



Utah Quality Growth Commission  
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## *Utah Quality Growth Commission*

*Jaren Davis, Chair*  
*Flint Richards, Vice Chair*

*John Bennett, Executive Director*

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### MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 25, 2009, 11:00 AM  
Conference Room, Suite 140, Utah State Capitol  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

#### **Commission Members Present**

Jaren Davis, Chair  
Flint Richards, Vice Chair  
Sally Elliott  
Justin Allen  
Larry Ellertson

Reed Erickson  
Brent Tanner

#### **Staff Present**

John Bennett, Executive Director

#### **Commissioners Excused**

Mike Kohler  
Laraine Swenson  
Ken Mitchell  
Darrell Smith  
Mike Styler  
Leonard Blackham

#### **Visitors Present**

Leniece Davenport, WFRC  
Doug Hattery, WFRC  
Bartly Mathews, WFRC  
Therese Meyer, DWR

1. Welcome and Introductions, 5 minutes Jaren Davis, Chair

Chairman Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked each person in attendance to introduce themselves.

2. Public Comments, 5 Minutes Jaren Davis, Chair

There was no public comment beyond what was already on the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes from December, 2008 and January, 2009 Meetings, 5 minutes  
Jaren Davis, Chair,

**ACTION ITEM:** Approve December and January Minutes

A quorum was not present so the minutes were not approved at this meeting.

4. Wasatch Front Regional Council Image Library Toolkit, 30 Minutes, John Bennett and Bartly Mathews

Wasatch Front Regional Council has created a visual library and toolkit to help communities visualize various types of development that might be part of the Quality Growth Strategy contained in their report "Wasatch Choices 2040". Bartly Mathews, who created this toolkit for WFRC presented this library and toolkit to the Commission. The library contains images to illustrate various development types. It also contains source documents such as the Wasatch Choices 2040 report. Mr. Mathews explained the library and toolkit to the commission and distributed copies for their use. He indicated that copies of the toolkit are available upon request by contact WFRC.

5. DWR Jesson-Erickson Grant Changes, 15 Minutes, Therese Meyer, DWR

Therese Meyer, the project Manager from DWR, explained to the Commission the status of the Jesson Erickson Easements. She explained that he two landowners want to change the scope of the project to preserve less land. This makes the values of the property less attractive both to DWR and to the Commission. In the meantime, she has contacted another landowner, Mr. Nuttall who is interested in preserving some property he owns along the San Pitch River near the same spot. DWR feels that the Nuttall property is better spotted frog habitat than the Jesson and Erickson parcels, and Nuttall's property would be their first choice for conservation. The DWR would like to transfer the \$150,000 allocated by the commission for Jesson Erikson to the Nuttall property.

John Bennett reminded the commission that they are required to spend at least 20 percent of their funds on DNR projects. That was one reason for allocating the funds to Jesson Erikson. He indicated that they may have to spend the money anyway for this or another project proposed by DNR.

Mr. Bennett recommended that this be brought back at the next meeting. In the meantime, commissioners would visit the site to complete due diligence. As no quorum was present, those in attendance agreed to this suggestion.

6. WFRC Green Infrastructure follow up, 10 minutes, John Bennett

Doug Hattery and Leneice Davenport from WFRC talked with the Commission about the Green Infrastructure Workshop that was held last year. That workshop was funded by a federal grant and a small grant from the Commission. Part of the requirements of the federal grant was that an implementation project be organized to try to implement the recommendations developed at the workshop. WFRC is now in the process of trying to raise funds to complete this phase of the project. They requested that the Commission provide additional funds for this phase of the project.

John Bennett explained that the Commission may have sufficient funds to make a small contribution in the range of \$5000 to \$10,000. The Commissioners discussed the project and requested that it be put back on the agenda for the next meeting.

7. Budget discussion and legislative bills of interest, 10minutes, John Bennett

John Bennett discussed the current budget situation for the Commission. He explained that the LeRay McAllister Fund ongoing budget was being cut by \$72,400 or about 15%. \$36,400 was being back filled in one time funds for the current funding round. Mr. Bennett also explained that no one time money was available to supplement the ongoing funds for the next round, so the commission would face very lean budgets in the next year.

Mr. Bennett and the Commissioners then discussed a number of bills of interest to the Commission.

8. 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, 10 minutes,

John Bennett

Mr. Bennett indicated that 2009 is the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the LeRay McAllister Fund and the Commission. He indicated that the commission should consider some activities to celebrate the accomplishments of the commission during 2009.

9. Discussion of terms ending April 2009 and need of reappointment or new appointees.  
10 minutes,

John Bennett

Mr. Bennett indicated that the Association of Homebuilders had submitted a name to replace Ken Mitchell. He asked the other members present to help get names to fill the remaining slots. He also asked Mike Kohler and Flint Richards to send him a biography so that they could be reappointed.

10. Administrative Matter

The next meeting will be March 25, 2009, at the Utah County Offices in Provo.