

Wasatch Open Lands Board Meeting (WOLB)

June 12, 2023; 6:30 pm MT

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

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Board Member Attendees: Heidi Franco, Karl McMillan, Steve Farrell, Steve Stevens, Justin Keys, Tracy Taylor, Dallin Koecher

Other Attendees: Tiarra Cooper

AGENDA:

Welcome

1- Public Comments – Open to All: No public comments

2- Approval of May 8th, 2023, Draft Minutes.

Motion to approve: Steve Stevens

2nd: Karl McMillan

Dallin Koecher abstained due to not attending the May 8th, 2023, meeting

Vote: Approved 6-0

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

Heidi Franco: No new applications. Updates from Wendy on Lundin

Steve Stevens: Wendy gave presentation last Wednesday and it appears the dispute is resolved for now. They asked for \$1,000,000 from Midway and it was unanimously supported.

Tracy Taylor: How much is left in the budget from Midway?

Steve Stevens: Not much after this.

Board talked generally of original open space bond

Tiarra Cooper: \$1.6million left roughly

Board had discussion on Lundin Family Farm process

Heidi Franco: Email Wendy to give us an update on Lundin Family Farm

Steve Farrell: We would have to ask for the additional \$5million.

Heidi Franco: We have \$1.692million left of the original \$5million. \$2million pledged for the 119 Lundin acreage by the county. See update in annual report.

Heidi Franco: No updates on Kessel property.

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

Wasatch County Updates:

Heidi Franco: Does Wasatch County Council have an update between Wendy Fisher and Max Covey?

Steve Farrell: We have been trying to set up a meeting but we haven't been able to strike that yet. I think Wendy would like to see how the Giles NRCS funding goes before continuing.

Heidi Franco: The details of the Giles deal was quite interesting. Jon Woodard did a fantastic job.

Heidi Franco: Any other update from Wasatch County?

Karl McMillan: Not at this time.

Heidi Franco: Tiarra how is the conservation and ag protection map going?

Tiarra Cooper: Due to technical difficulties I was not able to complete the map focusing on the North Fields digitally. (Tiarra turned in a physical map to Heidi Franco, Steve Farrell, Karl McMillan)

Updates from Midway City:

Steve Stevens: We have come full circle on the small parcel on center street and to the west. That looks like it is going to go forward but too early to say for certain.

Heidi Franco: Have you been working with any land trust on that deal?

Discussion about a logo for the Wasatch Open Land Board

Heidi Franco offered to design a logo.

Heber City Update:

Heidi Franco: We executed the Muirfield Conservation are now currently working with DNR. They want to rebuild the embankment on Spring Creek. DEQ has grants available. Heber City

will be investing \$500,000 doing the board walks throughout the park and restoring the banks within the park.

Tracy Taylor: How much can Heber spend on open lands through this group? Will city be interested in the putting a conservation easement on the Duke property.

Heidi Franco: Heber City Council has not made a motion at this time.

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

Tracy Taylor: Could you send the end of year review to us?

Heidi Franco: Yes absolutely.

Tracy Taylor: Justin Keys is up this year. Just wanted to bring that to everyone's attention.

Discussion on posting board opening.

Discussion on updating WOLB website.

Steve Stevens: Utah Open Land fundraising event is September 7th at River Bottom Ranch

Steve Farrell: Jim Christiansen is new manager of Lee Ray McCallister Fund. Maybe we ask Craig or Kelly on Wednesday meeting to explain manual and application.

Tiarra Cooper was asked to get Steve Farrell Resolution for ag protection. (Resolution given to Steve Farrell on Tuesday May 9th and to Heidi Franco on May 10th.)

Dallin Koecher: further discussion on logo idea. Kohler and others to show on website or store that show they are the recipients of conservation easement funding. Maybe ribbon cutting?

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

Motion to adjourn: Steve Stevens

2nd: Justin Keys

Vote: unanimous

2023 Meeting Schedule:

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

July 10, 2023

August 14, 2023

September 11, 2023

November 13, 2023

December 11, 2023