

GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, July 27, 2016 – 12 Noon
Garden City Office Complex – North Building
305 West Logan Road (U.S. 89) in Garden City, Utah

(Not Approved) MINUTES

PRESENT

County Executive Craig Buttars
Mayor Roger Fridal
Council Member Val Potter
Commissioner Jeff Scott
Mayor John Spuhler

Commissioner Stan Summers
Commissioner Norm Weston
Commissioner Tom Weston
Council Member Cory Yeates

EXCUSED

Commissioner Bill Cox
Commissioner Jeff Hadfield
Mayor Craig Petersen

Mayor Darrell Simmons
Mayor Tyler Vincent
Mayor Sim Weston

BRAG STAFF PRESENT

Roger Jones
Brian Carver
Zac Covington

Loran Kowallis
Jesse Waite
Dolores Berkley

OTHERS PRESENT

John Newhall
Bob Peterson
Mitch Poulsen
Debbie Sparks

Congressman Rob Bishop's Office
Garden City
Bear Lake Regional Commission
Department of Workforce Services

WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND MINUTES

Commissioner Stan Summers, Chairman, opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to Garden City and the Bear Lake area. He asked if there were any changes or additions to the minutes of June 1, 2016. Council Member Cory Yeates **MOVED** to approve; Council Member Val Potter **SECONDED** and the **MOTION PASSED** unanimously.

Roger Jones, BRAG's Executive Director, took a few minutes to address Governing Board members and distributed short biographies on BRAG staff members in attendance. His intent is to provide members with a personal look as well as work history and what services they provide to the community. *"Meet the Staff" – See Handouts!*

PLANNING ASSISTANCE COMPLETED AND UNDERWAY

Jones reviewed the handouts on Brian Carver, BRAG's Community & Economic Development Director and Zac Covington, BRAG Regional Planner. Personal history and fields of expertise etc. were provided on both individuals. Information was distributed and reviewed on BRAG Planning Services for 2016. Both Carver and Covington talked about

some of the projects completed and those still underway. Highlights included: Community/County Projects and Regional/State Coordination with the counties, cities, towns, and other entities in the State. (See Handout)

BRAG WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM REPORT

Jones introduced Loran Kowallis who has been with BRAG since October 1989 and the Weatherization Director for the past eight years. Lists of certifications and licensing were included. Kowallis took a few minutes to talk about Weatherization Program services. Forty-one homes were weatherized last year—2 in Rich County, 10 in Box Elder County/Brigham City area and 29 in Cache County.

Jones introduced Jesse Waite, Weatherization Assistant Director, and highlighted his eight years in the United States Army and his tour in Iraq, personal information on his family, and work certifications. Waite took a few minutes to talk about Weatherization Program services dealing with insulation, replacing windows, doors, furnaces, etc. Commissioner Summers and the entire Board thanked Jesse for his service and invited him to an event in Brigham City honoring veterans.

APPROVE BRAG INDIRECT COST/COST ALLOCATION PLAN

Roger Jones, Executive Director, asked for approval of the *Indirect Cost/Cost Allocation Plan for Fiscal Year 2017* for Bear River Association of Governments. One of our funding sources, UDOT, has asked us to formally approve this plan annually. Up to 10% of direct labor charges for each program are included. Council Member Cory Yeates made the **MOTION** to approve; Council Member Val Potter **SECONDED** and the motion **PASSED** unanimously.

HAPPENINGS AROUND BEAR LAKE

Mayor John Spuhler, Garden City, talked about the Bear Lake area “Where Families Play”!

Happenings:

- Flagpole Dedication in the New Heritage Park
- KOA reservations are up 40%
- More solid investors
- Legacy Beach Project
- Water’s Edge Project-Approved/Started
- Sweetwater to Idaho Border Happenings
- Challenges include: The many accidents all summer. An All-Volunteer Fire Department does an outstanding job and they are totally committed. Summers suggested talking to the EMT Association for Box Elder, Cache and Rich County to obtain more volunteers during the summer months.
- Excited about the growth; Bear Lake is doing well.
- For specific questions, contact Mayor Spuhler.
- Bear Lake Regional Commission and Box Elder County Commissioners are always working on the interlocal agreements.
- Bear Lake Clinic has a Physician’s Assistant on duty; they so need an M.D. for the 30,000+ people they have every summer.
- Parking and Shuttle Free; \$10 Parking; Park and Walk-Free

RICH COUNTY ISSUES

Commissioner Bill Cox was unable to be in attendance; however, Commissioners Norm Weston, Tom Weston and Mitch Poulsen of the Bear Lake Regional Commission provided highlights of what is going on in Rich County as follows:

- Project on East Side-North of Scout Camp
- Sewer system funding through Special Service District
- Extension of Bike/Walk Path
- Trailhead
- Bathrooms
- South of Rich County—taking the allotments north of Wood Pastures to Sage Creek Junction

Jones said he, Mitch Poulsen, and Norm Weston went on a tour of the Upper Bear River Watershed. He said it was a very informative tour and provided an information packet for all to review. Zac Covington created an excellent map of the entire area which included all the towns that the Bear River runs through.

OTHER BUSINESS

Debbie Sparks, DWS Regional Director-Davis County and North, took a few minutes to talk about her responsibilities. She was asked by the Governor's office to help support the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR). This office will now be a part of the Utah Department of Workforce Services. According to Sparks, Jonathan Hardy, Housing and Community Development Division, said they were asked to assist in getting the USOR fiscally sound—to determine ways to save money, budget, and to work closely with other entities, such as BRAG. This change will take place on October 1 and will become the second largest State department and behind the Utah Department of Transportation.

Scott said that a Retirement Reception honoring Sandy Kester, of Senator Orrin Hatch's office was held yesterday, July 26th at the Weber Center in Ogden. Senator Hatch has always been very supportive of BRAG and its many services to the community.

BRAG's Executive Assistant, Dolores Berkley, took a few minutes to provide a short biography. She will be leaving Bear River Association of Governments at the end of September after thirteen years to enjoy her retirement. Berkley tearfully expressed her appreciation to Roger, the BRAG Governing Board members and BRAG staff. Roger Jones, the Government Board members and others thanked her and wished her success in her retirement.

ADJOURN

The next Governing Board Meeting will be September 28 in Rich County. The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 1:35 p.m. with a **MOTION** by Council Member Yeates and **SECOND** by Council Member Potter. Jones invited everyone to enjoy the *Famous Bear Lake Raspberry Shakes* at the Chevron Station when leaving Garden City.