BOATING ADVISORY COUNCIL
DIVISION OF OUTDOOR RECREATION
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DRAFT- Minutes Of The Meeting Held on **January 6th, 2026, at 4:00PM**
Hybrid

Topic: Boating Advisory Council Scoring Meeting

Date: January 6th, 2026 - **Time:** 4:00-6:00 PM - **Location:** Hybrid

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Meeting Attendees: Jeff Salt (Chair), Jason Taylor (Co-Chair), Adam Eakle, DeWitt Smith, Zachary Williams, Jenny Knudsen, George Sommer, John Laursen, Tim Herzog

Department Staff: Jason Curry, Patrick Morrison, Ty Hunter, Brian Kurta, Nicole Hanna, Jorge Vazquez

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Agenda - Meeting Minutes

1. Information **(4:00PM) - Welcome**
    a. **Introduction of the Attendees**
        i. **Members - Respective Positions**
        ii. **Department Staff**
        iii. **Members of the Public**

(00:00) - Chair Jeff Salt called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees to the Boating Advisory Council meeting. Roll-call introductions were conducted for council members, division staff, and members of the public.

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Council members, staff, and participants introduced themselves and their roles, including representation from motorboat users, sailing, outfitting, and agency leadership. Staff from the Division of Outdoor Recreation, Division of Wildlife Resources, and associated programs were present.

Council Members:

- **Jeff Salt -** Paddle Sports Representative
- **Adam Eakle –** Motorboat Representative
- **George Sommer –** Angler Representative
- **Jenny Knudsen –** Water Sports Representative
- **Jason Taylor –** Outfitters Representative
- **Zachary Williams –** Personal Watercraft Representative
- **Dewitt Smith** - Sailing Representative
- **John Laursen –** Council Member (joined during meeting)
- **Tim Herzog –** Council Member (joined during meeting)

Division Staff:

- **Brian Kurta** – Assistant Boating Law Administrator, Division of Law Enforcement
- **Criag Walker** - Assistant Chief for Fisheries, Division of Wildlife Resources
- **Jorge Vazquez** – Recreation Grant Analyst, Division of Outdoor Recreation
- **Patrick Morrison** – Recreation Program Director, Division of Recreation
- **Ty Hunter** – Boating Program Manager, Division of Outdoor Recreation
- **Jason Curry** - Director of the Division of Outdoor Recreation
- **Nicole Hanna** – Counsel for the Division of Outdoor Recreation

Members of the Public:

- **Kent Singleton**
- **David Oman**
- **Brent Walker**

1. Action **(4:10PM) - Approval of meeting minutes - Chair**

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(00:03:05) – Chair Salt introduced the next agenda item and asked if members had reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting**.** No corrections, additions, or omissions were raised.

JASON TAYLOR MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES. JENNY KNUDSEN SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. **Information (4:15PM) - Public Comments**

During this time members of the public will be given 3 minutes to inform the Council about boating issues or topics not listed on the meeting agenda. No actions can be taken by the Council. Rules of decorum and respect will be adhered to.

(00:04:24) – Chair Salt opened the public comment period, noting the Council's advisory role and inviting members of the public to provide input on boating-related issues not listed on the agenda. Speakers were asked to identify themselves and limit comments to three minutes.

Kent Singleton:

- Raised concerns regarding inconsistent implementation of the Public Waters Access Act (PWA) across agencies and jurisdictions
- Identified lack of standardized training among:
    - Advisory bodies
    - Enforcement personnel
    - Agency leadership
- Noted inability to obtain a publicly accessible list of navigable waterways
- Expressed concern that:
    - Lack of consistent records creates confusion for both landowners and recreation users
    - Inconsistent interpretation poses safety risks
- Requested the Council prioritize:
    - Uniform training standards
    - Improved public access to foundational data
    - Earlier advisory involvement in decision-making

Brent Walker:

- Expressed full support for Mr. Singleton's comments

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David Oman:

- Described a disconnect between:
    - Property owners
    - Recreational users
    - Law enforcement interpretation of laws
- Highlighted inconsistent enforcement due to lack of training
- Requested improved clarity and education to ensure proper implementation

(00:10:27) – No additional comments were made. Chair Salt closed the public comment period

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3. **Information (4:20PM) - Clean Vessel Act Grant Review for FY26**

    a. **Bear Lake Marina Expansion - 4:20 PM**
    b. **Flaming Gorge Pump-A-Head Upgrades - 4:25 PM**

(00:10:44) – Chair Salt introduced the Clean Vessel Act (CVA) grant review and turned the time over to Jorge Vazquez to provide an overview of the program, funding structure, and applications under consideration.

Mr. Vazquez explained that the Clean Vessel Act is a federally supported grant program focused on improving water quality through proper sewage and waste management infrastructure at boating facilities. He noted that the program typically operates on a **75% federal / 25% match structure**, with the State providing match funding when applicants are unable to meet that requirement.

Mr. Vazquez provided an overview of current funding levels and noted that:

- Available funding is sufficient to cover CVA applications for this cycle
- Boating Access funding remains more constrained and requires prioritization

(00:13:30) – Staff clarified that:

- **Bear Lake Marina** has already secured its match and is not requesting state funding
- **Flaming Gorge Pump-Out Project** is requesting state funding to meet its full match requirement

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Council members discussed the application review process and noted confusion regarding how funding requests were presented. Members recommended improving application clarity by requiring applicants to clearly state:

- Total project cost
- Match funding status
- Amount requested from the State

Additional discussion included:

- Anticipated increase in future applications as infrastructure reaches end-of-life
- Potential need for additional evaluation criteria, including:
    - Usage metrics
    - Demonstrated need

Staff and Council also discussed long-term funding considerations, including:

- State match funding derived from boat registrations
- Federal funding derived from excise taxes
- Limitations on funding growth despite increasing demand

(00:23:50) – Staff introduced ongoing efforts to improve long-term planning through tools such as the **Boat Utah asset management tool**, which will:

- Track facility condition statewide
- Forecast maintenance needs
- Improve coordination with partners

4. **Action (4:30PM) - Motion to approve recommended CVA Grant applications FY26**

(00:27:35) – Chair Salt called for a motion to approve the CVA grant applications.

Discussion included:

- Clarification that both Bear Lake and Flaming Gorge applications would move forward for federal consideration
- Recognition of Flaming Gorge's inclusion of spare parts in the project budget, which was noted as strong planning for long-term maintenance and emergency needs

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- Council member input highlighting limited availability and high cost of pump-out services, reinforcing the importance of the project
- Comparison of application quality, with Bear Lake noted as a highly detailed and well-supported application
- Clarification regarding Bear Lake's funding, confirming it was supported by prior legislative appropriation rather than a new request.

GEORGE SOMMER MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE CLEAN VESSEL ACT GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR BEAR LAKE AND FLAMING GORGE. ADAM EAKLE SECONDED.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **Information (4:40PM) - Boating Access Grant Review for FY27**

    a. **American Fork (4:40PM)**
    b. **Bear Lake Marina expansion (4:43PM)**
    c. **Boat take out extension BLM (4:46PM)**
    d. **Boat Utah (4:49PM)**
    e. **Bridgeport ramp (4:52PM)**
    f. **CD3 expansion (4:55PM)**
    g. **Cisco ramp extension (4:58PM)**
    h. **Cisco ramp parking expansion (5:01PM)**
    i. **Dewey Bridge ramp extension (5:04PM)**
    j. **FG O and M (5:07PM)**
    k. **Hittle bottom ramp extension (5:10PM)**
    l. **Onion Creek ramp extension (5:13PM)**
    m. **Pelican Lake EW control project (5:16PM)**
    n. **Program Admin (5:19PM)**
    o. **Recapture ramp (5:22PM)**
    p. **Rocky ramp extension (5:25PM)**
    q. **San Rafael Gauge (5:28PM)**
    r. **Soldier Creek (5:31PM)**
    s. **Tech Time (5:34PM)**
    t. **Westwater ramp ext (5:37PM)**

(00:29:40) – Chair Salt introduced the Boating Access Grant review and turned the time over to staff to begin the project evaluation process.

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Staff noted that:

- A total of multiple applications were submitted for FY27
- Available funding will not support all projects
- Council input will guide prioritization and recommendations

Council members were asked to evaluate projects based on:

- Public benefit and safety
- Infrastructure condition
- Project readiness
- Funding clarity
- Long-term impact

(00:33:49) – Mr. Williams asked for clarification regarding the project title "Boat take out extension BLM," noting that it appeared duplicative or unclear in the materials. Staff clarified that the title should have been listed simply as "Takeout," and explained that it referred to the takeout location at the end of the Moab Daily section. Mr. Williams acknowledged the clarification and indicated that the revised understanding was helpful.

Chair Salt and Mr. Ekle asked for clarification regarding the San Rafael Gauge application and whether it overlapped with another proposal. Chair Salt explained that the application materials did not clearly describe the full scope of the request and clarified that the project involved a three-agency partnership related to operation of the gauge located near the confluence of the Green and San Rafael Rivers. He noted that the Division is already in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey to operate that gauge, but increasing operating costs have placed additional strain on existing program resources.

Mr. Walker further explained that while stream gauges have historically been used to support fisheries and native species management, this particular gauge also provides important boating access value by helping paddlers determine when river conditions are suitable for use. He noted that the gauge serves multiple purposes and described it as an example of a project where funding sources can be combined to support both resource management and recreation access objectives.

Chair Salt added that members of the paddle sport community viewed the gauge as an important project because flows on the San Rafael can be brief and difficult to predict, making reliable gauge data especially valuable for planning trips. He noted that while the

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demand is lower than at some high-use boating access sites, the project remains highly important to that user group.

He also then clarified that the applicant was seeking a larger three-way funding arrangement, with the total operating cost for the gauge estimated at approximately $17,000. He also noted that the U.S. Geological Survey contribution was not clearly identified in the application materials.

Discussion then turned to the Pelican Lake Eurasian Watermilfoil Control Project. Mr. Walker explained that the project involved overlap between wildlife resource concerns and boating access needs. He noted that while aquatic vegetation can provide important habitat for fish, excessive infestation can also interfere with navigation and limit boating access, particularly for motorized users. He stated that the goal is not to eliminate vegetation entirely, but to manage it in a way that maintains navigable access while still preserving habitat value.

Mr. Walker shared from his prior experience submitting federal boating access applications that proposals emphasizing too many side benefits were sometimes viewed less favorably or rejected because the boating access purpose was not clearly leading the request. He explained that, in his experience, grant reviewers look most favorably on applications where boating access is clearly identified as the main objective, even when additional benefits such as habitat improvement or fisheries support are also present. Council discussion reflected that Pelican Lake could still be viewed as eligible because improving navigability for anglers and other boaters remains a direct boating access benefit.

(00:41:27) – Council began its review by discussing ongoing or previously supported projects. Members generally agreed that continuing commitments should be considered first, particularly where work was already underway or where recurring operational support was necessary. Discussion focused on the Boat Utah application, technician time, boating access administration, and Flaming Gorge operations and maintenance. Questions were raised about the Boat Utah app timeline and cost, including concern that the project had extended beyond the originally anticipated timeframe. Staff explained that software development delays, vendor turnover, and the complexity of building a useful boating access platform had extended the schedule, but noted that the tool is intended to support public access information, digital storage of boating documents, AIS-related information, and other boating resources.

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(00:46:57) – The Council began taking formal action on boating access recommendations through a series of motions tied to the projects discussed. The first motion grouped the ongoing projects that members agreed should continue moving forward. Discussion prior to the vote reflected both concern over cost and schedule for the Boat Utah application and support for continuing work already underway. Members also acknowledged the importance of technician time, boating access administration, and Flaming Gorge operations and maintenance as foundational program needs.

GEORGE SOMMER MADE THE MOTION TO ADVANCE THE FOLLOWING ONGOING PROJECTS FOR RECOMMENDATION: BOAT UTAH PHASE 4 FY27, TECHNICIAN TIME, BOATING ACCESS ADMINISTRATION FY27, AND FLAMING GORGE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE. ZACHARY WILLIAMS SECONDED.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Mr. Eakle noted that when he reviewed the Boat Utah request, he initially wondered whether the funding could be better used on other projects. He added, however, that if the program continues moving forward without a better way to track boating access sites and related conditions statewide, it could create larger problems over time. His comments reflected both concern about cost and recognition of the need for stronger tracking and system management tools.

In response, Mr. Walker explained that the project includes a component allowing members of the public to create a user profile. He stated that the intent is for the profile to serve as a digital wallet for boating-related access information and, in the long term, provide users with a way to remotely access site-related information and more efficiently demonstrate compliance with aquatic invasive species requirements.

Mr. Hunter responded that the project is intended to provide features that would be useful to boaters at the individual user level. He explained that the platform could function as a localized digital wallet on a user's phone, allowing individuals to store items such as boat registration, insurance information, and potentially boater education or mussel-aware course records. He added that the platform could also provide information about aquatic invasive species decontamination sites and other educational resources as those tools continue to develop.

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When asked whether use of the platform would be mandatory, Mr. Hunter indicated that the goal was to make it a convenient option for users rather than a required one. He also clarified that the State would not be storing that information directly, as the information would remain on each individual user's device.

There was some discussion on where the software would be available, the response was that it would be accessible on the desktop and apps.

Mr. Williams, drawing on his software product management experience, stated that the cost was not unusual for this type of work and expressed support for continuing the investment. Staff further clarified that Boating Access Administration supports ongoing program needs and staffing capacity, and that Flaming Gorge Operations and Maintenance remains a recurring need associated with dock movement and site upkeep.

(00:54:27) – Staff provided an updated funding summary to show where the Council stood in its review at that point in the meeting. Discussion clarified that the running total shown on the spreadsheet still included the Clean Vessel Act amount and that this figure would need to be adjusted in order to reflect only the Boating Access share. Staff noted that a rolling total would continue to be updated as project recommendations were discussed.

Mr. Walker commented that the Bear Lake Marina Expansion request appeared disproportionately large compared to the available Boating Access funding, noting that the applicant was seeking approximately $1.5 million within a much larger overall project budget. He stated that the project seemed more appropriate for other boating infrastructure funding sources and expressed concern that a request of that size could consume a substantial share of the limited funds available through this grant cycle.

Discussion followed regarding similar concerns with large, multi-part marina proposals. Chair Salt noted that the Council had previously excluded certain ineligible elements from other marina-related proposals, such as private rental slip components, and suggested that the Bear Lake request raised similar concerns. He added that he had ranked Bear Lake Marina Expansion in his lower category and would not have prioritized it for recommendation. Chair Salt also referenced similar concerns with the Utah Lake Marina proposal, noting that it may have been more reasonable for the applicant to identify one or two priority items for funding rather than submitting a broad list of project elements in a single request.

(01:00:02) – Mr. Taylor agreed that the Bear Lake Marina Expansion project should be ranked lower. He then expressed support for moving forward the San Rafael Gauge and

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Boat Takeout Extension BLM projects, noting that the takeout receives heavy use and serves thousands of users. He added that he had personally experienced the rough condition of the ramp and stated that he would support advancing both projects if the Council was in agreement.

Mr. Eakle expressed support for the Boat Takeout Extension BLM project, noting that the site serves a significant number of users each season. He stated that, among the projects being considered, the takeout appeared to be one of the strongest priorities.

Mr. Walker clarified that the BLM submission included seven ramp extension projects and one parking lot expansion project. He noted that BLM's cover letter prioritized the projects in the following order: Westwater, Takeout, Lower Onion, Hittle Bottom, Cisco, Dewey Bridge, Rocky Rapid, and Cisco Parking Lot Expansion. Council referenced that ranking as part of its discussion on which BLM projects to advance.

Mr. Williams noted that the BLM prioritization was very helpful, explaining that while all of the projects appeared worthy, the added context provided useful guidance on their relative impact and priority for funding consideration.

Chair Salt noted that members of the paddle sport community had expressed support for the San Rafael Gauge, describing it as a useful tool and a relatively small request. He also observed that, while Westwater is a popular put-in, the Takeout serves users from multiple sections and sees especially heavy use overall. Chair Salt added that other river access needs may arise in future funding cycles, though no such applications were before the Council at this meeting.

(01:04:00) – Mr. Taylor made a motion to move forward the Boat Takeout Extension BLM and San Rafael Gauge projects for further consideration. Mr. Sommer seconded the motion. Chair Salt restated the motion and opened the floor for any additional discussion before the vote.

JASON TAYLOR MADE THE MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD THE BOAT TAKEOUT EXTENSION BLM AND SAN RAFAEL GAUGE PROJECTS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. GEORGE SOMMER SECONDED.

Ms. Knudsen clarified that the Boat Takeout project was ranked second in BLM's priority list. She also raised concern that funding only some of the closely connected ramp

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extensions could shift heavy use and deterioration to nearby unimproved sites, and emphasized the importance of considering the projects in a logical long-term order.

Ms. Knudsen asked whether the Council should follow BLM's recommended project order. Mr. Taylor responded that, while he understood BLM's prioritization, he believed the Council should focus on which projects would serve the most users for the funding available. He noted that the Boat Takeout Extension serves substantially heavier daily use than Westwater and stated that, although multiple ramps may need improvement over time, it made sense to prioritize the highest-use sites first.

Chair Salt clarified that the San Rafael Gauge was separate from the larger package of Colorado River ramp extension projects and noted that earlier discussion had identified Hittle Bottom as another high-priority site. Mr. Taylor responded that Hittle Bottom is a heavily used put-in that requires frequent maintenance due to limited hardened surface and recurring sediment buildup. He added that the site needs substantial work and noted that BLM has already invested significant effort and funding into improving these access areas.

(01:09:31) – Additional discussion followed on the pending motion. Chair Salt proposed a friendly amendment to add Hittle Bottom to the motion, noting that it would make sense to include another Colorado River project and that doing so would still remain within budget. Discussion also highlighted the long-term value of improving both Takeout and Hittle Bottom, with members noting that the projects would help place those ramps in good condition for years to come and would provide economic benefit to the Moab area.

Mr. Taylor accepted the friendly amendment and revised his motion to include the Boat Takeout Extension BLM, Hittle Bottom Ramp Extension, and San Rafael Gauge projects for further consideration. Mr. Sommer maintained his second to the amended motion. Chair Salt then called for a vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

JASON TAYLOR MADE THE MOTION, AS AMENDED, TO MOVE FORWARD THE BOAT TAKEOUT EXTENSION BLM, HITTLE BOTTOM RAMP EXTENSION, AND SAN RAFAEL GAUGE PROJECTS FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. GEORGE SOMMER SECONDED.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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(01:12:55) – Mr. Smith suggested adding a prioritization element to future applications when an applicant submits multiple projects in the same cycle. He noted that BLM's project ranking was helpful to the Council and stated that making that information more visible in the application would improve project review. Staff agreed that future application materials could be adjusted to better present prioritization and improve clarity, particularly where supporting documents contain inconsistent cost information.

Mr. Hunter noted that some applications were prepared during the government shutdown, which may have limited access to agency resources and affected the materials submitted. He asked the Council to keep that context in mind and acknowledged the effort made to still submit projects

As the Council moved to the next project, Mr. Sommer brought forward the Soldier Creek Boating Access proposal for discussion. He noted that the project ranked relatively high on his personal list and stated that, based on his familiarity with the site, it would provide an additional access point for anglers. Mr. Sommer also noted one concern regarding the concessionaire and whether use of the access area would involve a fee.

Council discussed the Soldier Creek project at Strawberry Reservoir and noted that it would create improved access for inflatables, kickboats, float tubes, and other small craft. Members commented that Strawberry continues to have demand for additional non-motorized access points and that the project could help reduce conflicts between non-motorized and motorized boaters at existing launch areas.

Discussion also noted that the project would harden the existing road down to the water, improving access to an area that is currently difficult to reach during parts of the year due to runoff and road damage. Members stated that the improvement would be relatively cost-effective and would provide a useful option for anglers and other non-motorized users.

Additional benefits discussed included improved search and rescue response access and the overall value of adding infrastructure at Strawberry Reservoir, which was noted as one of the state's most heavily used fisheries.

Mr. Williams asked for clarification that the Soldier Creek project was intended for non-motorized watercraft, which was confirmed during discussion. After additional discussion, Mr. Sommer made a motion to approve the Soldier Creek Boating Access project at Strawberry Reservoir, and Mr. Laursen seconded the motion.

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Further discussion noted that, while non-motorized users may not contribute to the funding source in the same way as motorized boaters, the project would still provide a broader public benefit by reducing congestion and user conflict at other ramps. Members also observed that the project would expand access in a popular recreation area and provide another opportunity for anglers and other users.

GEORGE SOMMER MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE SOLDIER CREEK BOATING ACCESS PROJECT AT STRAWBERRY RESERVOIR. JOHN LAURSEN SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

(01:24:59) – Mr. Laursen identified the Pelican Lake project as one he would particularly like to see funded. In response, Chair Salt noted that the proposal differed from many of the other applications because it involved herbicide treatment for milfoil rather than a traditional infrastructure project. He then asked for clarification on whether the project was expected to be a one-time treatment or part of a broader multi-year effort to bring the infestation under control.

Council discussed the Pelican Lake Eurasian Watermilfoil Control Project and asked several questions regarding treatment effectiveness, long-term maintenance, and the overall benefit to anglers and the fishery. Mr. Walker explained that the proposed treatment method is more effective than harvesting, which can spread milfoil further, and noted that the project would be aimed at controlling the infestation rather than eradicating it entirely. He also explained that treatment would likely require periodic maintenance over time, but at a longer interval once initial control is established. Discussion further clarified that the treatment is intended to target Eurasian Watermilfoil while maintaining usable habitat and navigability.

Council also discussed the broader value of Pelican Lake as a fishery. It was noted that Pelican Lake remains an important warmwater fishery in northeastern Utah and continues to provide a valuable recreational opportunity for bass and bluegill anglers. Members commented that the project appeared to offer meaningful public benefit, particularly given the importance of maintaining navigable access for anglers. Chair Salt also noted positively that the project included a sizable match contribution exceeding the grant request.

JOHN LAURSEN MADE THE MOTION TO ADVANCE THE PELICAN LAKE CONTROL PROJECT FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. DEWITT SMITH SECONDED.

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THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

(01:33:48) – Council discussed the Recapture Ramp project and noted that the original request included several components, such as parking, restroom, and ramp improvements. Staff explained that the ramp itself could be treated as Phase One and completed for approximately $450,000. Members discussed the value of funding a critical phase of a larger project rather than the full request, allowing limited funds to be spread across more projects. Discussion also noted that Recapture is an important and well-used fishery for southeastern Utah and that the facility is in poor condition. Questions were raised regarding ownership and maintenance, and staff clarified that the City would own the ramp and part of the park area and would be responsible for ongoing operations and maintenance.

(01:43:01) – Mr. Sommer made a motion to fund the ramp portion of the Recapture Ramp project as Phase One in the amount of $450,000. Mr. Williams seconded the motion.

GEORGE SOMMER MADE THE MOTION TO FUND THE RAMP PORTION OF THE RECAPTURE RAMP PROJECT AS PHASE ONE IN THE AMOUNT OF $450,000. ZACHARY WILLIAMS SECONDED.

(01:46:06) – Council discussed the CD3 Expansion project and expressed general support for additional cleanout infrastructure. Staff explained that the equipment had performed well in prior use, with no major issues related to damage or vandalism, and that it serves as a vacuum and blower system for removing debris and invasive material from boats.

Discussion centered on whether Utah Lake was the most appropriate location for the proposed unit. Although staff noted that Utah Lake had been identified as a possible site through regional review, several members questioned whether the application clearly demonstrated a specific need there. The Council ultimately agreed to table the project for this cycle and revisit it in the future if a stronger site-specific justification is presented.

(01:52:21) – As the Council reviewed the remaining budget, Chair Salt noted that several Colorado River projects were still under consideration and invited Mr. Taylor to restate his next recommendation. Mr. Taylor suggested that, if another project were to be advanced, the Westwater Ramp Extension should be considered, noting that BLM had identified it as its top priority.

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JASON TAYLOR MADE THE MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD THE WESTWATER RAMP EXTENSION PROJECT.
JENNY KNUDSEN SECONDED.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

(01:53:54) – Chair Salt brought the discussion back to the American Fork project and asked whether the request could be broken into smaller components for consideration. He specifically noted the dock replacement as a possible element to review separately. Mr. Walker noted concern with the dock replacement estimate, stating that he had not previously seen a project where dock removal and installation costs exceeded the cost of the dock itself. He suggested the estimate may need further refinement, while acknowledging that the project involved somewhat unusual dock conditions.

Council continued discussion of the American Fork project and considered whether the request could be partially funded by separating the dock purchase from the removal and installation costs. Members noted concern that the removal and installation estimate appeared unusually high compared to the dock cost itself, but also acknowledged the rough condition of the docks and the importance of the facility to multiple user groups. Discussion reflected support for funding the dock purchase while allowing the applicant to revisit the remaining cost estimates.

DEWITT SMITH MADE THE MOTION TO FUND THE AMERICAN FORK DOCK PURCHASE IN THE AMOUNT OF $182,500.
GEORGE SOMMER SECONDED.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

(02:02:19) – Mr. Smith asked whether there was another launch ramp project the Council should consider in order to continue supporting low-water access improvements in the Moab area. Staff noted that several Colorado River projects remained on the list, including Onion Creek, Dewey Bridge, Rocky Rapid, Cisco Ramp, and the Cisco Parking Lot Expansion. In response, Mr. Taylor indicated that Cisco Ramp would be an appropriate next project, noting that it receives regular use and also serves as an access point for search and rescue operations associated with Westwater. He also explained that Onion Creek does receive use, particularly during lower water conditions, but generally sees less use than the other ramps.

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Ms. Knudsen and Chair Salt then asked whether the Cisco Ramp Extension and Cisco Parking Lot Expansion should be considered together, given that the ramp and parking needs appeared closely related. Mr. Taylor agreed and noted that parking is a recurring issue at the site and that both improvements function as part of the same system.

Mr. Taylor made a motion to include the Cisco Ramp Extension and Cisco Ramp Parking Expansion for further consideration. Mr. Smith seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

JASON TAYLOR MADE THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THE CISCO RAMP EXTENSION AND CISCO RAMP PARKING EXPANSION FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.
DEWITT SMITH SECONDED.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

(02:06:31) – As the Council reviewed the remaining budget, Chair Salt asked whether any elements of the Utah Lake Bridgeport project could be separated out for possible funding. Mr. Williams then asked for clarification regarding the non-motorized dock component. Mr. Smith responded that it appeared to provide pedestrian, fishing, and non-motorized access to the old Provo River side of the marina. Discussion reflected interest in whether that feature could be considered separately.

Council continued reviewing the Utah Lake Bridgeport project and worked through the remaining budget to determine whether a portion of the request could be funded. Discussion focused on Phase Three and on removing certain items, including permitting, NEPA-related costs, mobilization, and indirect costs, in order to fit the recommendation within the remaining amount. Members agreed that this partial-funding approach would allow the project to move forward while keeping the Council near its funding target

Mr. Smith also commented on the project's request for an additional mast crane, noting that the facility already has an existing crane that was recently rebuilt and remains functional. He questioned whether a second crane was necessary and suggested that the request appeared redundant.

Ms. Knudsen asked for clarification on whether partial funding recommendations allow the Council to specify which project elements the funds must be used for. Staff explained that the federal grant process requires specific line items to be identified and that any later

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change would require a formal amendment. Council agreed that the record should clearly reflect which items were being excluded from the recommendation.

GEORGE SOMMER MADE THE MOTION TO FUND UTAH LAKE BRIDGEPORT IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF $223,000, EXCLUDING THE SAILBOAT MAST CRANE, NEPA, SWPPP, MOBILIZATION, INDIRECT COSTS, AND SALARIES.
ADAM EAKLE SECONDED.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

(02:21:21) - Chair Salt asked whether the Council could fit in one additional Colorado River project. Mr. Sommer then asked Mr. Taylor which of the remaining projects he would recommend next. Mr. Taylor identified the Rocky Rapid Ramp Extension, noting that it serves as an important midpoint access point for users splitting the Moab Daily into shorter sections.

ZACHARY WILLIAMS MADE THE MOTION TO INCLUDE THE ROCKY RAPID RAMP EXTENSION FOR FUNDING CONSIDERATION.
GEORGE SOMMER SECONDED.
THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. **Action (5:40PM) - Motion to approve recommended BA Grant applications FY27**

(02:23:51) – Staff provided a final budget update after approval of the Rocky Rapid Ramp Extension. Members briefly discussed whether any additional projects could be added, but agreed that the remaining amount was too limited and that it was appropriate to stop there with a small buffer remaining. Chair Salt thanked the Council and staff for their work and noted that the recommendations reflected a thoughtful effort to spread the available funding across multiple projects.

Mr. Hunter stated that this had been one of the more productive and systematic project selection discussions the Council had undertaken. He thanked members and admin staff for their time and effort and noted that the discussion would help refine the scoring process in future years.

7. **Information (4:50PM) – Next Meeting/Other Business/Committee Scoring Requests**

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a. Adjourn - Close (6:00PM)

(02:26:36) – In closing discussion, members noted possible improvements for future grant cycles, including exploring a new application platform and adding a small amount of additional detail to the one-page project synopsis sheets. Council also commented positively on the diversity of projects reviewed this year, particularly the increased attention given to non-motorized boating needs, and discussed the challenge of identifying ways for that user group to help contribute toward infrastructure improvements. Chair Salt also briefly referenced the *Utah Boating Guide* as a useful general reference, while noting that some information may be outdated.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE AND SECONDED.
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