



Wasatch County Interlocal Meeting Minutes

DRAFT Minutes for February 24, 2026

The Wasatch County Council met in joint session with the Heber City Council live and on-line Tuesday, February 24, 2026, in the Senior Center Auditorium located at 465 E 1200 S, Heber City, Utah 84032.

A video recording of the meeting may be viewed by using the Wasatch County Public Portal (<https://wasatchcout.portal.civicclerk.com/>) and selecting the desired meeting.

Agenda Items

1. Discussion and collaboration on Jordanelle Ridge Open Space - Wasatch County / Heber City

Summary: The County and Heber City have been coordinating since 2019 on the potential dedication of open space. Currently, both entities are working with qualified conservation organizations to identify a path forward with the property owner that would allow for the highest level of conservation on the property. City Manager Matt Brower is tasked to find out what trails are already built, what is now remaining and associated costs. Mayor Franco suggested that the two bodies have another meeting soon that includes the attorneys from all parties to discuss the details of the current agreement that the city has already approved and if the possible revisions the county has identified need to be included.

2. Discussion and collaboration on preservation around the proposed Heber Valley Corridor. - Wasatch County / Heber City

Summary: With UDOT's announcement of the preferred alternative, Wasatch County is interested in coordinating with Heber City on preservation of the North Fields for agricultural purposes and to reduce induced growth. Wasatch County would like to

see the 2019 MOU amended to reflect the following: "Wasatch County and Heber City agree that the city's northern border will not extend past approximately 850 N on the West side of Highway 189/Highway 40." Councilmember Rowland proposes the option to amend the current MOU to be more defined in how to preserve the specific land and how each entity will be accountable in the agreement. Councilmember Searle wants to extend the conversation to all entities that have interest including Midway City and private land owners with a new meeting.

3. Discussion and collaboration on joint statement regarding the proposed Heber Valley Corridor - Wasatch County / Heber City

Summary: Wasatch County is in the process of considering submitting additional comments to UDOT to address items including reducing impacts on agriculture, reducing induced growth, protecting water quality, and protecting the historic nature of the North Fields. Councilmember Rowland presented the draft statement and pointed out some of the key points that are important to the county and the options will affect a current plan for conservation. Lane Lythgoe presented a slide show with examples of how the routes will look and affect each particular area of the city and county.

Tracy Taylor, resident, commented on the City's obligation to protect the aquifer and reminded council that lawsuits will likely hold up any progress depending on which route is chosen.

Ed Clyde, land owner, commented on the impacts each option has to his property because of loss of acreage and also crippling the ability to move cattle effectively.

Councilmember Rowland will make amendments to the draft letter and get it to Heber City for council meeting March 3rd to approve supporting the joint statement.

Miscellaneous Items from Heber City or Wasatch County

Summary: Mayor Franco brought up the meeting for the Olympics and the need to start preparing the Olympics projects. Some of the projects that were mentioned were the railroad spur up to Soldier Hollow and possibly a new depot.

Councilmember Crittenden mentioned that Parks and Rec have started the discussion on the same items. Soldier Hollow is asking for Olympic art or information to be built on the rail to trail. Mayor Franco suggests involving the lobbyist during legislative interim to have funding ready next year and have Nancy O'Toole start looking for grants for funding over the next five years.

Adjournment

Summary: Councilmember McMillan made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Councilmember Erik Rowland seconded the motion. All interlocal authorities agreed to adjourn.

Chairman

Joey D. Granger/Clerk/Auditor