



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 20th 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 19th, March 24th, and June 23rd. There were no objections to this change.

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25 **9. International Coastal Cleanup Day – September 19th, 2015**

26 Luke Allen announced that there will be a Utah Lake Cleanup Day on September 19th 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 19th 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.