

Bear Lake Regional Commission

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Minutes Bear Lake Regional Commission Garden City, UT September 27, 2023

Those in attendance:

Bradley Jensen - Board Chairman, Bear Lake 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
Christy Jensen - Bear Lake Regional Commission
Tami Leonhardt - B L Convention & Visitors Bureau

Excused: Albert Johnson - Bear Lake County at Large
Sim Weston - Board Vice Chairman, Rich County Commissioner
Roy Bunderson- Mayor of Bloomington

Also in attendance: Gary, James- Teuscher's CPA Firm
Dave & Claudia Cottle-Bear Lake Watch

Chairman Bradley Jensen conducted the September 27, 2023, meeting of the Bear Lake Regional Commission, the meeting started at 7:01pm.

Approval of Agenda

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

- **Ron Jensen motioned to approve the agenda.**
Burdette Weston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gary Teuscher/ FY 2023 Audit Review

Gary Teuscher presented the audit for the 2023 Fiscal year, the Audit was reviewed and approved. A management representation letter was also signed.

All State compliancy requirements were met. A full copy of the Audit is available at the Regional Commission Office.

- **Mike Leonhardt made a motion to approve the Audit and sign the Management Representation Letter for the 2023 Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023.**
Dan Fisher seconded the motion, motion carried.

(A management representation letter is a letter issued by a client to the auditor in writing as part of audit evidences. ... It serves to document management's representations during the audit, reducing misunderstandings of management's responsibilities for the financial statements.)

Bear Lake Watch/ Lake Preservation Legislation

Claudia Cottle reviewed the Utah bill that was sponsored by Senator Chris Wilson which will be presented in this upcoming session. Idaho recently passed a similar bill.

The purpose of this Utah bill is to recognize Bear Lake as a natural lake and a highly valued resource for native fisheries, recreation, with distinctive characteristics, including water clarity and mineral and chemical uniqueness. It recognizes Bear Lake's unique qualities to the people of the State while acknowledging its current uses for irrigation storage, power generation, flood control, and recreation. This is not intended to impair or constrain the operation of Bear Lake, to interfere with or change any water rights, or to appropriate any water.

- **Mike Leonhardt made a motion to have a letter of support for this bill sent from the Bear Lake Regional Commission**
Ron Jensen seconded the motion, motion carried.

Staff Report

- Quagga Mussel Villagers have been detected in Centennial Park the Twin Falls area of the Snake River.
- Mitch Poulsen has been working on organizing a joint legislative meeting to discuss comparisons between the states on transient room taxation and how those funds can benefit the counties. Another item on the agenda will be a discussion with the Idaho Legislators concerning Short Term Rentals. A definite date will be determined, and Mitch will continue to follow up with the board and the legislators to confirm the date.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes were reviewed and approved.

- **Ron Jensen made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 30 meeting with one correction.**
Burdette 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.

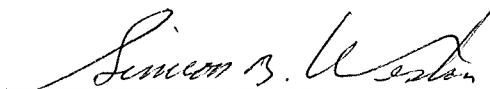
- **Ken Brown made a motion to accept and approve payment of the September 2023 bills and payroll for the Bear Lake Regional Commission**
Dan Fisher seconded the motion, motion carried.

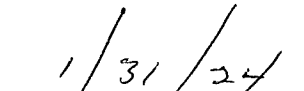
Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting ended at 8:06 p.m.

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

Minutes Approved:


Chairman


Date