



Governing Board

Thursday, September 19, 2019, 7:30 A.M.
Utah County Health and Justice Building
151 S. University Ave., Rm 2500, Provo, UT

ATTENDEES:

Shellie Baertsch, Chair, Saratoga Springs
Mark Seastrand, Vice-Chair, Orem
Eric Ellis, Utah Lake Commission
Lon Lott, Alpine
Scott Daly, DWQ
Brian Cottam, FFSL
Isaac Paxman, Provo
Tyce Flake, Vineyard
Mike Rau, CUWCD

Brad Frost, American Fork

INTERESTED PARTIES / VISITORS:

Sam Braegger, Utah Lake Commission
Jamie Barnes, FFSL
David Richards, OreoHelix
Soren Simonsen, Jordan River Commission

ABSENT: Cedar Hills, DNR, Highland City, Lehi City, Lindon City, Payson City, Salem City, Spanish Fork City, Springville City, State Parks, Utah County, Utah Senate, Utah House of Representatives, Woodland Hills City

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1. Welcome and Call to Order

A. Chair Baertsch called the meeting to order at 7:36 A.M. and welcomed everyone. Since there wasn't a quorum to start, Chair Baertsch skipped the action items, with plans to return to them later in the meeting, and moved directly to the website review.

2. Action Items

A. At the end of the meeting, we returned to the minutes. Chair Baertsch asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 20, 2019 Governing Board meeting and to approve the financial reports for June 2019 through August 2019. Mark Seastrand made a motion to approve, and Brad Frost seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of approving the minutes.
B. *Requests for votes to approve the minutes and financial reports were sent out via email to the remaining Governing Board members. Affirmative votes were received from Erica Gaddis, Craig Jensen, Laurie Backus and Jenney Rees. This was sufficient for a quorum vote.

3. Website Review, Overview of Commission Activities – Sam Braegger

A. Sam walked the board through UtahLakeCommission.org website and core Commission activities. He briefly covered each of the main sections of the website, including: the Facebook messenger plugin allowing people to chat via Facebook Messenger directly on the website, new pages launched, the

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1 Festival , Field trips and photo contest and other informational sections of the website, etc. He talked
2 about some of the resources available on the website, such as the trails map develop by MAG to show
3 the plans for the Utah Lake Trail Plan. Sam also shared information about the photo contest, i.e. more
4 sponsors secured this year for contest prizes, 115 photos submitted this year, compared to previous
5 average of 35-40. Mayor Frost inquired about the Facebook Messenger plugin, Sam explained how it
6 works and that the website also have email options and our phone number listed on the website. Sam
7 elaborated that before adding the plugin, Facebook messages received averaged 1-4 a month, which
8 now averages closer to 1-4 per day. Chair Baertsch recommended a “contact us” prominently
9 displayed on the site, for those who don’t want to use Facebook Messenger.

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11 **4. Executive Director’s Project Report- Eric Ellis**

- 12 A. Lake level: a very unique year this year, we are still at about 1.5 feet below full, meaning we have only
13 dropped 1 foot from our peak height this year. Typically, its 2-3 feet of variation. Last year, this time,
14 we were 5.5 feet below full. A good winter and wet spring have definitely contributed. Mike Rau
15 suggested they are expecting a similar or better year next year. Some discussion amongst the board
16 about potential flooding, Utah Lake holding capacity, etc.
- 17 B. Algae Bloom Status: on a lake-wide warning for algae right now. The levels are at the bottom of the
18 required threshold for placing a warning advisory. Eric discussed blooms across the state, that many
19 lakes are facing it.
- 20 C. Grants:
- 21 a. ULC Shoreline Improvement CPF: a small grant the Commission is offering as seed money for
22 lakeshore and access point improvements. Met with several lakeshore city’s already, many
23 have plans ready so that should go well.
- 24 D. Phragmites Treatment:
- 25 a. 2019 Treatment: treatment going well. Due to the higher water year, and the early use of
26 Marsh Masters, there wasn’t as much phragmites to treat this year. Our priority area covers
27 approx. 4,300 acres, the helicopter pilot only had to treat 1,600-1,800 acres. As a result, this
28 year, we expanded our reach to landowners all the way around the south area of the lake and
29 treat as well. Marsh Masters have been working well, we are collecting some video footage of
30 the work they are accomplishing.
- 31 E. Projects:
- 32 a. Walkara Way Project: Last week, there was an inaugural meeting with the County Commission
33 spearheading the effort, with over 20 different entities involved. Overall, everyone is excited
34 for the project. There will be some hoops to jump through before it comes to fruition, but
35 progress continues.
- 36 i. Phase 1: Spring ’20, Fencing – boundaries are already mowed. Eric played a video
37 showing the mowed boundaries and the scope of the first phase of the project.
- 38 ii. Phase 2: Fall ’20, engineering/planning for community ponds- planning ponds now,
39 working with DWR.
- 40 b. Marina Live Video Feeds
- 41 i. Lindon Marina, contract signed, camera delivered: We have a new live camera feed at
42 Lindon Marina, it will be on their website and ours for the use of the public.
- 43 c. North Lake Trail: Timpanogos Special Service District needs to access a sewer line that runs a
44 for a few miles west of their facility, they are partnering with Utah County and the
45 Commission to put in a trail for the public that also allows them access to their sewer line.
46 Discussion amongst the board of the potential issues residents might have with this trail
47 coming in.
- 48 d. FFSL North Park Wetland Mitigation Site Plan Submitted: working out a last few details on
49 design. Seeking a solution amenable to all parties.

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1 e. Powell Slough Access Enhancement: The north access, road has recently been done in
2 partnership with DWR. At the end of it, there was a lot of phragmites. Eric showed a video of
3 the work that the Marsh Masters have done in that area. They utilized the phragmites for
4 cover for wildlife and hunters in patches, and opened clearings and pathways for hunting this
5 season, instead of just mowing it all down.

6 **F. RFP for Algae Bloom Treatments—early summer '20**

7 a. AE Com, ATS, SePro are contractors. Utah Lake State Park, Lindon Marina and Lincoln Beach
8 marina will be the treatment sites. A variety of treatment types, we will test effectiveness.

9 **G. Draft Personal use of Utah Lake Commission property document**: legislation last year that required
10 entities like ours to have this type of document to define personal use of office equipment.
11 Commission staff will take comments from the board for a few weeks. Sam used the USPS policy as a
12 template and then customized it to the Commission's situation.

13 **H. 2020 Outdoor Recreation grant, workshop tour announced**: Commission staff plan to attend the
14 workshop, Governing Board invited to attend as well. Historically, there were grants of up to \$150,000
15 offered. This year, it is in three categories, something similar to last year, a new category to help with
16 recreation programming, and the second new category is a larger dollar amount for regional
17 recreation projects.

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

20 A. ULC Booth at City Festivals, end of season report: Sam displayed a video of what our booth setup at
21 these festivals looks like, i.e. educational signage, brochures and maps, snacks for kids or some swag
22 items to give away. He listed the city festivals we attended: Lehi City Expo, Cedar Hills Family Festival,
23 Saratoga Springs Splash Days, Steel Days, Alpine Days, the UVU Social Impact Fair, Woodland Hills Days
24 and Provo River Day at Orem Library. We spoke with 531 people, had meaningful conversations. Sam
25 described some of the common questions or topics discussed at the booth, i.e. algae blooms, carp
26 removal, Utah Lake Restoration Project, lake amenities, etc. He listed some of the benefits of doing a
27 booth like this; more in-depth conversations, raises awareness of the Commission and the lake, etc.
28 He also covered some lessons learned; there is still a large lack of awareness, algae bloom education is
29 needed, and more.

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31 **6. Utah Lake Water Quality Study Report – Scott Daly**

32 A. Progress report on the water quality study: Scott introduced himself to the board and explained his
33 role in the ULWQS. He gave a quick update on work done this summer, primarily with the Science
34 Panel to work to address some of the charge questions given to the Panel by the Steering Committee.
35 Several meetings, time spent digging into the various aspects of the questions; what happened
36 historically, to establish a baseline, how is the lake functioning currently, is there additional
37 information needed to establish a nutrient criteria and what can be done under current management
38 constraints were the four main questions. He summarized some of the work being done to answers
39 those questions, including three research projects starting this year. The strategic research plan will
40 guide the research moving forward to answer those four questions.

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42 **7. June Sucker Recovery Efforts and report from Technical Committee**

43 A. Mike was not present, so Scott reported on his topic briefly, as well as the Technical Committee, as
44 Scott is the Committee Vice-Chair and heard Mike's report at the Committee meeting yesterday. Carp
45 removal efforts are still underway, it's been a touch season with lower carp levels and increased water
46 levels. Mike reported yesterday that the Provo River Delta Restoration Project land acquisition is
47 complete and will begin construction in spring 2020. Estimated 4 years' timeline for completion of the
48 delta. Brief discussion about what the project will entail. DWR is implementing a monitoring program
49 to track June Sucker and their reactions to the new delta.

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- 1 **B.** Technical Committee is tracking the issues Eric has covered today. The Committee is available to the
2 Governing Board to help where they see fit.

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4 **8. Governing Board Meeting schedule for the year**

- 5 **A.** December 12, 2019 *Leadership elections for Chair and Vice-Chair for 2020.
6 **B.** March 19, 2020
7 **C.** June 18, 2020
8 **D.** September 17, 2020
9 **E.** December 17, 2020

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

- 12 **A.** Shellie mentioned that Executive Committee meeting times will be adjusted, to increase membership
13 attendance according to availability.
14 **B.** Eric briefly reported on the budget remaining for the fiscal year. *We returned to the action items on
15 the agenda at this point.
16 **C.** Soren Simonsen, executive director of Jordan River Commission. Thanked Eric for help with a recent
17 field trip to Utah Lake. He wanted to introduce himself, educate himself on what the Utah Lake
18 Commission is working on, looks forward to participating as a visitor moving forward.

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20 **10. Next Governing Board Meeting**

- 21 Chair Baertsch reminded the board that the next Governing Board Meeting will be on December 12, 2019
22 at 7:30 AM in the Utah County Health and Justice Building, Room 2500.

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24 **11. Adjourn**

- 25 The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 AM.