

Utah Lake Study Committee Meeting
March 4, 2004
Minutes

ATTENDEES: Steve White - County Commissioner
Gary Herbert - County Commissioner
Clyde Naylor - Utah County
Lewis Billings - Provo City
Jerry Washburn - Orem City
Robert West - Provo City Attorney
Lewis Billings - Provo City
E. Fritz Boyer - Springville City
Rulon Gammon - Vineyard
Ken Greenwood - Lehi
Dan Nelson, MAG
Greg Beckstrom - Provo Public Works
Jarret Wicker - Envision Utah
Merril Bingham - Provo Public Works
Darrel Cook, MAG
Chuck Chappell, WFRC
Doug Hattery, WFRC
Stan Postma, Carter and Burgess
Mimi Charles, Wilkinson Ferrari & Co.
Larry Ellertson, Lindon City

Lewis Billings said the group is coming together at the request of Utah County Council of Governments (COG) and he has been asked to chair the committee. Everyone was introduced.

Mr. Billings said COG asked the group to 1) review the Utah Lake issue by doing an overall comprehensive analysis of needs, perceived needs and issues, 2) establish a study, discussion or review process to allow all interested parties input on the issues and 3) develop alternatives as to management and use of the lake.

Discussion included the following points:

- A government link certifying the legitimacy of any project; provide a clearing house for proposed projects and funding options.
- Both outcome oriented plans and process oriented plans are needed.
- Need to adopt something to maintain say in the future of Utah Lake
- Committee is a planning tool to insure proper use and amount of public access
- Invite State Division of Natural Resources representative to be on committee
- Committee should work unitedly to bring development around the lake which will benefit all Utah County
- Address private property rights, public trails, shoreline development and preservation, a causeway and dredging. Decide options and what is realistic.
- Complete the trail system to bring back recreation.
- Take field trips to different locations around the lake.

- Water conservation will be an issue. Utah Lake is very shallow.
- Salinity of the water on the south end of the lake is an issue.
- Other lake contaminants such as oils and other outfall must be considered.
- Resolve the lake boundaries/law suit.
- Consider ecological issues and recreational activities.
- Review the volumes of various studies on Utah Lake
- Input from all interested groups for the study and recommendations to have lasting value.
- Prepare several options of what is possible to take to the public.
- Use technical staff who could help to facilitate groups, raise funds, etc. in this process.

Stan Postma presented several steps involved in establishing a process to follow which included the following: Scoping/visioning Meetings, Partnering Sessions, Focus Groups, a Utah Lake Committee, a Technical Advisory Committee, a Planning Committee, a Media Program and possible formation of a 501(c)3.

Next meeting is April 1, 3:30 p.m in the County Commission Conference Room.

Assignment: Bring copies or a summary of every and any document of research, studies, etc. you have regarding Utah Lake.