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Governing Board

Thursday, March 21, 2019, 7:30 A.M.

Central Utah Water Conservancy District, Orem Headquarters

ATTENDEES:

Shellie Baertsch, Chair, Saratoga Springs
 Mark Seastrand, Vice-Chair, Orem
 Eric Ellis, Utah Lake Commission
 Lon Lott, Alpine
 Jim Harris, DWQ
 Laura Ault, FFSL
 Rebecca Andrus, Provo
 Tyce Flake, Vineyard
 Kari Malkovich, Woodland Hills
 Laurie Backus, State Parks
 Jenney Rees, Cedar Hills
 Mike Mills, CUWCD

Brian Hulet, Payson
 Craig Jensen, Springville
 Richard Neilson, Utah County

INTERESTED PARTIES / VISITORS:

Sam Braegger, Utah Lake Commission
 Elliott DeMott, BCC
 Robert & Carolyn Krejci
 Ezra Nair, Utah County
 Rob Moore, Utah County

ABSENT: American Fork, DNR, Highland City, Lehi City, Lindon City, Salem City, Spanish Fork City, Utah Senate, Utah House of Representatives

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1. Welcome and Call to Order

- A. Chair Baertsch called the meeting to order at 7:33 A.M. and welcomed everyone.
- B. There were no changes to the agenda.
- C. Chair Baertsch reminded everyone that the canvas prints of the 2018 Utah Lake photo contest they had ordered were at the back of the room and to pick them up before they left.

2. Action Items

- A. Chair Baertsch asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December, 2018 Governing Board meeting. Craig Jensen made a motion to approve, and Lon Lott seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of approving the minutes.
- B. Chair Baertsch asked for a motion to approve the financial reports for December 2018 through January 2019. Brian Hulet made a motion to approve, and Craig Jensen seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of approving the financial reports.
- C. Eric elaborated briefly on the tentative FY2020 budget. Publications account went up a little, public notice account went down, and a few other such adjustments to fit our spending in past budget years. Membership contributions, a minor adjustment to align it with the Interlocal agreement. In the Capital Projects fund, there is a budget request for the coming year. In an effort to provide seed money for

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1 marina enhancements, beach enhancements, etc. Commission staff are requesting that the Governing
2 Board approve \$25,000 to match the county's funds they have offered and the cities who submit
3 those types of projects to the Commission. Vineyard City, Saratoga Springs and American Fork city
4 already have plans for such improvements and could benefit from this funding, as well as other
5 communities. Laurie Backus asked for clarification on the DNR divisions' contributions. Mark Seastrand
6 requested a draft of the membership contributions showing what they would be if all cities in the area
7 were members and contributed. Commission staff agreed to provide that. Chair Baertsch asked for a
8 motion to approve the tentative budget for FY2020. Tyce Flake made a motion to approve, and Mark
9 Seastrand seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of approving the tentative budget for
10 FY2020.

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12 **3. Utah Open and Public Meeting Act annual training – Rob Moore**

- 13 **A.** Rob explained that he has a certificate for every Governing Board member to show proof of having
14 done the training. He briefly updated the Board about the two most recent property acquisitions at
15 Utah Lake; the 17 acres next to Lincoln Beach last year, and the area commonly referred to as The
16 Knolls on the west side of the lake, south of Saratoga Springs that they purchased a few weeks ago.
17 They are working on an agreement with DNR to have a parking lot and gravel boat ramp there for boat
18 launching.
- 19 **B.** He mentioned some new bills in the legislature that are related to the Open and Public Meeting Act.
- 20 **C.** Intent of a meeting is the most important part, and that is how the act is reviewed. He defined a public
21 meeting, covered other basics of the act, and then discussed various points with the Board that
22 applied to our Interlocal. He covered reasons for closed meetings. Questions posed by a few board
23 members, discussion and responses by Rob.
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26 **4. Executive Director's Project Report- Eric Ellis**

- 27 **A. Lake level:** There's been lots of precipitation in the mountains. The lake is currently at 3.3 feet below
28 full, a really good place since our snowpack is at 140% of average currently. It's possible that we could
29 be looking at a full lake this year.
- 30 **B. Grants:**
- 31 **a.** WRI/UDAF: Grants have been issued. Our request from UDAF was \$165,000 and WRI was
32 \$163,000. Both ranked really well in our region, funding should become available July 1st. Utah
33 County is contributing in-kind of just under \$62,000, and FFSL and the Utah Lake Commission
34 also make contributions towards this project. Total amount is \$416,000 for this year.
- 35 **b.** ULC Shoreline Improvement CPF Request: the grant fund from the Commission's capital
36 projects fund. \$30,000 to help with access point improvement projects. We will review
37 projects, utilize Technical Committee in this process.
- 38 **C. Phragmites Treatment:**
- 39 **a.** 2019 Treatment: 1st priority area is 4,305 acres from Saratoga Springs City Marina and wraps
40 north and back down the east side to Provo Bay. The 2nd priority is the south end of Provo Bay
41 and works down to Sandy Beach, treatment occurs if additional funding/time is left.
- 42 **i.** Mechanical – Marsh Masters are out, first one is up and running with the mower on
43 the back. The parts for the second mower have just arrived and it will be outfitted
44 soon. Discussion about the pumps at the north end, no mowing but awaiting
45 permission to do a control burn. Mowing in the area of Saratoga Springs currently.
- 46 **ii.** Chemical – Helicopters will treat all that's visible above the water in September.
- 47 **iii.** Other Invasives – Russian olives, etc. treated in front of Vineyard, near American Fork
48 Boat Harbor, and then in Saratoga Springs north of their city marina.
- 49 **iv.** The new trail in Saratoga Springs was brought up, in relation to removal of invasive
50 species. Laura Ault spoke to that point. Saratoga Springs city is working through the

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1 process. FFSL is seeking additional funding, mitigation for wetlands was required. She
2 reviewed the project to put in a trail and remove the canal to restore connectivity
3 with the shoreline of the lake.

4 **D. Projects:**

- 5 a. Lake Restoration Solutions Inc. Project: Laura reported that the Resource Review Team met
6 with the project proponent in January. Discussed environmental issues, engineering issues,
7 habitat and recreation. They will be reviewing the project, figure out what they need to make
8 a decision. They will package a request to the proponent, who will respond, and the process
9 can repeat. They have not engaged with the Army Corps of Engineers yet.
- 10 b. Walkara Way Project: Eric summarized the project.
11 i. Grazing – used to manage the phragmites. We are working on funding for fencing.
12 ii. Trails – public trail through the area.
13 iii. Field Tour – April 11th, 1:00 – 2:30 pm with County Commission
- 14 c. Lincoln Beach Survey – update – Richard Nielson: over 500 responses. The County was pleased
15 with the information it provided. He reported that they are working on some plans, but
16 timeline is not concrete yet.
- 17 d. Vineyard Beach Enhancement – Tyce Flake: Tyce Flake summarized the project for improving
18 the existing Vineyard Beach to provide paved parking, better access to drop off equipment, a
19 gravel boat ramp, etc.

20 **E. Spring Field Trips – April 23, 24, 30 and May 1 @ Utah Lake State Park:** Eric provided a few additional
21 details on how many presenters, how many schools will be attending, etc.

22 **F. Utah Lake Promotional Sales; CVB, ULC Website:** designs being worked on.

- 23 a. Creates a self-funding mechanism for swag and promotion of lake

24 **G. RFI for Algae Bloom Treatments – action item—RFP**

- 25 a. Eric explained that this RFP is to follow up on the RFI that was issued recently. Several good
26 ideas for algae bloom treatment were submitted through the RFI. Jim Harris added details of
27 the RFP, for instance allowing for submissions of mechanical, chemical or biological treatment
28 options. It will be a way to demonstrate the possibilities for solutions at Utah Lake. The action
29 item is that the Utah Lake Commission is proposed to be the sponsor for that RFP. The funding
30 will come from a portion of the legislative appropriation for Utah Lake, through the Utah Lake
31 Water Quality Study from a year ago.
- 32 b. There was some discussion about how the process of selecting RFPs would work, clarification
33 on where the funding comes from.
- 34 c. Chair Baertsch asked for a motion to have the Commission be the sponsor for an RFP for pilot
35 treatments of algae blooms at Utah Lake. Mark Seastrand made a motion to approve, and Kari
36 Malkovich seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of approving motion to
37 create an RFP for pilot treatments of algae blooms at Utah Lake.

38 **H. ULC Vision Document – Discuss Draft and Process:** Commission staff are working on this document to
39 evaluate the Commission’s work and evaluate the lake for its strengths and weaknesses, and provide
40 direction to the Commission for what you are interested in seeing today, where to focus our efforts.
41 We’ve included a SWOT analysis. We will finalize a few parts of it and send it out to the Board to get
42 your input on what you’d like to see.

43 **5. Communication & Public Relations— Sam Braegger**

- 44 A. Utah Lake is My Lake Campaign – update: Sam spoke about participating in the local city festivals to
45 raise awareness of the lake and the Commission. The Commission has signed up for the Cedar Hills
46 Family Festival, Highland Fling, Woodland Hills Days, AF Steel Days, Lehi City Expo, and a few others.
47 Work is being done with the t shirts designs, and we continue to improve our other current programs
48 and events.
- 49 B. Internships: We are in the middle of a BYU On-Campus Internship program. That team of students is
50 helping to develop a volunteer program and a brand ambassador program for the Commission. For

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1 this summer, we are hiring a seasonal Outreach Specialist, and then 1-2 unpaid interns. We hope to
2 further develop it to a year-round intern program.

- 3 C. Monthly media packet: Sam summarized what is the monthly media packet. We have simplified the
4 packet to pre-schedule on our social media, sharing the scheduled date for them to reshare. Two
5 reasons for this being to simplify the workload and increase the likelihood of those posts being
6 reshared and to provide credibility and the Utah Lake Commission as the source for that info.

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8 **6. Utah Lake Water Quality Study Report – Jim Harris**

- 9 A. Progress report on the water quality study: Engaged the science panel to evaluate the data we have
10 and studies that need to be done to develop nutrient criteria at Utah Lake to improve conditions and
11 reduce harmful algae blooms. A technical consultant was hired, Tetrattech, to help the Science Panel.
12 The Science Panel will pursue several studies this summer.
13 B. Permanent Educational Signage for Algae Blooms on Utah Lake: signs were picked up last week by the
14 contractor. Installed any day now.
15 C. Water Infrastructure – this was a typo on the agenda. Gerard Yates is covering this topic next.

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17 **7. Water Infrastructure / Water Issues – Gerard Yates**

- 18 A. Gerard summarized what CUWCD does, taking drinking water from forest to faucet. He covered the
19 scope of the area they cover, their approach to delivering that water and protecting it. He spoke
20 primarily to the risks involved with that process and how it is affected by forest fires such as the ones
21 we had in 2018. He showed some examples of incidents that have happened before and how they
22 have impacted their functions. He specifically talked about Pole Creek Fire and its affects.

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24 **8. June Sucker Recovery Efforts – update – Mike Mills**

- 25 A. Mike postponed his presentation until the June meeting, in the interest of time.

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27 **9. Report from Technical Committee**

- 28 A. Reed reported that at the last Technical Committee meeting, they provided feedback to Commission
29 staff on the draft vision document.

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31 **10. Governing Board Meeting schedule for the year**

- 32 A. June 20, 2019
33 B. September 19, 2019
34 C. December 12, 2019

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

- 37 A. Brian Hulet mentioned the Valley Visioning summit, put on by local chambers. They discuss all kinds of
38 issues facing Utah County, but no one mentions Utah Lake. He suggested we get it on their agenda.
39 B. David Richards had a question on the proposal for algae treatments. Are any proposals considering
40 bio-manipulation of the fisheries? If you control fisheries, you control zooplankton, which controls the
41 algae. Jim Harris said they haven't seen one yet through the RFI, but that may happen in the RFP.
42 C. Elliot Mott requested that the Commission work toward improving water trail access at and near Utah
43 Lake on this inflows and outflows. Easements need to be in place before population increases further.

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45 **12. Next Governing Board Meeting**

46 Chair Baertsch reminded the board that the next Governing Board Meeting will be on June 20, 2019 at
47 7:30 AM in the Utah County Health and Justice Building, Room 2500.

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49 **13. Adjourn**

50 The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 AM.