

Jordan River Commission Governing Board Meeting

October 5, 2023 | 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Location

Education Center at Conservation Garden Park
Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District
8275 South 1300 West, West Jordan, UT 84088

And remotely via Zoom

Meeting Attendees

Governing Board Members

Councilmember Sylvia Catten, Chair, Millcreek City
Councilmember Andy Pierucci, Riverton City
Councilmember Don Shelton, South Jordan City
Wendelin Knobloch, Midvale City
Mayor Karen Lang, West Valley City
Shazelle Terry, Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District
Betty Naylor, Gardner Heritage Farms
Heidi Hoven, National Audubon Society
Eric McCulley, Utah Reclamation, Mitigation, & Conservation Committee
Councilmember Clarissa Williams, South Salt Lake City
Dina Blaes, Salt Lake County
Kim Sorensen, Murray City
Mayor Dirk Burton, West Jordan City
Todd Draper, Draper City
Councilmember Stan Porter, North Salt Lake City
Craig Walker, Jordan River Foundation
Liz Larsen, Utah's Hogle Zoo
Joel Thompson, South Valley Sewer District
Laura Briefer, Salt Lake City Public Utilities

Commission Staff

Soren Simonsen, Executive Director
Rachel Turk, Communications & Outreach Manager
Rae Robinson, Vegetation Management Coordinator, Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands

Visitors and Guests

Carly Payne, Division of Water Resources
Todd Munger, Lehi City
Nate Brakey, Office of Congressman Burgess Owens
Laura Haskell, Division of Water Resources
Cory Fralick, West Jordan City

Steve Van Maren, Sandy City Resident
Marissa Beckstrom, Tracy Aviary
Calah Worthen, Jacobs Engineering
Tim Brown, Tracy Aviary
Jennifer Follstadt Shah, University of Utah
Kyle Roberts, University of Utah
Representative Gay Lynn Bennion, Utah State Legislature
Cindy Kindred, Mighty Penguin Consulting
Dax Reid, Mighty Penguin Consulting
Morgan Faulkner, Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands

The Governing Board initially convened as the Jordan River Watershed Council, following which members adjourned as the Watershed Council and reconvened as the Governing Board.

Meeting Minutes

Silvia Catten, Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

1. Welcome & Introductions

Identification of Governing Board members and other meeting participants in person and online.

2. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

3. Presentations & Discussion

Get to the River Festival Summary & Highlights : Cindy Kindred presented on the recently completed Get to the River Festival. She summarized fundraising efforts, media spotlights, and Festival events. There were forty-one events across thirty-one days in fourteen cities and three counties. There were twenty-eight partner organizations involved and the Festival had thousands of participants.

4. Commission Business

[Action Item] Consider amending the Commission Bylaws: Board members discussed amendments to include provisions related to the establishment and certification of the Jordan River Watershed Council, and incorporate previously adopted organizing provisions for the Event Advisory Committee as a standing committee of the Commission.

Shazelle Terry reported that she is on the Board of the Provo River Reservoir Company and Jordan Valley staff are on several other canal company boards. Salt Lake City is involved with some of the irrigation companies, so perhaps she and Laura Briefer can assist with certain matters.

Laura Briefer moved to adopt the proposed watershed council and other administrative amendments to the bylaws. Don Shelton seconded the motion.

Laura Briefer asked that to make certain those online have an opportunity for any comments or discussion of the motion. Soren thanked Don Shelton for feedback and an opportunity for

further legal review by South Jordan City Attorney.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Board Members present.

[Action Item] Consider Adopting Meeting Minutes:

- a) June 1, 2023, Governing Board Meeting
- b) Postponed: ~~August 3, 2023, Governing Board Meeting~~

Eric McCulley moved to adopt the June 1, 2023 meeting minutes. Laura Briefer seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion of the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by Board Members present.

[Action Item] Consider appointing members of the Event Advisory Committee:

- a) Jon Glenn, recently retired director of Salt Lake Community College Library Services
- b) Kyle Fuchshuber, Event Waste & Recycling Permits Coordinator for the Salt Lake City Department of Sustainability

Chair Catten and Soren Simonsen shared updates on Event Advisory Committee composition. Soren noted that the Committee has not had a quorum at its previous two meetings, and Commission staff has reached out to find individuals who are willing and have the capacity and commitment to fill vacancies. Two excellent candidates have offered to serve.

Don Shelton moved to appoint Jon Glenn and Kyle Fuchshuber to the Event Advisory Committee. Laura Briefer seconded the motion

There was no further discussion of the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by the Board Members present

[Written Reports] The following reports were distributed to Board members:

Fiscal Year 2023 4th Quarter Financial Report
Fiscal Year 2024 1st Quarter Financial Report
JRC Small Grant Report by Seven Canyons Trust for the 2023 Range 2 River Relay

5. Commission Staff Reports

Communications & Outreach Updates: Rachel Turk summarized Commission outreach events, the Summer Paddle Series, social media and newsletter statistics, and a new project to track the Jordan River in the news.

Vegetation Management Updates: Rae Robinson is new to this joint position with the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands. She reported on recent work done in coordination with Utah Conservation Corps, plans for phragmites control measures, the Puncturevine Bounty Program, Weed Management Area grant opportunities, and future directions for weed management.

[Written Report] A report from Aimee Horman, Events & Volunteer Manager, was distributed

to Board members.

6. Director's Report

Soren Simonsen noted that he would be sending out email communications about upcoming grant opportunities.

7. Adjourn

Karen Lang moved to adjourn the meeting. Heidi Hoven seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

A meeting recording, presentation and handout materials, and meeting minutes are available at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/sitemap/notice/862637.html>.

Meeting minutes prepared by Ren Griffeth, Jordan River Commission Administrative, Grant & research Specialist and Soren Simonsen, Commission Secretary.

Meeting Minutes Adopted December 5, 2024.