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MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 23, 2010, 10:30 AM
Governors Office of Planning and Budget Large Conference Room
Suite 140, Utah State Capitol Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Commissioners Present

Vice Chairman JT Martin, Conducting
Reed Erickson, By Telephone
Laraine Swenson
Sally Elliott
David Mansell
Mike Kohler
Leonard Blackham by Telephone

Staff Present

John F. Bennett, Executive Director

Visitors Present

Lori Rose, Virgin River Land Preservation Association
Clark Willis, Bear Lake Gateway Project
Janice Jardine, Salt Lake City Council Staff
Laura Ault, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Land
Jeff Salt, Jordan River Restoration Network
Nancy Saxton, Jordan River Restoration Network

1. Welcome and Introductions, 5 Minutes

Vice Chairman JT Martin conducted the meeting. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited all those present to introduce themselves which they did.

2. Public Comments, 5 Minutes

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

3. Approve Minutes from June 2010 and August 2010 Meetings, 5 Minutes

ACTION ITEM: Approve Minutes

The Minutes from June and August were approved. Sally Elliott move approval, Laraine Swenson seconded the motion, the motion to approve the minutes carried unanimously with all seven members present voting yes.

4. Review and Act on Critical Land Subcommittee recommendations regarding allocations from the Ray McAllister Program

- **Overview of CY 2010 projects**
- **Discuss subcommittee rating and ranking, and recommendations**
- **Discuss additional unallocated funds**

ACTION ITEM: Make final CY 2010 allocations from LeRay McAllister Program Funds
John Bennett, 45 Minutes

John Bennett reviewed with the Commission the funding available, and the amount requested. He explained that, because of several projects that fell through, the Commission had more money available than had been requested. See the attached funding document for details.

Mr. Bennett reviewed each project with the commission. Debate and questions on each project were conducted at the time it was presented to the Commission.

Jeff Salt, and Nancy Saxton addressed the Commission in regard to the Salt Lake City Jordan River Project. They expressed concern that the construction, by the city, of the soccer complex downstream from this parcel might result in this parcel being flooded in wet years. They discussed with the Commission the impact of this on the grant status.

John Bennett suggested that the Commission ask Salt Lake City to share the restoration plans for the site with the Commission as part of the approval. This condition was agreed to.

The Commission then approved funding for projects in this round in two motions. The first motion was to approve all the projects at the funding levels requested. There were two conditions placed on this funding. First, Salt Lake City agreed to make a presentation to the commission about the restoration plans for the Jordan River Parcel. Second, the commission acknowledged that part of the funding for the Bear Lake project would be held over until next year when additional funds from federal sources might be available. Sally Elliott move approval, and Laraine Swenson seconded the motion. This passed with seven affirmative votes and zero negative votes.

Following the approval of this motion, the Commission discussed what to do with the \$193,500 that remained after the projects had been funded as requested. The discussion ranged from holding onto it for next year, to committing to projects this year. Each applicant had been asked by the subcommittee to address what they would do with additional funding. This information was reviewed by the Commission.

Lori Rose of the Virgin River Land Preservation Association explained that her organization had originally requested \$210,000 for the East Zion Meadows Project at the pre-application phase. At the full application phase, they responded to our request that they keep the requests small, and cut that in half to \$105,000, and decided to do the project in two phases. The first phase is about 70 acres, but the second is 230 acres. So, they told the commission that if they were given \$210,000 they could do the whole project of more than 300 acres this year. So, the Commission agreed to put an additional \$105,000 into the East Zion Meadows Project for a total of \$210,000.

The Commission reviewed the remaining projects and the information the provided. Laura Ault with the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Land had requested that some additional funding go to the Chamberlain Ranch Project. She indicated that the Forest Legacy Program would not be able to fund the project this year, but that it was a worthwhile project and she hoped it would proceed. The Commission

decided to allocate the remaining \$88,500 to the Chamberlain Ranch Project, making a total of \$313,500 for this project. Sally Elliott moved approval, and Laraine Swenson seconded. This motion carried by a vote of 7 yea votes and 0 nay votes.

The commission also considered what to do with some funding that may be available from the condemnation of parts of two easements in bluffdale by UTA. This discussion was not concluded, and so it will be deferred until the next meeting.

5. McAllister Program Outstanding Grants—Status Report John Bennett, 10 Minutes

The Commission adjourned the meeting without hearing this item. It has been placed on the next agenda.

6. Finalize Governors Quality Growth Awards Nominations, John Bennett, 10 minutes

The Commissioners adjourned the meeting without hearing this item.

7. Review recent Commission report to Government operations and Political Subdivisions Interim Committee, John Bennett, 10 Minutes

John Bennett gave a brief report on this item. He indicated that Chairman Richards had been in attendance but had had to leave before the committee got to the item. Mr. Bennett made a short presentation about the Commission's activities to the interim committee. There were no questions. The meeting started over an hour late, and this was last on the agenda, so the report was given and the committee adjourned the meeting.

8. Administrative Matters: Presentation from Virgin River Land Presentation Association: Lori Rose of the Virgin River Land Preservation Association presented the Commission with a picture of Pine Valley as a token of appreciation for the Commission's assistance with the conservation of the Pine Valley Meadows.

Next meeting scheduled for October 28, 2010, State Capitol.
Discuss date for year end meeting.