



## Wasatch Open Lands Board Meeting Minutes

### **DRAFT** Minutes for September 14, 2026

The Wasatch Open Lands Board met live and online on Monday, September 14, 2026, in the Wasatch County Administrative Building at 25 North Main, 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

#### Call to Order

**Summary:** The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM by Open Lands Board Member Heidi Franco with the following members in attendance:

#### Board Member Present

Open Lands Board Member Heidi Franco,  
Councilmember Erik Rowland,  
Councilmember Luke Searle, Open Lands  
Board Member Dallin Koecher, Open Lands  
Board Member Steve Stevens, Open Lands  
Board Member Tracy Taylor

#### Board Member Absent

Open Lands Board Member Justin Keys

Others in attendance: Wendy Fisher, Tiarra Cooper

#### Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of August 10, 2026 Minutes

**Action Taken:** Open Lands Board Member Stevens made a motion to **Accept the minutes as presented**. Open Lands Board Member Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

**Voting Aye:** Heidi Franco, Dallin Koecher, Steve Stevens, Tracy Taylor

**Voting Nay:** None

**Abstain:** Luke Searle

#### Public Comment

None

## **Agenda Items**

1. NOI – Notice of Interest Applications: Board discussion, updates, & action. –

Wendy Fisher updated the board on the Christen Mitchell conservation easement along River Road. The easement is getting close to being finalized. \$2M match from private donor would be allocated toward conserving land in Wasatch County. Utah Open Lands is \$700k away from obtaining the match. Wendy expressed concerns from the landowners that are interested in a conservation easement but concerned for Heber Valley Corridor. Wendy updated the board about the RCPP grant application being submitted in hopes of gaining funding to be used on conservation easements. Utah Open Lands will be applying for other grants as well.

Councilmember Luke Searle inquired about the Heart of Midway conservation easement project. Wendy Fisher gave a brief description of the project and is hoping to bring an NOI to the board in October.

Note: Councilmember Erik Rowland joined the meeting at the beginning of this item.

2. Updates/Reports from Wasatch County Council, Midway City, and Heber City on open space bond funding, and preservation efforts. –

Wasatch County: Councilmember Erik Rowland expressed commitment to putting together an event to unite the community and promote the north fields. First or second week of October. County to provide open lands brochures and stickers. The board continued to discuss ideas for the potential community celebration.

Midway City: Boardmember Steve Stevens gave update on Swiss Days and the support for open space during the parade. The board discussed HVSSD Farm and treatment plant.

Heber City: Muirfield Park received approval from Army Corps of Engineers for bridges to be installed but the pond cannot be dugout. Conservation easements code for the city is being drafted and reviewed to create a procedure for utilizing conservation easement funds.

3. Miscellaneous Items, call for next month's agenda items. –

Councilmember Luke Searle is interested in doing something to honor Karl McMillan for all of his efforts in supporting the conservation easement.

Councilmember Erik Rowland provided an update on the annexation MOU. The boundaries needed to be clarified. The County Manager was tasked with creating a clearer map. The county is also interested in creating an interlocal agreement to help support the mou.

Dallin Koecher was excused at the beginning of this item.

### **Closed Session – as needed**

Closed sessions may be held in accordance with Utah State Code 52-4-205 to discuss the following: Purchase, Exchange or Lease of Property; Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation; The Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual.

### **Adjournment**

**Action Taken:** Open Lands Board Member Stevens made a motion to **adjourn**.

Councilmember Searle seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

**Voting Aye:** Heidi Franco, Erik Rowland, Luke Searle, Steve Stevens, Tracy Taylor

**Voting Nay:** None

### **Meeting Schedule**

January 12, 2026, February 9, 2026, March 9, 2026, April 13, 2026, May 11, 2026, June 8, 2026, July 13, 2026, August 10, 2026, September 14, 2026, October 19, 2026 (Moved from October 12th due to the holiday), November 9, 2026, December 14, 2026