



Governing Board

Thursday, May 22, 2014, 7:30 A.M.
Historic Utah County Courthouse, Ballroom, 3rd Floor
51 South University Avenue, Provo, Utah

ATTENDEES:

Chair/Mayor Bert Wilson, Lehi City
Vice Chair/Mayor James Hadfield, American Fork
City
Mayor John Curtis, Provo City
Councilwoman Rebecca Call, City Of Saratoga
Springs
Councilman Mark Seastrand, Orem City
Mr. Brian Cottam, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire,
and State Lands (FFSL)
Mr. Reed Price, Utah Lake Commission
Mr. Mike Styler, Utah Dept. of Natural Resources
Mr. Ray Walker, Woodland Hills Town
Mayor Randy Farnworth, Vineyard Town
Mr. Mike Mills, CUWCD

INTERESTED PARTIES / VISITORS

Mr. Greg Beckstrom, Provo
Mr. Bob Trombly, Provo
Mr. Jason Allen, Utah Lake State Park
Mr. Jed Muhlestein, Alpine City
Mr. D. Chamberlain, Saratoga Springs Owners
Association
Mr. Garrick Hall, Farm Bureau
Mr. Henry Maddux, JSRIP

ABSENT: Santaquin City, Lindon City, State Legislature, Utah County, Springville, Mapleton, Dept. of
Environmental Quality.

1 **1. Welcome and Call to Order**

2 Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M. He welcomed Mr. Jed Muhlestein of Alpine City
3 and all others in attendance. He excused Commissioner Ellertson, Mr. Dean Olsen, Mr. Jonathan Reid, and
4 Mr. Walt Baker.

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6 **2. Approve the Consent Agenda**

7 Ms. Rebecca Call motioned to approve the consent agenda, which includes the March 27 Governing
8 Board minutes and the March and April financial reports. It was seconded by Mr. Brian Cottam. Voting
9 was unanimous in favor of the motion.

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11 **3. Report from the Technical Committee**

12 Mr. Mike Mills reported on the Technical Committee. Their last meeting was held in March and their
13 next meeting will be held June. Dr. Ramesh Goel, of the University of Utah, will be discussing the results of
14 a phosphorus study that was commissioned by SUVMWA a few of years ago.

1 Mayor Hadfield said the Central Utah Water Conservancy District had an open house to celebrate 50
2 years of service. He publicly thanked Mr. Mills and the CUWCD for their service to Utah.

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4 **4. Report from Reed Price, Executive Director.**

5 **Field Trips:** Mr. Price said the ULC sponsored fourth grade field trips in April and May. Weather
6 conditions required cancelation of the April field trip, so some of the presentations were given at the
7 schools. Presentation topics included history, wetlands, wildlife, boating, fishing, macro invertebrates, and
8 birds of Utah Lake. A screech owl and barn owl were released as part of the field trip as well. Students and
9 teachers expressed their gratitude for the great experience. One school sent a large bundle of thank you
10 notes noting their favorite part of the field trip.

11 Approximately 650 students experienced the field trip at the Utah Lake State Park and 350 enjoyed
12 presentations in their classroom; with over 1000 participants. Mr. Price said the demand to attend the
13 field trips is higher than we can accommodate.

14 **Utah Lake Festival:** The Utah Lake Festival is scheduled for June 7, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A
15 social media contest will be part of the festival to encourage attendees to upload photos to Instagram with
16 the hashtag #utahlakefestival or #utahlakefun. The festival will also offer educational booths, games,
17 crafts, canoeing, boat rides, a photo contest, a kiteboarding competition, an antique boat show, and a
18 sailboat regatta.

19 **Recruitment:** Mr. Price along with Mayor Wilson, Mayor Hadfield, Ms. Call, and Commissioner
20 Ellertson reached out to communities to encourage ULC membership. Salem City has recently joined the
21 ULC, and it is probable that Elk Ridge, Spanish Fork, Payson and Pleasant Grove will join as well. Alpine,
22 Cedar Hills, and Highland are still considering membership. Alpine sent a representative to attend the
23 Governing Board meeting today.

24 **Phragmites:** Mr. Price is waiting to hear if the Department of Agriculture and Watershed Restoration
25 Initiative grants will be approved. He is confident the ULC will receive the funding to continue phragmites
26 removal. An accidental fire in 2013 cleared 300 acres of phragmites. In comparison, it costs approximately
27 \$100K to remove 300 acres of phragmites with other methods.

28 Phragmites is being carefully monitored to prevent regrowth in key areas. It is sprayed when they are
29 young to stunt their growth and are retreated in the fall.

30 **Carp:** The ULC applied for \$200K through the Chevron Settlement Willard Bay Grant. Requests totaling
31 \$30 million dollars were made for the funding, so it is unlikely that we will receive our request. However, if
32 it is granted, the ULC will use the money to meet the legislature's "matched funding" requirement to
33 receive an additional \$200K in appropriated funds.

34 The ULC has been working with the JSRIP and their partners and have managed to acquire matched
35 funding through their organization.

36 **Beach Development:** Mr. Whitney and Mr. Price discussed ways to showcase Utah Lake. Development
37 of another beach at the Utah Lake State Park was suggested. Mr. Price recently met with Mayor Curtis,
38 Commissioner Ellertson, Commissioner Whitney, and Utah Lake State Park officials to discuss this option.
39 The ULC was asked to contact a firm with recreational and engineering experience and request a bid for
40 new beach development.

41 **Nutrient Limit:** The EPA asked stakeholders to work together to reduce nitrogen and phosphorous in
42 water bodies and to develop numeric criteria. The criteria would be specific to each water body and the
43 amount of pollutants that can be discharged into them. The EPA is putting pressure on the state to expand
44 regulation of nutrient pollution. The state is trying to prevent the EPA from imposing regulations that may
45 be too harsh. A technology based standard was recently proposed for WWTP's; 1mg/liter phosphorus.
46 The proposed standard is currently in rule making, and if adopted, will be implemented in the next 5 years.
47 Mr. Price has been working with WWTP managers to determine whether this requirement is necessary for
48 Utah Lake. The following factors would allow exemption from these requirements: affordability,

1 deminimus impact, or scientific justification. With scientific research, Utah Lake may be exempt from
2 these requirements.

3 Mr. Price said he has been working with WWTP managers and the Jordan River Farmington Bay Water
4 Quality Council to insure that the state's actions are necessary. He also said he has been working with the
5 Timpanogos Sewer Improvement District, Orem, Provo and South Utah County to support these research
6 efforts.

7 Nutrient criteria will be established in the future. Without research, it is likely that limits will be less
8 than 1mg/l. Limits on total inorganic nitrogen and ammonia are being considered as well. The ULC's role
9 will be to keep members informed, coordinate research efforts, work with the DWQ, and speak with a
10 unified voice as decisions are made.

11 **Questions:** Ms. Call asked how many pounds of carp have been removed from Utah Lake. Mr. Mills
12 said that nearly 15 million pounds of carp have been removed since September 2009.

13 Ms. Call extended thanks to all those who helped with the 4th grade field trips and catered them to the
14 interests of the students. Mayor Wilson also expressed how wonderful it was to read the thank you notes
15 and see how much they enjoyed their experience.

16 **5. Review and Consider Recommended Amendments to Bylaws of the Utah Lake Commission**

17 Earlier in the year, the Governing Board requested a review of the Utah Lake Commission bylaws to
18 insure that they coincide with the Interlocal Agreement. Staffing, election and voting requirements were
19 part of the proposed changes. These items were highlighted and sent in the Governing Board packets for
20 review.

21 Ms. Call explained how the Jordan River Commission is removing certain language from their Interlocal
22 Agreement and included it in their bylaws to comply with legislation that was recently passed.

23 Mr. Price asked for comments. Mayor Curtis asked if the executive committee approved the suggested
24 changes. Mr. Price said they had. Ms. Call said the application for the public advisory committee does not
25 allow individuals to apply in an individual capacity; we should consider making this available in the future.

26 Mr. Mark Seastrand motioned to approve the bylaw changes as presented. Mayor Curtis seconded the
27 motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

28 **6. Continue Discussion from the Strategic Planning Session.**

29 Mr. Price gave a brief review of the March planning session. He asked to have discussion and direction
30 from the Governing Board on how to move forward with our role in mind.

31 Mayor Wilson said that the 4th Grade Field Trips are great for students and it creates a positive stir
32 among the community. He would like to concentrate efforts on this program and make it available to more
33 students. Ms. Call suggested the possibility of expanding the field trips and allowing 7th grade students to
34 participate as well. This would give students multiple experiences to learn about Utah Lake. Mayor Wilson
35 said funding is always a factor to consider when implementing programs.

36 Ms. Call said she recently spoke with Senator Valentine. He said it was unclear to him why funding was
37 taken from Invasive Species Mitigation Fund, and asked that she get back with him when she found out.
38 She suggested that we invite legislators from the Natural Resources Subcommittee out to Utah Lake to see
39 our efforts at the Lake just as we did for the Legislators earlier this year. This would allow for a better
40 relationship of trust and help at times of funding. Mr. Price asked Mr. Mills and Mr. Cottom if the ULC
41 could tap into the field trips that the Natural Resources Subcommittee takes each year.

42 Mr. Seastrand suggested the need to find funding through the local Universities or others to build a
43 nature preserve facility by the lake. Mr. Price informed him that a conceptual design for a nature center
44 has been created, but the location has not yet been determined. He will present a final report at the next
45 board meeting. Funding and partnerships are the biggest issues with this idea. Mr. Seastrand said it is
46 important to make our vision more visible to the communities.

1 Mayor Wilson asked if the ULC has video of carp and phragmites removal. Mr. Price said there is a lot
2 of video available on the ULC YouTube channel. Mayor Curtis suggested holding a photo contest. He said
3 Provo City had a contest and received over 1000 entries. Mr. Price said that a photo contest is held in
4 conjunction with the Utah Lake Festival, and averages 30-40 entries. He said we would advertise our
5 contest much earlier to increase participation.

6 Mr. Seastrand said he is impressed with KSL's photos and wondered if we could increase the visibility of
7 Utah Lake by creating a calendar. He thought it could possibly create a source of funding as well. Mr. Price
8 said the ULC recently created a Utah Lake Instagram account. We hope to have more photos tagged with
9 #UtahLake. Mr. Seastrand said that Provo City publishes all of the photos taken each week and publishes
10 them on the gallery on their website.

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12 **7. Discuss and Consider Approving a Preliminary Budget for FY2015.**

13 Mr. Price said a preliminary FY2015 budget was provided in each Governing Board packet including:
14 (1) General Fund (2) Utah Lake Projects Fund (3) Recommended Membership Contributions.

15 Mr. Price said membership contributions total \$245,000, interest income is \$1,300, and contributions
16 from the fund balance is \$18,600; totaling \$264,900. The increases or decrease for specific expenditures
17 was explained. Mr. Price included a portion of the budget, \$10,000, for event sponsorships as part of our
18 outreach/education efforts. He also said that in 2019, the Utah Lake Master Plan will undergo an update.
19 Money is being set aside for this review.

20 The Executive Committee requested that the funding formula for membership in the ULC be changed.
21 Mr. Price suggested removal of the "area" component and base contributions on population and shoreline.
22 The total budget will be covered at the following percentages: 35% municipalities, 15% county, 35% state,
23 and 15% CUWCD. Mr. Price recommends that municipalities keep their previous budgets for FY2015, but
24 to plan on paying the adjusted rate for FY2016.

25 Mr. Price said changes to the preliminary budget would need to be made in the next few weeks, if
26 necessary. It would then need to be approved at the June Governing Board Meeting. The Executive
27 Committee has reviewed and approved the preliminary budget. Mayor Wilson asked for a motion to
28 approve the budget for FY2015. Mayor Hadfield motioned to approve the preliminary budget and Ms. Call
29 seconded the motion.

30 There was a discussion to decide the public hearing to approve the budget. It was scheduled for June
31 19, 2014 at 7:30 AM with the public hearing at 8:00 AM. Mayor Hadfield motioned to amend the motion
32 and include the date and time. Ms. Call seconded the amendment to the motion. Voting was unanimous
33 in favor of the motion.

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35 **7. Other Business or Public Comments.**

36 There were no comments from the public. Mr. Allen said the Utah Lake water temperature is 65
37 degrees. Mr. Mills said the lake level is 2' below compromise and it is past its peak level.

38 Mr. Henry Maddux said June Sucker are spawning in the Provo River and can be seen at the Lakeshore
39 Drive Bridge. Mr. Allen invited everyone to attend the Utah Lake Festival and to see the beach that has
40 been extended.

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42 **9. Confirm the Next Meeting of the Governing Board.**

43 Mayor Wilson confirmed that the next Governing Board meeting would be held at the Historic Utah
44 County Courthouse Ballroom on Thursday, June 19, 2014, at 7:30 A.M. with a public hearing at 8:00 A.M.

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46 **10. Adjourn.**

47 Mayor Curtis motioned to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Call. Voting was unanimous in
48 favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 A.M.