

# **Jordan River Commission Governing Board Meeting**

June 5, 2025 | 10:00 a.m.

## **Meeting Location**

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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**

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### **Governing Board Members**

Councilmember Don Shelton, Chair, South Jordan  
Councilmember Bryn Johnson, Vice Chair, Draper  
Councilmember Silvia Catten, Past Chair, Millcreek  
Kelsey Berg, Larry H. Miller Company  
Commissioner Skyler Beltran, Utah County  
Tim Brown, Tracy Aviary  
Councilmember Chris Condie, Lehi  
Commissioner John Crofts, Davis County  
Alicia DeLeon, Salt Lake City  
Cory Fralick, West Jordan  
Mayor Dustin Gettel, Midvale  
Gina Grandpre, Saratoga Springs  
Ajla Hadzialijagic, Utah Governor's Office  
Michael Horrocks, Wasatch Rowing Foundation  
Heidi Hoven, National Audubon Society  
John Mackey, Utah Division of Water Quality  
Liz Larsen, Utah's Hogle Zoo  
Suzy Lee, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands  
Ken Leetham, North Salt Lake  
Councilmember Tawnee McCay, Riverton  
Councilmember Carlos Moreno, Salt Lake County  
Betty Naylor, Gardner Heritage Farm  
Mayor Kristie Overson, Taylorsville  
Councilmember Brad Parry, Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation  
Councilmember Clarissa Williams, South Salt Lake

### **Commission Staff**

Jens Ammon, Jordan River Restoration Coordinator  
Ren Griffeth, Administrative, Grant & Research Specialist  
Soren Simonsen, Executive Director & Secretary  
Shelby Strickler, Seasonal Volunteer & Event Coordinator  
Rachel Turk, Communications & Outreach Manager

### **Visitors and Guests**

Benn Buys, Utah Fairpark Area Investment and Restoration (UFAIR) District  
Debbie DeFa, Friends of Fisher Mansion

Tom DeFa, Friends of Fisher Mansion  
Jon Glenn, Chair, Event Advisory Committee  
Laura Haskell, Utah Division of Water Resources  
Sharen Hauri, South Salt Lake  
Alexander Johnson, Congressman Burgess Owens  
Elizabeth Kimball, Wasatch Adaptive Sports  
Heather May, Great Salt Lake Collaborative  
Eric McCulley, McCulley Watershed Consulting Services  
Carly Payne, Utah Division of Water Resources  
Brandy Strand, Preservation Utah  
Sandy Wingert, Utah Division of Water Quality

## **Meeting Minutes**

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Don Shelton, Chair, called the Governing Board meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

At the start of the meeting, attendees were asked to mark their attendance using a new online form rather than conducting verbal introductions to save time. Participants were informed they could check in at any point during the meeting.

### **2. Public Comments**

Soren Simonsen shared comments received by email, text and phone messages from two individuals who regularly use the Jordan River Parkway and asked to share their messages with the Governing Board. Their concerns included young people jumping off the bridge connecting Camp Williams to Thanksgiving Point, causing congestion and feeling threatening to other users. There is also a lot of litter left behind. Additionally, there was concern about groups of young people riding electric motorcycles, motorbikes, and motorized skateboards on the trail in Bluffdale. Some of these travel very fast, which was also problematic for walkers, hikers, and bikers, and violates posted signs that state no motorized vehicles are allowed on the Jordan River Trail. Soren noted that law enforcement in Lehi City would be informed and stated that it may be worth considering the long-term need for designated recreation areas for youth.

### **3. Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Public Hearing & Adoption**

Soren Simonsen presented a summary of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget proposal. He reviewed the draft budget from April, noting minor changes. The annual member contribution chart includes a formula for municipal member contributions based on population, river frontage in miles, and area. No new population estimates have been updated by the Gardner Policy Institute since May 2024, so municipal and inter-local contributions remained the same based on prior year data. Utah County recently rejoined, contributing \$5,000 for the portion of the current fiscal year, which increased to \$15,000 for the coming full year. The Utah Lake Authority joined the Commission as an Interlocal Member last fall, contributing \$2,500 at the time, and increasing to \$5,000 for the full year in 2026. The Larry H. Miller Company was added as an ex-officio partner with an \$8,000 contribution.

The budget reflects a 2.5% increase in staff salaries, with an additional 1% budgeted for possible performance-based increases. Additional grant revenue is also reflected. The legislative appropriation for the Jordan River Recreation Area accounts for \$150,000, with \$50,000 for the Salt Lake County Water Trail and Parkway Trail Maintenance Fund, \$25,000 from the America the Beautiful Challenge grant, and \$75,000 from the Recreation Trails Program grant. Total operating income was projected at \$658,225, and projected expenses at \$658,050, resulting in a balanced budget with a net revenue of \$175.

Soren elaborated on legislative appropriations. A portion of the 2018 ongoing funding program for the Jordan River Recreation Area, approximately \$390,000, is used for the entire Jordan River Parkway. An additional Recreation Zone received special attention due to the Pamela Atkinson Men's Homeless Resource Facility, with

funding to mitigate impacts and bring additional positive activity and improvements. Projects in this area include work with Tracy Aviary and the five municipalities of Taylorsville, Murray, Millcreek, West Valley City, and South Salt Lake. There are remaining carryover funds, which staff reviewed with the Executive Committee and recommend specific allocations for projects including \$300,000 for added GreenBike Bike Share stations near the Parleys Trail and Jordan River TRAX station, the Cultural Celebration Center and Tracy Aviary Nature Center, and the new Millcreek Trail Head, and \$200,000 for additions to the Redwood Trailhead Park for a Jordan River Water Sports Center.

Michael Horrocks asked for more details on the Jordan River Water Sports Center. Soren explained that Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation Division is designing a boat ramp at Redwood Trailhead Park, near 2300 South. The Blueprint Jordan River recommends designing the river access in this area to accommodate rowing and sculling watercraft, which the County is looking into. This location is also seen as important for all-ability access, providing a suitable takeout point for individuals who have physical disabilities or are using adaptive equipment. Additionally, the Blueprint recommends moving a weir near the Lower Jordan River and Jordan River Surplus Canal diversion and flood controls structure north to near California Avenue, which would create a linear course of 2000 meters.

Michael thanked Soren for the explanation.

Don Shelton, Chair, opened the public hearing and asked for any comments or questions. He expressed his appreciation for the work of the Commission staff.

There were no comments or questions from the public or the Board.

Don closed the public hearing.

#### **[Action Item] Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Discussion & Adoption**

***Dustin Gettel moved to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget. Michael Horrocks seconded the motion.***

There was no further discussion on the motion. The roll call results were unanimous in favor, with the results as follows:

Bryn Johnson - yes  
Chris Condie - yes  
Dustin Gettel - yes  
Silvia Catten - yes  
Ali Avery - yes  
Gina Grandpre - yes  
Don Shelton - yes  
Kristie Overson - yes  
Cory Fralick - yes  
John Crofts - yes  
Carlos Moreno - yes  
Skyler Beltran - yes  
Aijla Hadzialijagic - yes

John Mackey - yes  
Suzy Lee - yes  
Betty Naylor - yes  
Kelsey Berg - yes  
Heidi Hoven - yes  
Brad Parry - yes  
Tim Brown - yes  
Liz Larsen - yes  
Michael Horrocks - yes  
Alicia DeLeon - yes  
Bruce Holyoak - yes  
Clarissa Williams - yes

#### **[Action Item] Fiscal Year 2026 Jordan River Recreation Area Legislative Appropriation Recommendations**

***Dustin Gettel moved to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 Jordan River Recreation Area Legislative Appropriation Recommendations. Bryn Johnson seconded the motion.***

There was no further discussion of the motion. The roll call results were unanimous in favor, with results as follows:

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Bruce Holyoak - yes  
Ali Avery - yes  
Alicia DeLeon - yes  
Gina Grandpre - yes  
Don Shelton - yes  
Clarissa Williams - yes  
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Carlos Moreno - yes  
Skyler Beltran - yes  
Aijla Hadzialijagic - yes  
John Mackey - yes  
Suzy Lee - yes  
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Kelsey Berg - yes  
Heidi Hoven - yes  
Brad Parry - yes  
Tim Brown - yes  
Liz Larsen - yes  
Michael Horrocks - yes

#### **4. Presentations & Discussion**

##### **a. Wasatch Adaptive Sports Updates**

Elizabeth Kimball, Executive Director, shared an update on the use of recent and current Jordan River Commission Small Grant funds, as well as general updates on Jordan River adaptive recreation programs and the status of a future Jordan River Parkway facility. Elizabeth reported that the organization, in operation for 48 years, serves 1,100 people with disabilities annually through recreational programs, with biking being their largest program, primarily on the Jordan River Trail. The \$5,000 small grant received this year will help continue breaking down barriers to access, such as financial costs, equipment needs, and quality instruction.

Elizabeth highlighted improvements in mental and physical health and relationships for participants. She shared that one in four Utahns has a disability and that the average piece of adaptive equipment costs \$10,000 or more, and requires maintenance and storage capacity. She discussed the organization's vision to establish a universally designed facility near the Jordan River Trail on three to four acres, which would provide easier access to equipment and instructors.

Dustin Gettel asked about strategies for people with disabilities to access the trail, to which Elizabeth responded that improving the public transit intersection with their planned facility was a goal, as paratransit services can be challenging.

Betty Naylor raised a concern about a steep access point near 8600 South in West Jordan, where a participant in a wheelchair had fallen and sadly passed away. She asked if Wasatch Adaptive Sports had any warning signage they could use for inaccessible places like this.

Elizabeth acknowledged the safety concern and offered to connect to discuss it further. She also clarified that their proposed building would be a single-story, 34,000 square feet, to ensure full accessibility for all. She reported that they have more demand than they can keep up with at their current capacity.

Alicia De Leon asked in the chat what term is best to describe someone with a disability.

Elizabeth clarified that "people with disabilities" is the preferred terminology, with "handicapped" generally not favored.

##### **b. Fisher Mansion Restoration & Activation Plan**

Brandy Strand, Executive Director of Preservation Utah, shared an update regarding a recent Jordan River Commission Small Grant to develop a restoration and activation plan for the historic Fisher Mansion in Salt Lake City. She stated that the mansion, built in 1893 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, has been vacant since 2007. It is currently undergoing significant stabilization work, with \$3 million in sizing and structural stabilization, and additional funding pending approval. The carriage house behind the mansion has been restored and made more accessible.

The report, which incorporated community feedback, highlighted interest in the mansion becoming an art space, gallery, restaurant, or event center, with a strong emphasis on continued public access to the river. Brandi confirmed that Preservation Utah holds a 50-year preservation easement on the building, ensuring public access regardless of future use. The next steps include expanding site programming and developing an advanced restoration plan. She noted that the community is invested in seeing a successful future for this site.

Michael commented that Great Salt Lake Rowing had previously used Fisher Mansion for launching boats, finding it a great place for a fun row.

c. Porter's Landing Boat Access

Ali Avery, Community Planner with North Salt Lake, shared an update regarding a recent Jordan River Commission Small Grant to help restore and upgrade the boat launch and trailhead facilities at Porter's Landing in North Salt Lake. She detailed the funding sources, including a \$5,000 small grant from the Jordan River Commission, the Utah Recreation Restoration Infrastructure grant, and a local match from North Salt Lake. The project involved replacing a gravel boat ramp with a concrete ramp to reduce maintenance, improve traction, and improve the connection for the Jordan River Trail.

Ali shared photos of the construction process, which faced challenges like vandalism and a contractor injury. The new boat ramp is angled downstream to create an eddy for easier boat access, and the trail connection is now concrete. This site is featured during a Get to the River Festival paddle event each year, and Ali is excited to have the upgrades completed for the Festival this year and going forward.

Soren acknowledged the significance of Porter's Landing as the first of now more than two dozen water trail development and improvements projects, and also highlighted its importance for river cleanups and recreation.

## 5. Commission Business

**[Action Item] Adopt April 3, 2025, Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

***Dustin Gettel moved to adopt the April 3, 2025, meeting minutes. Bryn Johnson seconded the motion.***

There was no further discussion of the motion.

***The motion was unanimously approved by the Board members present.***

**[Action Item] Adopt Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Amendment #2**

Soren Simonsen presented Budget Amendment #2 for Fiscal Year 2025. This amendment primarily recognized the added revenue with the addition of Utah County and Larry H. Miller Company to the Governing Board. It also included adjustments for grants from the Jordan River Foundation, including a \$12,000 match for the update of the myjordanriver.org app and a \$2,500 grant for a summer education program intern. On the expense side, the intern's salary was recognized, and \$25,000 was allocated to the small grant program, clarifying the use of carryover funds from the prior fiscal year.

***Michael Horrocks moved to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Amendment #2. Ali Avery seconded the motion.***

There was no further discussion of the motion.

***The motion was unanimously approved by the Board members present.***

**[Action Item] Appoint Event Advisory Committee Members to Fill Vacancies**

Soren announced the withdrawal of Jade Zephyr's name due to an upcoming move and change in employment and recommended Lauren Brady to fill a vacancy representing Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation. Lauren was previously with Salt Lake City, helping with volunteer programs around the Jordan River.

***Dustin Gettel moved to appoint new Event Advisory Committee Member Lauren Brady. Tawnee McCay seconded the motion.***

There was no further discussion of the motion.

***The motion was unanimously approved by the Board members present.***

**[Action Item] Consider Jordan River Commission Small Grant Proposals & Awards**

Soren discussed the four small grant proposals. The Commission typically uses carryover funds from each fiscal year to fund the Small Grant program, a practice they have maintained for about a decade. They have funded various projects, activities, and events over the years. This year, they have \$25,000 based on the adopted budget amendment, which is an increase of \$5,000 from past years. They have already awarded approximately \$9,000 during their fall grant cycle, which involves applications due in October and approval at the December meeting. They approved grants for Wasatch Adaptive Sports and the Art at the Park event in Glendale last fall.

Roughly \$16,000 remains in the current budget, with \$18,000 in funding requests from the four current proposals. Soren noted that the organization has a healthy fund balance of over \$100,000. He indicated the Governing Board could draw from the fund balance to cover the \$2,000 gap between available funds and requests, which would require a specific motion from the Board.

Soren provided a quick overview of the received proposals. The first proposal is from Wasatch Mountain Institute, organized around 2017 or 2018. They offer summer programs for environmental education, particularly for youth, with facilities at the former Rockport State Park. Their work spans the entire watershed, from the Uinta and Wasatch Mountains to the Great Salt Lake, and they have always emphasized the Jordan River as a key component of their environmental education focus. They are partnering with Salt Lake City to develop an active summer program. The requested \$5,000 would specifically fund their pilot program for environmental education on the Jordan River. The application was complete and included letters of support.

The second proposal, the Range to River Relay, is a program developed by Seven Canyons Trust about a decade ago and has become a key event of the Get to the River Festival. It is a "triathlon light" event starting with bicycling along City Creek and North Temple to the Jordan River, followed by a run and a paddle along the Jordan River Trail and in the river. The location typically follows City Creek and the Jordan River between State Fair Park or Fisher Mansion and 1800 North near the Riverview Trailhead. The Commission has funded this project three or four times previously. Seven Canyons Trust is requesting \$3,000. Last year, the project was funded but not executed due to a change in executive director, and the \$3,000 was reallocated to other Get to the River Festival grants. This application was also complete and included letters of support.

The third proposal is from ElevateUT Disc Golf, a non-profit disc golf development and advocacy organization. Scott Belchak, who works with them, is hosting an international disc golf tournament at the new Riverbottom Disc Golf Course near Rotary Park in Draper next year. They are asking for \$5,000 to upgrade tees and connecting trails on the course to prepare for heavy use and environmental conditions. This application was complete and included letters of support from Draper City and the Professional Disc Golf Association, along with photos highlighting the areas of proposed improvements.

The final application is from the Great Salt Lake Collaborative. Heather May was present for any questions. This Collaborative was formed a few years ago to unite journalistic resources from various news outlets to raise awareness and identify solutions for the declining Great Salt Lake. Recognizing the need for attention on the Jordan River as a major tributary, they are initiating a pilot project focusing on the Jordan River over the next year, particularly addressing water quality and conservation. They have identified \$10,000 needed for this project and are requesting a \$5,000 contribution from the Small Grant program. This work will primarily occur over the summer and fall months. The application was complete, with a letter of support from the Salt Lake

Tribune. Soren expressed support for this project, as it would help raise awareness about the River's challenges, especially regarding water quality impacts on communities downstream in the watershed.

Michael asked for clarification on the location of the Riverbottom Disc Golf Course.

Soren explained it is just north of Rotary Park, on the east side of the Jordan River in Draper, extending approximately from 12300 to 12100 South in a natural area.

***Dustin Gettel moved to approve all applications for the full amounts requested, and utilizing available fund balance to fill the gap over budgeted funds. Michael Horrocks seconded the motion.***

There was no further discussion of the motion.

***The motion was unanimously approved by the Board members present.***

Don Shelton noted a prior commitment, which required him to depart early, and delegated the chair responsibilities to Bryn Johnson, Vice Chair, to conduct the remainder of the meeting.

#### Upcoming Commission Meeting Schedule

The next Governing Board and Watershed Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 7. Soren Simonsen explained that the May field trip to the Kennecott Mine Visitor Center was postponed due to the center's closure, but it has since reopened. They are now targeting September for the tour, where they had originally planned a paddling event. Soren indicated moving the paddling field trip to July, perhaps on the July 3, which is the day before Independence Day, or another time if there was interest.

Tawnww McCay and others expressed concern about July 3 due to city parades and a busy Independence Day weekend, preferring a later date in July.

The Commission's upcoming 15th anniversary in August was then discussed. Soren explained that August 3 is the approximate date the official interlocal agreement was first signed by Sandy City and Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District in 2010. Staff want to explore interest in a commemorative event to highlight the 15-year history. Ideas included a paddling event, a picnic, or an indoor gathering, inviting past chairs and board members.

Rachel Turk discussed a recent paddle at Porter's Landing Boat Ramp, which offered access to the Legacy Nature Preserve and is a calm, easy section for paddling.

Betty Naylor asked if the August meeting would be combined with the anniversary event.

Soren clarified that while they might acknowledge the anniversary at the August meeting, a commemorative event would likely be a separate, more social or educational outdoor gathering. He offered to have the Executive Committee brainstorm ideas for the anniversary event, inviting attendees to share their thoughts with staff. He also highlighted that the beginning and end sections of the Jordan River are gentle for paddling, with great parks for social events.

#### (Written Reports) Utah State Auditor Reports

Soren Simonsen noted that these were for informational purposes only. He mentioned the financial statement for the 2024 Fiscal Year and the agreed-upon procedures report for the same year were included in the meeting packet. He noted that Commission staff were late in submitting these, which was a finding in the agreed-upon procedures report, taking nine months instead of the allowed six month time frame. He expressed gratitude for a new staff member's help, stating they plan to start earlier this year and aim to submit these reports in August. Soren also shared that he and Travis Kartchner, the treasurer, have completed the fraud risk prevention assessment. He reported that they have moved from moderate risk to low risk due to policies and procedures

adopted by the Board over the past year, specifically mentioning the Code of Ethics and Ethical Behavior Policy adopted in April. They are working on one or two more actions to reach the lowest risk category.

## **6. Staff Reports**

### **Rachel Turk, Communications & Outreach Manager**

Rachel Turk presented a staff report for January to May. She provided an update on newsletter and social media statistics, noting consistent trends with a slight decline in Facebook and X followers, but good growth on Instagram and LinkedIn. For education and outreach, they conducted 17 events with over 1,000 participants. This included participation in the Canoemobile program with Wilderness Inquiry and the Bureau of Land Management, which engaged over 600 school kids as participants. Other activities included the City Nature Challenge and field trips with university and elementary classes. Outreach activities, such as tabling at events at Alta, Millcreek, and Tour de Brutah, helped promote the Golden Spoke event and raise awareness for the Jordan River Commission.

Rachel discussed recent Jordan River news stories, noting a shift from water-related topics to community and education, which she found disheartening as safety around the river remains a top priority. She mentioned Salt Lake City's efforts with the state to increase funding and policing on the trail, leading to improvements but also the displacement of activity. Rachel also provided an update on the website redesign project. An ad hoc committee of 14 individuals reviewed the website, and a key goal is to highlight Commission members. They will be reaching out to Commission members and partners for their mission statements and to highlight projects and programs in their jurisdictions. The Blueprint Jordan River will be integrated throughout the website to reflect its mission in project discussions.

Upcoming activities include the Friday Paddle Series, starting the next day, and continued video and photography for the new website and social media. An intern, funded by the Jordan River Foundation, will help focus on education programs and partnerships, with brainstorming sessions with educators planned for later in the summer. The next phase of the website update will begin soon, and efforts will be made to generate more positive news stories about the Jordan River and its connection to people, especially through collaboration with the Great Salt Lake Collaborative.

### **Jens Ammon, Jordan River Restoration Coordinator**

Jens, the Jordan River restoration coordinator, discussed the Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA). He explained that one of the CWMA's main focuses is to initiate a coordinated management effort along the Jordan River, targeting phragmites, tamarisk, and puncturevine. The CWMA also serves as a platform for individuals working on the River to collaborate, share experiences, and establish best management practices, priority areas, and funding strategies. Jens noted that of the \$250,000 mentioned in the budget by Soren, \$200,000 is allocated annually for weed management and restoration work. This past year, the funds were split evenly between grants and direct project work, and the CWMA began supporting multi-year projects. For the upcoming year, no new grants will be issued; instead, more partners will receive direct project assistance. Jens highlighted the flexibility in funding distribution, explaining that sometimes grants are more effective, while other times direct project involvement is preferable.

Jens then provided an overview of the CWMA grantee projects. Salt Lake City is undertaking work at their Cornell Wetlands site, and West Valley City is engaged in phragmites control work with a marsh master machine. Draper and Riverton are managing Russian Olive and tamarisk infestations, and the Salt Lake Fish and Game Association is developing a nature preserve. Jens also detailed ongoing projects undertaken by the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands to remove invasive species and execute replanting, often involving the Utah Conservation Corps crews and other phragmites control contractors. Finally, Jens mentioned an upcoming project funded by a Salt Lake County grant, the Jordan River Water Trail maintenance project, which will start near Bangeter Highway and expand to other river sections, focusing on removing invasive species, and clearing garbage and debris to improve navigability.

### **(Written Report Only) Julie Williams, former Event & Volunteer Manager**



Soren Simonsen noted Julie's written report, included in the agenda package, which discussed the successful Golden Spoke event and other events.

## **7. Director's Report**

Soren Simonsen elaborated on a photograph Jens had shared, which depicted phragmites that had been washed downstream in the 1,500 to 1,600 cubic feet per second whitewater system in Bluffdale during the previous year's spring runoff. This accumulation of phragmites had created a significant damming effect, posing a navigation hazard for recreationists using the newly installed boat launches in the Bluffdale and Draper area. The funding from Salt Lake County for trail maintenance is appreciated for addressing this issue in the affected area, with plans to continue similar work in other river sections next year.

Tawnee McCay expressed interest in organizing a service project for the 15th anniversary and noted her family's enjoyment of the Golden Spoke event. Soren thanked Tawnee for the idea and indicated that service opportunities would be made available.

Soren acknowledged staff members, noting the recent departure of Julie Williams, who had served as the event and volunteer manager for the past year and has taken a new position with the Utah Transit Authority. Soren wished Julie well and mentioned that interns Shelby Strickler and Caroline Johnston, who had previously worked with Julie Williams, would be filling the gap. Shelby, who has been an intern and seasonal employee, will assist with volunteer programs through the summer before pursuing a teaching opportunity abroad at the end of the summer. Caroline, who worked with the organization as an intern last fall and spring, is expected to join after completing commitments with the Utah Conservation Corps at the Jordan River Migratory Bird Reserve and the Provo River Delta Restoration Project in late August.

Soren also highlighted the sponsors of the Golden Spoke event, noting the substantial participation this year, including a dozen elected officials such as Council Member Shelton and Mayor Silvestrini, who helped kick off the event at Tracy Avery's Nature Center. Several mayors, including Mayor Burton from West Jordan, cycled along the route. Soren acknowledged Councilmember Bryn Johnson for her work on the organizing committee. The sponsors included Bike Walk Provo, Central Utah Water Conservancy District, Civil Science, Comcast, Draper City, GreenBike, the June Sucker Recovery Implementation Program, Kodiak Cakes, Lehi City, Mad Dog Cycles, Mountainland Association of Governments, Millcreek City, Move Utah through UDOT, City of North Salt Lake, City of Orem, Parametrics, the City of Provo, REI Co-op, the Bicycle Collective, Tracy Aviary, Utah County, the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Outdoor Recreation, Utah Lake Authority, Utah Transit Authority, and the Wasatch Front Regional Council. This event has continued to grow, with a full 100-mile "century ride" completed by approximately 40 individuals from Ogden to Provo. Registration capped out at 600, and an estimated 400 to 450 individuals participated in the event this year.

Information regarding upcoming grants and funding programs will be shared based on the adopted recommendations. Suzy from Forestry, Fire, and State Lands will release applications for the Jordan River Recreation Area funding programs, which have increased funding this year, particularly for the Recreation Zone. Applications for this program will be sent out directly rather than being available online. Other grant opportunities include boating access grants, Division of Recreation grants, the UDOT Active Transportation Grant for trail projects, and the Transportation Land Use Connection Grant through the Wasatch Front Regional Council for Salt Lake and Davis Counties. Assistance with grant applications and letters of support is available. The Commission has had significant success with the Outdoor Recreation Grant programs through the new Division of Outdoor Recreation and aims to continue leveraging limited funds. Updates on grant opportunities and deadlines will be provided.

## **8. Adjourn**

***Tawnee McCay moved to adjourn the meeting. Dustin Gettel seconded the motion.***

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.

*A meeting recording, presentation and handout materials, and meeting minutes are available at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/sitemap/notice/992827.html>.*

*Meeting minutes were prepared by Ren Griffeth and Soren Simonsen, Secretary.*

*Adopted August 7, 2025.*