

Wasatch Open Lands Board Meeting (WOLB)

February 12th, 2024; 6:30 pm MT

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

Online Login Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83669998961?pwd=WXZzQjVFVzFsMG1vT0FsN0g4OHdLUT09>

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Meeting ID: 836 6999 8961

Passcode: 551430

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

Board Members in Attendance: Heidi Franco, Steve Farrell, Steve Stevens, Justin Keys, Tracy Taylor, Dallin Koecher

Other attendees: Tiarra Cooper, Dustin Grabau, Wendy Fisher, Cindy Krebs, Mark Adams, Laren Gertsch, Josh Gertsch, Luke Searle, Kissell,

AGENDA:

1- Public Comments – Open to All

Wendy Fisher from Utah Open Lands update on NRCS approval of Giles project.

2- Approval of January 8th 2024, Draft Minutes.

Motion: Steve Farrell

2nd: Steve Stevens

Vote 4-0-1abstain

PUBLIC HEARING

1. The Wasatch Open Lands Board will hold a public hearing considering the use of open space bond funds, after a conditional recommendation from the Wasatch Open Lands Board, for the preservation of the Laren Gertsch property located along Highway 113 near Heber City Utah, in the amount of up to \$2,250,000 on Monday, February 12th at 6:30pm. The hearing will be held online using Zoom, Webinar ID: 836 6999 8961 Passcode: 551430. Information is available at <https://www.wasatch.utah.gov/Departments/Open-Lands-Board> . Interested persons can attend via zoom and comments can be sent in advance to Openlands@wasatch.utah.gov.

Wendy Fisher: approval of NRCS and McCallister Fund. Owner is willing to contribute 25% as required when applying for the county Open Space bond funds. 165~ Acres. Board request number of Lot of Records to be presented to the Wasatch County Council.

Board request information on Water Shares to be presented to the Wasatch County Council.

Tracy Taylor inquired about mineral report.
Dallin Koecher inquired about potential effect from UDOT Bypass.
Discussion related to Agricultural Protection Area in relation to Bypass.
Public comment from Mark Adams in support of conservation easement.

2. The Wasatch Open Lands Board will hold a public hearing considering the use of open space bond funds, after a conditional recommendation from the Wasatch Open Lands Board, for the preservation of the property located near 1050 N River Road, Midway City UT 84049, in the amount of up to \$750,000 on Monday, February 12th at 6:30pm. The hearing will be held online using Zoom, Webinar ID: 836 6999 8961 Passcode: 551430. Information is available at <https://www.wasatch.utah.gov/Departments/Open-Lands-Board>. Interested persons can attend via zoom and comments can be sent in advance to Openlands@wasatch.utah.gov.

Wendy Fisher: Approval of NRCS. Owner willing to contribute 25% as required when applying for the County Open Space Bond Funds. Midway City also willing to contribute \$250,000. 37 Acres.
Board request number of Lot of Records to be presented to the Wasatch County Council.
Board request information on Water Shares to be presented to the Wasatch County Council.
Public comment from Cindy Krebs: Wondered if it is the same property up for sale. Board affirmed that it is not the same property up for sale. Property questions for sale is further North.

Motion to go into Closed Session

Motion: Justin Keys

2nd: Steve Stevens

Vote 6-0

Motion to come out of closed session.

Motion: Steve Stevens

2nd: Steve Farrell

Vote 6-0

Motion on Item 1 & 2 of Public Hearing: Approve both public hearings and forward them to the Wasatch County Council as been outlined for March 6th public hearing.

Conditions: Final appraisal, number of water shares being verified, exact number of acreage from a survey, geologist report, title report, and draft conservation easement with imminent domain clause according to county code.

Motion: Steve Farrell

2nd: Steve Stevens

Vote 6-0

CONTINUED AGENDA:

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

None

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

None

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

None

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

Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Steve Farrell

2nd: Steve Stevens

Vote 6-0

2024 Meeting Schedule:

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

March 11th, 2024

April 8th, 2024

May 13th, 2024

June 10th, 2024

July 8th, 2024

August 12th, 2024

September 9th, 2024

October 7th, 2024 (Change from October 14th due to holiday)

November 11th, 2024 (Cancel due to holiday)

December 9th, 2024