be added to the next agenda.

Mr. Judd proposed consideration for some language change in lines 32-34. Recognizing that one of the major emphasis of the resolution is to support the gathering of funding, that even though it is in the WHEREAS statement in lines 32-34 he proposed that there could be some additional weight for federal funding if it was added that Utah Lake is an impaired lake. It was moved to add on line 31 a new WHEREAS that would read:

“WHEREAS, Utah Lake has been defined as a water-quality impaired lake as required in the Federal Clean Water Act; and”

The motion was seconded. Representative Sumsion was asked if he felt this addition would be seen as any kind of a “red flag” to the legislature in the presentation of this resolution. Representative Sumsion expressed his opinion that it could be persuasive and positive to the legislature in that it provides additional definition to the water quality of northern Utah County and that, in turn, also affects Salt Lake County as they have considerable interests in the water in Utah Lake.

A vote was taken and the amendment to the resolution passed.

There was a motion to approve the resolution as amended. It was seconded and passed unanimously. Chairman Billings once again thanked Representative Sumsion for this opportunity.

## **8. Other Business**

Mr. Kris Buelow from the June Sucker Recovery Implementation Program (JSRIP) is entering into a study on a proposed stream channel design project for lower Hobbie Creek. They are having a public meeting on December 5, 2007 at the Springville Junior High School from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Chairman Billings asked if anyone knew the status of what is being referred to as the peat fire. Mr. Dick Buehler stated he knew where it is and that it will probably burn until it goes out and it’s not dangerous. Mr. Buehler wanted to compliment the County on an excellent job of putting together the trail that is located on Vineyard road by the Lindon Marina. They have removed thousands of pounds of garbage and junk. The only problem that still exists is that they still have students that making fires there on the beach. The County has also removed nails, rocks, and glass and they are putting in fresh sand for the beach. There will be six small kiosks built soon.

Chariman Billings opened the floor to any of the visiting interested parties.

## **9. Confirm that the next meeting will be held at the historic County Courthouse Ballroom on Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 7:30 A.M.**

There have been reports that it might be difficult achieving a quorum on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Price said he is comfortable with canceling the December meeting. The Chair proposed that the meeting on December 20, 2007 be cancelled and that the next Governing Board meeting be held on January 24, 2008. Mr. Pearson brought up that the January meeting would be past time to address any legislative issues regarding the resolution. It was suggested that should the need arise; the Executive Committee could be assembled for a meeting. Mr. Schwendiman then stated that the Governing Board can call a meeting anytime they want according to the By-Laws of the Utah Lake Commission. The Chair entertained a motion to cancel, for the time being, the meeting in December and confirmed the next meeting on January 24, 2007. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

The January Governing Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 24, 2008 at 7:30 A.M. in the ballroom of the Historic Utah County Courthouse Ballroom.  
Chairman Billings took the opportunity to wish everyone a nice holiday.

**10. Adjourn.**

It was moved and seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 A.M.