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## Governing Board

Thursday, August 27, 2015, 7:30 A.M.  
 Historic Utah County Courthouse  
 51 South University Ave, Utah

### **ATTENDEES:**

Chair/Mayor Bert Wilson, Lehi City  
 Mayor James Hadfield, American Fork City  
 Mayor John Curtis, Provo City  
 Councilwoman Rebecca Call, City of Saratoga Springs  
 Mr. Eric Ellis, Utah Lake Commission  
 Commissioner Larry Ellertson, Utah County  
 Mayor Mark Thompson, Highland City  
 Representative Mike McKell, Utah State Legislature  
 Mr. Mike Styler, Utah Department of Natural Resources  
 Mr. Walt Baker, Dept. of Water Quality  
 Mayor Randy Farnworth, Vineyard Town  
 Councilman Mark Seastrand, Orem City  
 Councilman Mike Mendenhall, Spanish Fork City  
 Mr. Brian Cottam, Forestry, Fire, and State Lands  
 Ms. Christine Finlinson, Central Utah Water Conservancy District  
 Councilman Kim Hancock, Payson City  
 Mayor Jeff Acerson, Lindon City

### **INTERESTED PARTIES / VISITORS**

Ms. Laura Ault, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands  
 Mr. Jason Allen, State Parks  
 Mr. Mike Mills, Central Utah Water Conservancy District  
 Mr. Rick Cox, URS  
 Mr. Jeremy Sorenson, SWUA  
 Mr. Dan Paulsen  
 Mr. Bob and Ms. Cari Krejci, SSOA  
 Mr. Garrick Hall, Farm Bureau  
 Mr. Bill Pope, HDR  
 Mr. Todd and Ms. Louise Frye, Bonneville School of Sailing

**ABSENT:** Woodland Hills, Salem City, Elk Ridge, Alpine City, Mapleton City, Santaquin City, Salem City, Springville City

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

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:31 A.M. and welcomed everyone.

1 **2. Approve the Consent Agenda**

2 Mayor Hadfield made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which included the minutes from the June  
3 25, 2015 governing board meeting, the end of FY2015 financial report, and the financial reports from June and  
4 July of 2015. Ms. Rebecca Call seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of approving the consent  
5 agenda.

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7 **3. Introduction: Noelia Deaton, Utah Lake Commission Executive Assistant**

8 Noelia Deaton stood and introduced herself. She is the new Executive Assistant at the Utah Lake  
9 Commission.

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11 **4. Housekeeping: Santaquin City Withdrawal from the ULC**

12 Santaquin City decided to withdraw from the Utah Lake Commission. According to the interlocal  
13 agreement, they still need to pay for this year. Mayor Wilson pointed out that they haven't attended meetings  
14 recently and that we should try to gain favor with them again. Mayor Hadfield offered to visit their mayor.

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16 **5. Report from Technical Committee**

17 Eric Ellis gave a report from the technical committee. The biggest project from the technical committee is  
18 water quality monitoring that is being done by the Department of Water Quality. They are in the process of  
19 forming a subcommittee that will ensure that the cities and other members of the technical committee have  
20 input in that water quality monitoring.

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22 **6. Report from Executive Director- Eric Ellis**

- 23 A. Lake Level: The lake is 5.1 ft. below compromise. Commissioner Ellertson mentioned that extra water  
24 from Strawberry Reservoir is flowing down the Provo River, which might help maintain the lake level.  
25 People are getting stuck regularly.
- 26 B. Provo Beach Park: There is a contract in place to look at the economic impact of the project. This is the  
27 next important thing to get done.
- 28 C. Trail Development: One of the big priorities right now is to complete the trail from Saratoga Springs to  
29 Utah Lake State Park. The county created a trail map in 2007 that is being used as a starting point for  
30 this plan. FFSL is putting together a digital copy of the path that the trail will follow. The commission  
31 will be working with the parks and recreation departments of the cities. Orem city is going to try to  
32 build a trail from the front runner station to the lake. They are going to apply for some of the funds  
33 that were appropriated by the state for Utah Lake improvements. Regarding those funds, a  
34 subcommittee has been put together that will review those applications and make recommendations  
35 for which projects should be funded. After ratification by the governing board, those  
36 recommendations will be given to FFSL for final approval.
- 37 D. Access Improvements:
- 38 a. Signs: Utah Lake Access Point signs have been installed at most of the access points to the  
39 lake. They were installed by DWR and FFSL.
- 40 E. Sandy Beach Improvements: The Utah Lake Commission is working with Laura Ault, Richard Nielson,  
41 and the Nature Conservancy to add parking lot, restrooms, picnic tables, and fire rings to Sandy Beach.  
42 Hopefully this will change the area to become more family friendly instead of just a "Party Location".
- 43 F. Projects:
- 44 a. RFP for Legislative Appropriation: This was discussed earlier in the trail development section.
- 45 b. American Fork Boat Harbor: American Fork Boat Harbor has contracted with an engineering  
46 firm to make plans for harbor improvements.
- 47 c. Skipper Bay Trail Improvements: Part of the Waypoint Grant includes trying to get picnic  
48 tables added to trail. Ms. Call mentioned that the Utah Lake Commission could work with the  
49 Jordan River commission and apply for the grant together.
- 50 G. Quagga Mussels: No additional quagga mussels have been found since the initial scare at Deer Creek.

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1 H. Carp Removal: June of 2015 was the best June to date. Over 19.5 million pounds have been removed  
2 overall. Mayor Curtis asked if there is any way to measure how successful these efforts have been.  
3 Annual carp density monitoring is going on right now. They will get the results later in the year. Mike  
4 Mills said that based on previous density estimates, carp removal is ahead of schedule.

5 I. Phragmites: Eric Ellis displayed a map that showed which areas will be treated this year. Most of the  
6 areal spray will be done in the southwest corner of the lake. There will be spot treatments and follow  
7 up treatments at several locations around the lake. Commissioner Ellertson said that it is very  
8 important for people to understand what Phragmites looks like so that it can be reported. There is an  
9 area near the pumping station where the Phragmites will need to be burned. Ms. Call said that the  
10 Saratoga Springs Fire Department would be happy to help.

11 **7. Partnership with Jordan River Commission**

12 Mr. Eric Ellis is now an Ex Officio member of the Jordan River Commission. The director of the Jordan River  
13 Commission is going to be participating more in the Utah Lake Commission as well. As part of this partnership,  
14 both commissions are going to work together to host a legislative dinner in October. The dinner is scheduled  
15 for October 20<sup>th</sup> at Talon's Cove Golf Course in Saratoga Springs. Representative McKell pointed out that it is  
16 hard to pick a day that will work for everyone, and that it is important to invite the natural resource  
17 committees. He also said that it is important for the presentation at the dinner to be brief but effective. It is  
18 important for the mayors to reach out to the legislators about this event.

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20 **8. Governing Board Meeting Proposed Schedule for remainder of FY2016**

21 It was proposed that the meeting schedule for the Governing Board be changed from monthly to  
22 quarterly. The executive committee would still meet on a regular monthly basis. The schedule for the rest of  
23 FY2016 would be November 19<sup>th</sup>, March 24<sup>th</sup>, and June 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were no objections to this change.

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25 **9. International Coastal Cleanup Day – September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

26 Luke Allen announced that there will be a Utah Lake Cleanup Day on September 19<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with  
27 International Coastal Cleanup Day. There will be about 40 volunteers cleaning up garbage at 5 or 6 locations  
28 around the lake. The Utah Lake Commission will likely be reaching out to the county and other municipalities  
29 to see if they can provide dumpsters for the cleanup day.

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31 **10. General Comments from Board Members or the Public**

32 Mr. Todd Frye with the Bonneville School of Sailing commended the commission on the dredging that will  
33 be taking place. He asked that the commission try to promote the dredging improvements as they do with  
34 carp and Phragmites removal.

35 Ms. Cari Krejci with the Saratoga Springs Homeowners Association asked that Phragmites treatment  
36 continue in their area. She said there are cougars in the Phragmites that have possibly been eating deer.

37 Mr. Jeremy Sorenson, who lives near sandy beach, was happy about the improvements at Sandy Beach  
38 and asked that efforts continue to protect the private land in that area.

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40 **11. Next Governing Board Meeting**

41 Mayor Wilson announced that the next governing board meeting is tentatively scheduled for November  
42 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM in the Historic County Courthouse.

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44 **12. Adjourn**

45 The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 AM. Mayor Hadfield made the motion to adjourn, Mayor Curtis  
46 seconded the motion.