



Wasatch Open Lands Board Meeting Minutes

DRAFT Minutes for April 13, 2026

The Wasatch Open Lands Board met in regular session live and on-line Monday, April 13, 2026, in the Wasatch County Administrative Building Lower Conference Room at 25 North Main, Heber City, Utah 84032.

A video recording of the meeting may be viewed by using the Wasatch County Public Portal (<https://wasatchcout.portal.civicclerk.com/>) and selecting the desired meeting.

Agenda

Call to Order

Summary: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Councilmember McMillan with the following members in attendance:

Board Member Present

Heidi Franco, Erik Rowland, Dallin Koecher,
Steve Stevens, Justin Keys, Tracy Taylor

Board Member Absent

Others: Tiarra Cooper, Gladys Stevens, Karen Smith

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of March 9, 2026 Minutes

Action Taken: Open Lands Board Member Stevens made a motion to **Approve the minutes for March 9, 2026 as presented**. Open Land Board Member Koecher seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Heidi Franco, Erik Rowland, Dallin Koecher, Steve Stevens, Justin Keys, Tracy Taylor

Voting Nay: None

Public Comment

Agenda Items

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

SUMMARY: Karen Smith and Gladys Stevens current property representatives for the Zina McDonald Trust gave a brief history of the ownership to the property and their family tree.

Board Member Franco explained the conservation easement process. The board discussed with the property representatives the potential options with the goal of preserving the land. Wendy Fisher, Executive Director for Utah Open Lands, explained different grant opportunities and other options to preserve the land.

SUMMARY: Wendy Fisher updated the board on the following conservation easement projects: Mitchell Kissel conservation easement, Lundin Family Farm conservation easement, Pear Tree Llama conservation easement, and The Holmes conservation easement that is the property located in the North Fields. The board also discussed the possibilities of a conservation easement bond and what information is necessary to consider it and propose it to the council.

Board member Justin Keys was excused from the meeting after item one before item two.

- A. Discussion and direction of the Zina McDonald Trust NOI – Heidi Franco
2. Updates/Reports from Wasatch County Council, Midway City, and Heber City on open space bond funding, and preservation efforts. –

Midway City: Board Member Steve Stevens and Executive Direct for Utah Open Lands Wendy Fisher updated in regards to funding for Heart of Midway update and Open Space Open House update.

Wasatch County: Board Member Erik Rowland updated about the need for increased communication with farmers prior to decisions that affect the land are passed. Board Member Rowland also updated the board on the resignation of former councilmember and board member Karl McMillan.

Heber City: Board Chair Heidi Franco discussed the joint Memorandum of Understanding amendment being considered between Heber City and Wasatch County in relation to the land between the proposed bypass and the current Highway 40.

3. Miscellaneous Items, call for next month's agenda items. –

The board discussed community events and how to promote conservation easements and agriculture at different events.

Closed Session – as needed

Closed sessions may be held in accordance with Utah State Code 52-4-205 to discuss the following: Purchase, Exchange or Lease of Property; Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation; The Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual.

Adjournment

Action Taken: Open Lands Board Member Koecher made a motion to **adjourn**. Open Lands Board Member Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Heidi Franco, Erik Rowland, Dallin Koecher, Steve Stevens, Tracy Taylor

Voting Nay: None

Meeting Schedule

January 12, 2026, February 9, 2026, March 9, 2026, April 13, 2026, May 11, 2026, June 8, 2026, July 13, 2026, August 10, 2026 , September 14, 2026, October 19, 2026 (Moved from October 12th due to the holiday), November 9, 2026, December 14, 2026