

ULA Governing Board

Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 9:00 A.M.
Hybrid Public Meeting held via Zoom and anchor location at
Utah Lake State Park Visitors Center
4400 W Center St Provo, UT 84601

ATTENDEES:

Julie Fullmer, Vineyard, Chair
Michelle Kaufusi, Provo, Vice-Chair
Eric Ellis, Utah Lake Authority
John Mackey, DWQ
Ben Stireman, FFSL
Carolyn Lundberg, Lindon
Chris Carn, Saratoga Springs
Shane Marshall, Spanish Fork
Curtis Blair, UV Chamber
Bill Lee, Utah County
Hilary Hungerford, UVU
Terry Peterson, Orem

INTERESTED PARTIES / VISITORS:

Sam Braegger, Utah Lake Authority
Scott Daly, DWQ
David Pierce
Jane Pierce
David Richards, OreHelix
Dee Chamberlain, SSOA
Valerie Chamberlain, SSOA
Peggy Climenson
Richard Foggio
Tom Sakievich, Utah County
Bob Krejci, SSOA
Cari Krejci, SSOA
Isaac Paxman, Provo City
Adam Johnson, Conserve Utah Valley
Dave Epstein
Cindy Gubler
Daniela Larsen
Kim Shelley
David Rangel
Josh Hermann

ABSENT: GO UTAH, Lehi City, Utah House, Utah Senate

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1. Welcome and Call to Order

- A. Chair Fullmer called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M. and welcomed everyone. First, everyone introduced themselves.
- B. Eric did a trivia moment for the board. Not everyone on the ULA board came from the ULC board, so he wanted to share some basic info. He did questions like, what was the biggest fish caught at the lake, how public access points are there, etc.

2. Action Items

- A. Review and Approve the FY2023 Budget: Eric highlighted the budget. There was \$170,000 for wages and benefits, \$246,000 dedicated credits for attorney work, used on an as-needed basis, sharing an attorney with another state agency. Lastly, \$425,000 for the consultants for the master plan and branding work for the ULA. This year’s budget is simple, future budget hearings will be more detailed and based on the master plan. Chair Fullmer asked for a motion to approve the FY2023 budget. Bill

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1 Lee motioned; Michelle Kaufusi seconded that motion. Voting was unanimous in approval of the
2 budget.

- 3 B. Review and Approve Utah Lake Authority Bylaws: Chair Fullmer shared that the bylaws have been
4 shared with all board members for feedback and the bylaws under discussion today underwent only
5 minor changes from what was discussed at the July meeting. It was called to our attention that
6 although voting procedure as detailed in the bylaws has not changed since that meeting, there may be
7 a future need to ratify that election to be sure to check off all the boxes. Today we will be ratifying
8 bylaws. Terry Peterson asked for clarification on order, first approve bylaws and then elect chair. Chair
9 Fullmer shared that the way the bylaws were written, we were supposed to elect a chair at the first
10 meeting. We will be in touch with the AG's office to clarify how to best proceed. Bill Lee asked for
11 clarification on a few points. Responsibilities of the board section, he wanted to clarify intent in the
12 language regarding the board members offering technical advice. Eric responded that its intended for
13 board members to help ULA staff and other ULA board members who are facing issues on which they
14 can offer past experience or advice. Under Membership, it says 15 members, but Utah County got left
15 off the list. It will be updated on the bylaws. Article 2, under Committees: it details committees the
16 ULA may have; Bill Lee requested that language be added allowing for "citizen's committees".
17 Discussion amongst the board regarding how that would work. Someone raised the topic of board
18 alternates, and could they serve on such a committee. Chair said they are two separate things.
19 Everyone agreed to add the language Bill Lee asked in the committee section. Section 6.2 was the
20 alternates section. AG's office said that the primary board member can assign who they will as an
21 alternate, presumably elected officials will choose other elected officials as their alternates. Board
22 discussed their opinions; keep language broad to allow each unique member organization to follow
23 their process. Chair Fullmer asked for a motion to approve the ULA Bylaws with the discussed
24 changes, after review of the AG's office. Terry Peterson motioned; Curtis Blair seconded that motion.
25 Voting was unanimous in approval of the bylaws, with Chris Carn abstaining from voting due to audio
26 issues listening online.

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28 **3. Review Initial Vision Input from Board Members**

- 29 A. Eric said that the RFP is close to going out for the master plan consultant. He displayed word clouds of
30 the input from board members on their response to the three visioning questions from last meeting.
31 For the first question, "What would the top three lake/reservoir characteristics you would look for if
32 tasked with planning for a multi-day family lake trip this summer?" the top response was "clean lake",
33 and other significant ones were "sandy beaches", "recreation amenities" etc. etc. For "Name a few
34 long-term changes or enhancements you would love to see implemented on Utah Lake", it was
35 "cleaner lake", "more public access next", "better recreation amenities" and so on down the list for
36 most responses. For "Over the next 5-10 years, what would your top three goals be for the Utah Lake
37 Authority to accomplish?" the top responses were "more/better recreation amenities", "protect
38 native species", "improved public perception" and "Improved water quality" and so on down the list.

39 B.

40 **4. Utah Lake Commission History and Recent Successes**

- 41 A. Eric covered a brief history of the ULC to show where we've come from. A displayed slide had a rough
42 timeline from Lake Bonneville up to the formation of the ULC in 2007. The ULC was formed between
43 state and local partners who wanted to work together to protect this amazing resource. The spoke on
44 the pollution and negligence that has been caused by humans. He addressed the importance of

1 planning now for the future, with the expected population increase in Utah County and the impacts it
2 will have on Utah Lake. He shared a summary of a handful of the projects the ULC was involved in
3 currently on the lake: shoreline restoration work, the Walkara Way open space park, marina
4 enhancements and creation, developing the Utah Lake shoreline trail, wetlands enhancements, algae
5 treatments and access point enhancements.
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7 **5. ARPA Appropriation Presentation**

8 A. John Mackey made the presentation. Utah Legislature dedicated \$30 million to the preservation of
9 Utah Lake from ARPA dollars. DEQ will administer a competitive grant using these dollars on Utah
10 Lake projects. He explained that regulation is one of the main tools of DWQ, issuing permits, etc.
11 Another tool they have is incentives, such as grants for farmers to optimize their irrigation processes,
12 etc. This funding will fall under the incentive side. He went over the five project categories that will
13 qualify: wastewater upgrades, stormwater improvements, agriculture nonpoint source, in-lake water
14 quality improvements, outreach & education activities and a water quality trading program. He
15 detailed the eligibility requirements, such as: provide a water quality benefit, located in Utah Lake
16 and its watershed and meeting federal ARPA requirements for funding. He summarized the
17 application process, online application, scoring process, two rounds of evaluation (one with subject
18 matter experts and another with an executive selection committee which will make final
19 determination on award projects and funding levels). He then highlighted some important dates:
20 applications due 11/3/22 by 5pm, projects receiving funding posted 12/14/22, projects must
21 demonstrate progress by 10/1/14 and funds expended by 12/31/26. Briefly discussed match
22 requirements, more details available on the grant webpage.

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24 **6. Discussion on ULA Committee**

25 A. The plan is to create a work group to help guide and facilitate input on the master plan. There will be
26 some work meetings, field trips, etc. Staff's vision is to have ULA board members, or someone they
27 designate, serve in this work group. There will also be a lot of collaboration with all the regulatory
28 entities, neighboring cities and others.

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30 **7. Walkara Way Steering Committee**

31 A. Forming a steering committee to continue guiding the Walkara Way project. Currently, the
32 representation would be: Utah County, MAG, FFSL, ULA, Vineyard, Orem and Provo, are we missing
33 anyone? Mayor Lundberg from Lindon expressed interest in joining, Ben Stireman suggested BLM and
34 then possibly the private landowners.

35 **8. Executive Director's Report**

36 A. Process for ULA setup: ULA board in place, funding from the state is finalized, preparing the RFP for
37 creation of the master plan. At today's meeting, adopt bylaws and approve the budget. Staff is
38 working with DNR AG's office to hire a new attorney that the ULA will share with an unrelated division
39 within DNR. The ULC continues to operate, run volunteer activities and other events, projects keep
40 moving forward as well all as the ULA is getting set up.
41 B. Conflict of Interest form: a conflict of interest form was created, all board members and ULA staff are
42 required to fill out the form. There are copies available today. The bylaws were adjusted to be clearer
43 on the topic, with the use of the statutory language.

44 **9. ULA Staff Report**

45 A. Outreach Program Structure: Sam summarized the outreach program structure. Three pillars:
46 community events (Utah Lake Festival, the scavenger hunt, fishing challenges, etc.), volunteerism
47 (Adopt a Shoreline program, BYU On-Campus Internships) and outreach & education (podcast, e-
48 newsletter, social media, Field Trips, etc.). All of these center around educating the public about the

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1 lake and helping them have a good, positive experience at the lake to encourage them to return and
2 utilize it more.

3 **B.** Organizing Grant Efforts: our staff is working to organize grant efforts to leverage the dollars the ULA
4 has available. The ULC has leveraged grants before, the WRI/ISM dollars for phragmites, the state
5 parks MBA grant for the network of marina cameras, etc. Staff are developing a spreadsheet to guide
6 timelines, priorities for applying for and receiving grants to help accomplish work at the lake.

7 **C.** Adopt a Shoreline: successful litter cleanup program at the lake. The program has grown to 45
8 adoptable areas at the lake (public access points, sections of trails, public parks along the shoreline,
9 etc.), 41 of which are adopted. There are also a few large-scale cleanups on Earth Day, 9/11 Day of
10 Service, etc. This program is also DWR Dedicated Hunter qualified for their service requirements.

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

13 A. Meetings will be held at 9am.

14 B. 1st, 2nd or 3rd Wednesday of the month? *Proposed list below is 3rd Wed. of each month

15 C. November 16

16 D. January 18

17 E. March 15

18 F. May 17

19 G. July 19 (cancel if needed, busy time of year)

20 H. September 20

21 I. November 15

22 J. Confirm the next meeting location at the County Historic Courthouse *Virtual Meeting services will be
23 offered, upon request

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

26 A. Peggy Climonsen, read a written statement. LRS filed for WIFIA funding with the EPA, in their 2021
27 application, they listed Vineyard City as a sponsor of the project and pledged a 5 million loan
28 guarantee. She asked Mayor Fullmer if those statements are accurate? If not, the ULA should not have
29 dealings with LRS. If Mayor Fullmer did what she read, she asked the ULA to have a new election for
30 chair. She had a printout of the application language she referenced, delivered to ULA staff.

31 B. Dee Chamberlain, he asked if the LRS project still an issue? He summed up what he understands of the
32 project. He had a copy of his comments and concerns about that project, that he provided to staff.

33 C. Richard Foggio, request the ULA create a finance committee, to assist the board in managing finances
34 according to public trust. Committee would have financial oversight over ULA affairs. Proposed
35 membership include financial professionals. He detailed some of his financial experience and offered
36 his time to discuss more, read a definition of financial expert from SEC.

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38 **13. Adjourn**

39 The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 A.M.