

Wasatch Open Lands Board Meeting (WOLB)

Aug 8, 2022; 6:30 pm MT

DRAFT MINUTES

Held Online and in Wasatch County Building, downstairs Conference Room, 25 N Main, Heber City, UT

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Send any public comments to: openlands@wasatch.utah.gov

Attendees: Heidi Franco, Dr. Steve Stevens, Justin J Keys, Tracy Taylor, Dustin Grabau, Dallin Koecher, Garrick Hall - Utah Dept of Agriculture, now over LeRay McAllister Fund; Steve Farrell.

AGENDA:

1- Public Comments – Open to All

Garrick Hall, new changes to LeRay McAllister Fund. Moving to Ut Dept of Ag, new board started July 1, 2022. New Board called the land Conservation Board, replaces the old Quality Growth Commission. Board met two weeks ago. The Legislature hired full time director and two easement planners, a joint program with NRCS. They are house in Ogden at NRCS office. Those two position, it can take years we hope those two positions can help speed things up. Will work on more funding for easements.

Questions: how much money is in fund now? Nothing.

Will ask for a block in the governor's budget, in next legislative session.

New Board is the Land Conservation Board: Celeste Johnson is on Board. Mayor of Providence, Kathleen Alder.

They are developing the new website. Will go after all kinds of funding, private, federal, etc. Discussion on actual McAllister fund, hoping to get consistency to plan for projects. Not one time appropriations. Hoping to get \$5 million, but needs to be approved from Governor's office. WOLB is ready to support funding requests.

UDAF does hold about 35 easements, and is looking to hold future conservation easements. But not for their own employees. Primarily agricultural easements. DNR does hold wildlife easements. Does UDAF charge for stewardship? Evaluated and one-time fee. Still developing policies.

2- Approval of July 11, 15, & 18, 2022 Draft Minutes.

Motion: Justin motioned to approve.

2nd: Dr. Steve S.

Vote: unanimous.

3- NOI – Notice of Interest Applications: Board discussion, updates, & action.

Discussion on upcoming County Council public hearing, this Wednesday, 6 pm.

Heidi F will introduce and go over conditions. Dr. Steve will give report and try to document the Midway Open Space Committee recommendation and further steps.

Seems to be 64 acres irrigated with 64 shares of Midway Irrigation.

Discussion of agenda materials for public hearing. Dustin checking on Wendy Fisher's presentation.

Conservation Easement says only 116 acres not 119?

Sent email to Wendy to check acreages and prepare for public hearing with updated numbers on conservation easements, slide presentation and NOI.

Recap Kohler's Farm that County put in \$2M; Midway put in \$1 M

On Mtn Spa, the City put in \$2M, \$300,000

Lundin Farm NOI, County put in \$2 M, all in County, Midway considering \$1M

UOL needs a tentative commitment now to move forward with legal issues. What kind of timeline does Wendy need for this tentative commitment?

WOLB recommends a tentative commitment for one year from date of recommendation of Council; and UOL can request further extension from WOLB and then WOLB will recommend to County Council to continue the tentative commitment, or WOLB would present findings to County Council as to why not continue the tentative commitment.

-County can reclaim these funds if it doesn't go through. Not earmark the current bond money in County's account, can potentially be paid out in next tranche of open space bond money.

4- Updates/Reports from Wasatch County Council, Midway City, and Heber City on open space bond funding, and preservation efforts.

Dr. Steve: considering \$1M toward Lundin Family Farm NOI

Heidi F: discussion of Muirfield Park.

Asking about Jordanelle Ridge open space agreement.

How to finalize? Could we schedule in October to continue the discussion.

Discussion of Heber City conservation fee uses, on west side, JSSD property—no reason to hold that property. Mtg at JSSD Office on old highway 40, 1 pm; August 17th, Wednesday.

County – Steve F: discussion of JSSD property. Conditional Use permit needed.

Allan Giles, no one is contacting him at UOL. Ask Mr Hall to contact him? Mr. Hall needs to get planners up and running first.

5- Miscellaneous Items, call for next month's agenda items.

6- Closed Session per U.C.A. 52-4-205 if needed.

Motion to adjourn: Justin

2nd: Tracy T

Vote: Unanimous

2022 Meeting Schedule:

2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Sep 12, 2022

October 10, 2022

November 14, 2022

December 12, 2022