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MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, October 28, 2010, 10:30 AM
Governors Office of Planning and Budget Large Conference Room
Suite 140, Utah State Capitol Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Members Attending

Flint Richards, Chair
JT Martin, Vice Chair
Leonard Blackham
Dave Mansell
Laraine Swenson
Sally Elliott
Reed Erickson

Staff

John F. Bennett, Executive Director

Visitors

Janice Jardine, Salt Lake City Council Staff

1. Welcome and Introductions,

Chairman Richards welcomed everyone to the meeting, and asked each person attending to introduce themselves.

2. Public Comments,

Chairman Richards invited those visitors present to provide public comment on any matters not on the agenda. There was no public comment at this time.

3. Approve Minutes from September Meeting

ACTION ITEM: Approve Minutes

Sally Elliott moved for approval of the September minutes, Laraine Swenson seconded the motion. The motion carried by a unanimous vote of all members present.

4. McAllister Program Outstanding Grants—Status Report, and extension requests

POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM: Act on extension requests

John Bennett, Commission Executive Director, discussed the status of outstanding grants with the commission. He explained that several grants are scheduled to close by the end of the calendar year, and others will need extensions. After discussion, Sally Elliott moved to extend all the outstanding grants need extension to April 30, 2011. Laraine Swenson seconded the motion. The extensions were approved unanimously by all members present.

5. Discussion of use of funds from the condemnation of easements on Jordan Narrows properties in Bluffdale.

POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM: Act on use of funds

John Bennett, 20 Minutes

John Bennett explained that the Commission had previously funded the acquisition of two small parcels in the City of Bluffdale to be used as trailheads. These parcels are located in the Jordan River Narrows near the mainline railroad tracks.

As part of its work on the Frontrunner South project, UTA needs a small piece of both of these parcels. They have worked with UDOT to condemn the land that they need. Under the Grant agreement, the Commission is entitled to a proportionate share of the proceeds from the sale of the land under condemnation. The question for the Commission is how will those funds be used.

Laura Ault, Forest Legacy Program Coordinator, for the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands requested that the Commission consider giving the money to the Division to do riparian and other restoration projects along the river at the Galena Property a short distance north of the Bluffdale sites. The Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands holds the Conservation Easement on this property. The Commission's grant agreement allows the Commission to waive receipt of the funds and allow them to be retained by the recipient (in this case the Division) to be used to promote the conservation purposes for which they were allocated. Ms. Ault requested that the Commission consider the restoration of the Galena Property as a similar Conservation Purpose.

After some discussion, Commissioners decided that the conservation purpose of the funds was to acquire critical lands, not to restore those lands. Therefore, Sally Elliott moved that the Commission not approve the use of the funds for restoration on the Galena Property. Laraine Swenson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Commission encouraged the Division to apply for the restoration funding in the next round if they so desired.

6. Review recent Commission report to Government operations and Political Subdivisions Interim Committee,

John Bennett gave a brief report on this annual report to the legislature. He indicated that the meeting started nearly two hours late, and that Chairman Richards had to leave prior to the Commission's report. The Commission report was last on the agenda, and the committee had five minutes to hear the report.

John Bennett indicated that he gave brief history of the commission, distributed information about the LeRay McAllister Fund, and talked briefly about the planning and advisory role of the Commission. There were no committee questions.

7. Legislative Strategy

The Commission briefly discussed ways to approach the legislature for additional funding. They discussed what type of projects were likely to find support. These include projects which provide public access to streams and other public amenities, prime farm lands, and grazing lands. The Commission will discuss these issues with legislators as the session progresses.

8. Administrative Matters: Discuss date for year end meeting.

The Commission discussed several dates for their year end meeting. They finally agreed to hold the year end meeting on December 16, 2010, at the State Capitol.