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MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, January 28, 2009, 11:00 AM
Conference Room, Suite 140, Utah State Capitol
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Commissioners Attending

Jaren Davis, Chair
Flint Richards, Vice Chair
Justin Allen
Sally Elliott
Larry Ellertson
Mayor Darrell Smith
Reed Erickson
Mike Kohler
Laraine Swenson

Mike Styler
Leonard Blackham
Brent Tanner
Ken Mitchell

Staff Attending
John Bennett Executive Director

Visitors Attending
Adam Cowie, Lindon City

Commissioners Excused

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

Chairman Davis invited Commissioners and Guests to introduce themselves

2. Public Comments, 5 Minutes Jaren Davis, Chair

There was no public comment regarding items not on the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes from December Meeting Jaren Davis, Chair,

Staff indicated that the December Minutes were not completed. They will be presented for approval at the February Meeting.

4. Request for Change of Use on Lindon Wetlands Project, 10 minutes, John Bennett

Lindon City was able to acquire the property they had requested LeRay McAllister Fund money for without the state funds, and wanted to use the money to restore another part of the property. Commissioners debated the notion of changing the use. Many felt that if we change the use, we may have to reopen the funding round and compare the new project with others. Commissioner Erickson pointed out that Lindon City could simply request the funds as

reimbursement and then use them as they pleased. He moved that the commission deny Lindon's request for a change of use, and invite them to apply for reimbursement.

Vice Chairman Richards seconded the motion. Both recognized Lindon for coming back to the Commission and assured Mr. Cowie who was present representing Lindon, that this motion would allow them to do what they wanted to do without reopening the whole funding round.

The motion passed 9 to 0 with 4 commissioners absent.

5. Update on legislation of interest to the Commission, John Bennett

John Bennett discussed legislation that might be of interest to the commissioners. Several of the Commissioners added additional bills that they were aware of.

6. Budget discussion and legislative strategy, John Bennett

Mr. Bennett indicated that the Base Budget for the LeRay McAllister Fund may be cut. This budget is currently \$482,600. The FY 2009 cut was proposed to be \$36,200 with a similar cut in 2010. After the cuts, the base budget is proposed to be \$410,200

7. 2009 Work plan discussion—15 minutes, Jaren Davis, John Bennett, Staff

Mr. Bennett recommended that because the conservation funding had been cut, the commission should focus its attention on planning assistance local governments and on the Quality Growth Communities Program. Commissioners discussed this, and agreed. Staff was asked to put together more detailed proposals, and to work with Commissioner Allen on getting the planning subcommittee together to finalize a work plan in this area for a future meeting.

8. Discussion of terms ending April 2009 and need of reappointment or new appointees.

Mr. Bennett passed out a sheet indicating his best effort to identify which commissioners would need to be reappointed this year. He indicated that Ken Mitchell has asked to be replaced and that the Homebuilders Association has provided a replacement. Mr. Bennett agreed to contact the Governors Staff to begin the reappointment process. He also agreed to contact the nominating organizations to request replacements for those who are leaving.

9. Administrative Matters—Recognition of resigning members for service on the Commission.

Next meeting is Wednesday, February 25, 2009