

APPROVED



Governing Board

Thursday, June 23, 2016, 7:30 A.M.
Utah County Health and Justice Building Room 2500
151 South University Ave, Utah

ATTENDEES:

Chair/ Mayor James Hadfield, American Fork City
Mayor Bert Wilson, Lehi City
Councilwoman Shellie Baertsch, City of Saratoga Springs
Mayor John Curtis, Provo City
Mr. Eric Ellis, Utah Lake Commission
Commissioner Larry Ellertson, Utah County
Councilman Chad Argyle, Spanish Fork City
Ms. Laura Ault, Forestry, Fire, and State Lands
Ms. Christine Finlinson, Central Utah Water Conservancy District
Mr. Walt Baker, Division of Water Quality
Mayor Sheldon Wimmer, Alpine City
Mr. Jason Miller, Springville City

INTERESTED PARTIES / VISITORS

Mr. Jason Allen, State Parks
Mr. Mike Mills, Central Utah Water Conservancy District
Greg Beckstrom, Provo City
Jodi Gardberg, Division of Water Quality
Jake Vander Laan, Division of Water Quality
David Barlow, TSSD
Rod Oldroyd, Springville City
Leland Myers, CDSD
Theron Miller, JR/FB WQC
Richard Nielson, Utah County
Robert Krejci, Saratoga Springs
Carolyn Krejci, Saratoga Springs
Mark Ogren, Provo City
Rich Mickelsen, Provo City
Ryan York Provo City
Jimmy McKnight, Provo City
Elliott Mott, Jordan River Commission
Rebecca Andrus, Provo City
Jon Adams, TSSD

ABSENT: Orem City, Woodland Hills, State Legislature, Highland City, Lindon City, Department of Natural Resources, Vineyard City, Salem City, Alpine City, Mapleton City, Santaquin City, Salem City, Springville City

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- 2 **1. Welcome and Call to Order**
- 3 Mayor Hadfield called the meeting to order at 7:30 A.M. and welcomed everyone.
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- 5 **2. Approve the Consent Agenda**
- 6 Mayor Wilson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilwoman Baertsch seconded the motion.
- 7 Voting was unanimous in favor of approving the consent agenda.

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3. Public hearing

- a. Present & approve final FY 2017 Budget: Eric Ellis presented the budget. Mayor Curtis made a motion to approve the FY 2017 budget. Commissioner Ellertson seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in favor of approving the FY 2017 budget.
- a. Public Comment: There were no comments from the public about the budget.

4. Report from Technical Committee

Mike Mills gave a report on the Technical Committee. Many of the updates from that meeting will be discussed in the following updates by the executive director. The Department of Water Quality’s Integrated Report was also discussed, which is also on the agenda for this Governing Board Meeting.

5. Report from Executive Director- Eric Ellis

- A. Lake Level: The lake is at 4.8 feet below compromise. Certain boats are now unable to use harbors. Non-motorized use is starting to pick up.
- B. Sandy Beach Improvements: Forestry Fire and State Lands was given funding to improve Sandy Beach. The county is also contributing funds to the project. There will be restrooms and an official parking area installed. It’s one of the best places for windsurfing in Utah.
- C. Utah Lake State Park:
 - a. Dredging: Jason Allen gave an update on this. They are working with JUB engineers on this project. The goal is to do a winter dredge and use a coffer dam to make the dredging more effective. The money is there, now it’s just a matter of getting the right permits.
 - b. Provo Beach Park Master Plan: The economic feasibility study is almost complete and now the challenge is to secure funding for the project.
- D. Phragmites: 2016 will be one of the biggest projects—close to 2300 acres. Provo Bay and Powell Slough will be areas of focus this year. They’ll be working with the Army Corps to get mitigation credits for all of the work that is being done.
- E. Carp Removal: April and May were the best April and May ever for carp removal. Fall is generally the best time for carp removal.
- F. Spring and Fall Field Trips: The Utah Lake Commission hosted its annual 4th grade field trips on four different days this spring. It was a great success. 1300 students participated in a variety of fun activities. Thanks to the DWR, Living Planet Aquarium, the State Park, Bill Loy, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, and others for their support.

8. Communication Strategy

- A. Adopt a Shoreline Strategy: Two locations have been officially adopted for the first year of this program. LDS Earth Stewardship will be cleaning up Sandy beach and the Bowfishing Girls Club will be cleaning up Inlet Park and the small access points along the west side of the lake.
- B. 2016 Photo Contest Update: There were about 35 photos submitted to this year’s contest. Allen’s Camera was a sponsor. The photos will be used for promoting Utah Lake online and in social media over the next year.
- C. Utah Lake Festival: Luke Allen, Eric Ellis, and Mike Mills each gave a brief report on the Utah Lake Festival, which was on June 4, 2016. There were over 4,000 attendees. The biggest change from previous years was that the festival was extended out to the middle jetty. This made things less congested and provided a better experience for people.
- D. Website Redesign: The commission has hired BYU creative lab to help redesign the utahlake.gov website.

1 **9. Governing Board Meeting Proposed Schedule for remainder of FY2016***

2 A. August 25th, 2016

3 B. November 17th, 2016***

4 *If additional meetings are needed, they can be called as needed. If field trips are planned for the
5 Governing Board, they will take place outside the regularly scheduled board meetings.

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8 **10. Items of Interest:**

9 a. Discuss the UDWQ Released their Draft 2016 Integrated Report. Public comment period from June 10
10 – August 9, 2016 – DWQ will lead this discussion - Walt Baker and Staff (20 minutes)

11 a. Walt Baker gave a presentation about the Integrated Report (IR). The IR is a report card on our
12 surface waters. It's called the IR report because it integrates two elements: An assessment of
13 the water and an identification of the waters that are not supporting their uses. If a water is
14 not supporting its uses, then a TMDL study is required.

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16 There are five different categories: (1) Water meets all of its designated uses (2) No indication
17 of impairment, but not all the uses are supported. Not enough data for a specific
18 determination (3) Lake is not meeting its uses, but still insufficient data (4) Impairment of at
19 least one use (5) Things are not where they need to be.
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21 The primary indicator for Harmful Algae Blooms is cyanobacteria cell counts. There is a
22 supplemental indicator of cyanotoxins and chlorophyll a concentrations. When we are talking
23 about health, we are talking about risks. We are looking at the probability of acute health risk.
24 Utah is not alone in using cyanobacteria as an indicator for necessary intervention.
25 14 states use cyanobacteria as an indicator, either at 100,000 cell level or below that. As the
26 population increases in Utah Lake, it is important to consider what level of nutrients going into
27 the lake will allow us to sustain recreation as well as the aquatic habitat.
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29 b. [http://www.deq.utah.gov/ProgramsServices/programs/water/wqmanagement/assessment/currentIR
30 2016.htm](http://www.deq.utah.gov/ProgramsServices/programs/water/wqmanagement/assessment/currentIR2016.htm)

31 c. Paddle Sports Race at Utah Lake State Park; Saturday, July 30th 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
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33 **11. General Comments from Board Members or the Public**

34 The Jordan River Comprehensive Management Plan is open for public comments. Anyone who would like to
35 make comments should contact FFSL. There were no comments from board members or the public.
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37 **12. Next Governing Board Meeting**

38 Mayor Hadfield reminded the board that the next Governing Board Meeting will be on June 23, 2016 at
39 7:30 AM.
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41 **13. Adjourn**

42 The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 am.