

Bear Lake Regional Commission

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Minutes Bear Lake Regional Commission Garden City, UT June 28, 2023

Those in attendance:

Bradley Jensen - Board Chairman, Bear Lake County Commissioner
Sim Weston - Board Vice Chairman, Rich County Commissioner
Burdette Weston - Board Secretary Mayor of Laketown
Dan Fisher, City Council of Montpelier
Mike Leonhardt - Mayor of Garden City
Ron Jensen - Recreation
Ken Brown - Rich County at Large
Mitch Poulsen - Executive Director- Bear Lake Regional Commission
Tami Leonhardt - B L Convention & Visitors Bureau

Excused: Roy Bunderson- Mayor of Bloomington
Albert Johnson - Bear Lake County at Large
Christy Jensen - Bear Lake Regional Commission

Also in attendance: Richard Droesbeke – UT/Bear Lake State Parks
Nancy Cousins, Bennett Jonson & Ava - Kimley-Horne Consulting

Chairman Bradley Jensen conducted the June 28, 2023, meeting of the Bear Lake Regional Commission, the meeting started at 7:16pm.

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Jensen asked for an approval of the agenda, The agenda was reviewed, and approved.

- **Ken Brown motioned to approve the agenda.**
Ron Jensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Update on UT-Bear Lake State Parks Projects & Update on Marina Expansion

Nancy Cousins, consultant from Kimley-Horne Consulting presented a Zoom presentation on the Marina Expansion Project. Construction is planned for the fall but will depend on the permitting process from the different entities that are involved. A Public meeting is planned for August the date has not been set yet but should be coming within the next few weeks. They are working on a new design graphic that will have more details on what the marina is going to look like. Studies are being done on the impact of this construction and increase capacity on the lake, making sure we protect the overall health of the lake, the wetlands, and the fish habitats.

Richard Droesbeke informed the board, that last fall they drilled wells at North Eden and Rainbow Cove. Improvements to the Utah North Eden Facility should be completed by October, when finished this will include shade shelters, water and 50 amp electrical hookups and expand from eleven to thirty-five individual campsites. One Group site will have four RV car and water hook ups. The day use beach has a new entrance station and maintenance building. It currently has 120 parking stalls and eleven shade shelters & tables on the beach. Other beach improvements will include and new camp host site and cleanup projects including rock and foliage removal. Rainbow Cove project- grubbed sixty acres of sage brush, reducing the fire hazards. Future projects in this area include an advanced sewage management system, three RV dump stations, 58 individual campsites with power and water hook ups. Two group sites, one with 9 hook ups and one with 5. The boat ramp will have two levels of parking.

Staff Report

In Bear Lake County a memorandum or understanding has been signed with the State Land Board to help regulate what goes on, on the beach. There will no longer be lateral movement of vehicles on the beach. Idaho State funding for enforcement will be provided and a group will be organized to establish the details of those new beach rules.

Mitch is continuing to do Creek measurements and turning that information over to the USGS on a regular basis for their use in determining evaporation off the lake and how much the tributaries really contribute.

Bear Lake County is continuing to move forward on a short-term rental ordinance. They are also looking into gravel pit ordinances as well.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and approved.

- **Ron Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 31 meeting.**
Sim Weston seconded the motion, motion carried

Bills & Payroll

The bills and payroll for the Bear Lake Regional Commission were reviewed, a motion was made to approve them.

- **Ken Brown made a motion to accept and approve payment of the June 2023 bills and payroll for the Bear Lake Regional Commission**
Burdette Weston seconded the motion, motion carried.

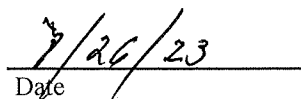
Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting ended at 8:29 p.m.

- **Ken Brown motioned to adjourn the meeting of the Bear Lake Regional Commission**
Dan Fisher seconded the motion, motion carried.

Minutes Approved:


Chairman


Date