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Governing Board

Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 7:30 A.M.

Utah County Historic Courthouse

ATTENDEES:

- Shellie Baertsch, Chair, Saratoga Springs
- Mark Seastrand, Vice-Chair, Orem
- Eric Ellis, Utah Lake Commission
- Lon Lott, Alpine
- Brad Frost, American Fork
- Erica Gaddis, DWQ
- Brian Cottam, FFSL
- Rod Mann, Highland
- Michelle Kaufusi, Provo
- Tyce Flake, Vineyard
- Jeff Acerson, Lindon
- Keir Scoubes, Spanish Fork
- Mike McKell, Utah House

Kari Malkovich, Woodland Hills

INTERESTED PARTIES / VISITORS:

- Sam Braegger, Utah Lake Commission
- Laurie Backus, State Parks
- Elliott DeMott, BCC
- Keith Holdaway, Orem resident
- Cory Pierce, Spanish Fork
- Bill Pope, HDR
- Robert & Carolyn Krejci
- Todd & Louise Fry
- Curtis-Blaine Jensen, Core Water Innovation
- Brandon Stocksdales, NPS
- Rebecca Andrus, Provo

ABSENT: Cedar Hills, CUWCD, DNR, Lehi City, Payson City, Salem City, Springville City, Utah County, Utah Senate

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1. Welcome and Call to Order

A. Chair Baertsch called the meeting to order at 7:37 A.M. and welcomed everyone.

2. Action Items

- A. Chair Baertsch asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 3, 2018 Governing Board meeting. Tyce Flake made a motion to approve, and Brian Cottam seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of approving the documents.
- B. Chair Baertsch asked for a motion to approve the financial reports for October 2018 through November 2018. Mark Seastrand made a motion to approve, and Brad Frost seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of approving the financial reports.
- C. Chair Baertsch offered to either wait until later in the meeting when the required 75% of current members could be present to vote on adding State Parks as a member or getting an electronic vote from everyone later. The Board decided to wait until later in the meeting. Later, Chair Baertsch asked for a motion to approve adding Utah Division of State Parks to the Governing Board as a voting member of the Commission. Mark Seastrand made a motion to approve, and Rodd Mann seconded

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1 the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of approving the financial reports. We needed two more
2 votes to reach the required 75%, so the absent members were contacted through electronic means
3 and we received two additional votes in favor. Cedar Hills and Lehi were those votes. We received no
4 votes against adding State Parks to the Commission membership.
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6 **3. Executive Director's Project Report- Eric Ellis**

7 **A. Grants:** Each year, we partner with the county for invasive vegetation treatment.

8 **a. WRI FY20**

9 **i. Applying for \$163, 893 from WRI leveraged by \$165,217 from UDAF's ISM**

10 **ii. Utah County is outfitting the two new machines with mowers and other essentials**

11 **1. We parked one of the new Marsh Master machines in the lot to the east of**
12 **the building this morning, invited Board member to see it on their way out.**

13 **B. Phragmites Treatment:**

14 **a. 2019 Treatment:**

15 **i. Chemical – spray treatment went well this year.**

16 **ii. Mechanical – Marsh Masters are being prepped to begin, likely late December.**

17 **iii. Other Invasives – county will work towards removing Russian Olives and Tamarisk in**
18 **several spots around the lake.**

19 **iv. There were a few questions from the Board that Eric addressed.**

20 **C. Utah Lake Shoreline Trail Progress:**

21 **a. RTCA Presentation on Trail Planning Progress & Walkara Way Project – Brandon Stocksedale**
22 **(RTCA) and Keith Holdaway (Sleepy Ridge Golf Course):**

23 **i. Brandon explained what the RTCA program is. He highlighted the NPS mission**
24 **statement and how it applies to his work with the various local governments in our**
25 **area. He then gave background on the Commission's application to the program and**
26 **what our goals are in partnering with RTCA. He explained what the objectives are,**
27 **how this plan matches more than a dozen objectives from the 2009 Utah Lake Master**
28 **Plan. First objective is to identify and meet with partners for the Utah Lake Shoreline**
29 **Trail and identify where progress can be made first. He highlighted some of the**
30 **education opportunities associated with the trail.**

31 **ii. He then introduced the Walkara Way project. The project would be a private public**
32 **partnership. He explained the benefits, including phragmites management by using a**
33 **grazing pilot program, the trail easement through the Powell Slough area near Sleepy**
34 **Ridge Golf Course, education opportunities and more. See audio minutes for more**
35 **details. There were a few questions from the Board.**

36 **D. Lincoln Beach Update – Survey:** Eric summarized the purpose behind the survey. Once the county has
37 approved the survey, we will send it out to the public through various means to get feedback on what
38 amenities are wanted. There are several grants available that will fit well with the improvements. The
39 survey should go out in the next week or two.

40 **E. FFSL – Utah Lake Proposals Projects and Issues – Brian Cottam:** The progress on evaluating the Utah
41 Lake Restoration proposal has been waiting for the project proponents to inform FFSL that they have
42 the funding to proceed with the federal EIS with the Army Corps of Engineers. They now have their
43 funding and have begun discussion with the Corps. FFSL is in the process of putting together the
44 necessary state interagency resource committee team to evaluate the proposal. The team is
45 requesting a few work sessions with the project proponents to address some specific topics. Once
46 those meetings happens, the resource committee will have the info they need to work with their staff
47 and provide questions back to FFSL that they need answered before they can advise FFSL on decisions
48 for this proposal. FFSL and Army Corps of Engineers will pursue separate but parallel processes to
49 evaluate the proposal. There were a few questions and discussion with the Board.

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- 1 F. Provo City Waste Water Facility – Update (Funding/Project) – Mayor Kaufusi/Dave Decker: Provo is
2 working to redo their sewer system in an environmentally friendly manner. The project is expected to
3 be expensive, so they were seeking solutions for funding. The city asked DEQ for a loan of \$120
4 million, and were approved for \$77.8 million, \$2 million of which is grant money. Mayor Kaufusi
5 thanked Erica and DEQ and other partners. Dave Decker continued at this point. He shared a few more
6 details on the loan and some details of the project. Erica Gaddis added compliments to Provo for their
7 efforts on this project. Dave shared a little more, there was brief discussion with the Board.
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9 **4. Break out session: How to develop ongoing funding for Utah Lake projects and water quality**
10 **improvements**

- 11 A. Chair Baertsch and Eric explained how the session would work. The Board broke up into three groups.
12 The goal of the discussion was to brainstorm ideas for a long-term funding source for the Utah Lake
13 Commission, specifically for funding or providing seed money for improvement projects at the lake,
14 such as marina improvements, trails, etc. After approx. 10 minutes, the groups returned to the table
15 and ideas were shared from all. *See the audio recording of the minutes for all the ideas suggested.
16 The Board discussed the ideas, asked questions, etc. Representative Mike McKell urged that the
17 funding solution be done at a local level and it be sustainable. Brian Cottam suggested that the list of
18 ideas be sent out to the Governing Board members, and have them discuss it with their city councils
19 and staff to further review and make something happen. Erica Gaddis volunteered to speak in a future
20 meeting about the funding opportunities for improving water infrastructure to adapt for the rising
21 population.
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23 **5. Communication– PIO Luncheon report and Annual Photo Contest – Sam Braegger**

- 24 B. Sam reported on the recent luncheon, and monthly efforts, with a group of PIO's from the local
25 municipalities, state agencies and others to communicate about the lake and the projects, events, etc.
26 happening there. He updated the Board on some of the changes the Commission staff have
27 implemented in their communications efforts to this group, and some of the successes. Sam also
28 reported on the annual Utah Lake Photo Contest. He highlighted some elements of the contest, and
29 invited the Board members to each select one photo from the winners that the Commission will print
30 for them to hang in their public offices somewhere. The intent of this being to get beautiful photos of
31 Utah Lake in more public areas to show the public how beautiful it is and positively influence public
32 opinion of the lake.
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34 **6. Utah Lake Water Quality Study Report – Erica Gaddis**

- 35 A. Progress report on the water quality study: Erica updated the Board on where the water quality study
36 is at, i.e. the progress of the Science Panel, the hiring of a technical consultant to help with the science
37 review, etc. Conversation at the latest Steering Committee included discussion on public engagement,
38 and she thanked Sam for his efforts in that discussion.
- 39 B. RFI / RFP proposal for Utah Lake Commission for Algae Bloom Treatments: DEQ has received many
40 phone calls, emails, etc. with ideas for treating the algae blooms. This RFI will organize the ideas
41 submitted and allow for a review for potential future use of a treatment. She also mentioned that in
42 addition to the loan to Provo City for their water treatment plant, DEQ also has a loan to Salem City.
43 She also reported on a few key points of the approved budget for DEQ, as to sampling and water
44 quality studies.
- 45 C. Permanent Educational Signage for Algae Blooms on Utah Lake: The signage has arrived at DEQ. There
46 were some delays due to requested edits to the sign's text. The contractor already knows the siting for
47 those, so they should be placed soon.
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49 **7. Report from Technical Committee**

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- 1 A. Neither the Chair or Vice chair of the Technical Committee was present to report, so Chair Baertsch
2 elected to skip this agenda item for the sake of time.
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4 **8. Governing Board Meeting schedule for the year**

- 5 A. December 12, 2018
6 B. March 21, 2019
7 C. June 20, 2019
8 D. September 19, 2019
9 E. December 12, 2019

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11 **9. General comments from board members and the public**

- 12 A. Eric introduced Laurie Backus to the Board, she is the new State Parks representative on the
13 Governing Board.
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15 **10. Next Governing Board Meeting**

16 Chair Baertsch reminded the board that the next Governing Board Meeting will be on March 21, 2019 at
17 7:30 AM in the Utah County Health and Justice Building, Room 2500.
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19 **11. Adjourn**

20 The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 AM.