



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 18, 2021

9:00 a.m.

VIRTUAL ELECTRONIC MEETING

Attending

Board:

Chairman Roger Barrus
Vice-Chairman Don Foot
Dave Donegan
Bryan Harris
Mike Mower
Warren Peterson
Rick Woodbury

Staff:

Dave Ure, Director
Wes Adams, Assistant Director, Oil & Gas
Mike Brown, Director, IT
Mike Johnson, Chief Legal Counsel
Lisa Jones, Executive Assistant to the Board
Aaron Langston, Deputy Assistant Director, Planning & Development
Jerry Mansfield, Resource Specialist
Michelle McConkie, Assistant Director, Surface
Kyle Pasley, Assistant Director, Planning & Development
Scott Ruppe, Deputy Director
Ron Torgerson, Resource Specialist, Surface – Moab
Tyler Wiseman, Resource Specialist, Oil & Gas
Vince Wayodi, IT Specialist

Public:

Tim Donaldson, Land Trusts Protection & Advocacy
Paula Plant, School Land Trust Program

At 9:01 a.m., Chairman Barrus welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then presented the minutes of February 18, 2021. Mr. Woodbury made the motion to approve the February minutes. Mr. Foot seconded it. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative with Mr. Mower excused.

AYE	NO	ABSENT
Roger Barrus		Mike Mower
Don Foot		
Dave Donegan		
Bryan Harris		
Warren Peterson		
Rick Woodbury		

Ms. Plant then presented “SITLA Funds in the Schools” spotlighting Scholar Academy in Tooele.

Mr. Donaldson presented a Legislative Update in his capacity as Director of the Land Trusts Protection & Advocacy Office. His presentation can be found at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/699799.pdf>. He outlined details of bills that have a relationship with the trust lands system.

Trust Lands: HB89, HB257, HB415, SB233, SB243, and the Inland Port “boxcar” bill
Trust Funds & Distributions: HB2, HB222, SB169, SB178
Land Trusts Protection & Advocacy: HB408

Chairman Barrus described the Magnum contract history and the March 3rd signing. He expressed his gratitude to both SITLA staff and the team at Magnum for their hard work making this agreement work.

Director Ure commented on the topics of hydrocarbons and renewables raised by Mr. Donaldson and Chairman Barrus. He acknowledged the public comments from the February meeting concerning SITLA’s role in the Inland Port development and noted that SITLA is planning to conduct outreach sessions with interested parties in the coming weeks. Director Ure noted that the Natural Resources Coordinating Council (NRCC) at a recent meeting discussed the need to minimize damage to SITLA and other lands caused by off-road vehicles and invasive weeds. He also mentioned his work with the Utah Association of Counties (UAC) and that he has begun a state-wide county commission tour.

Chairman Barrus introduced the series of Notification items on the agenda. He invited Board members to ask questions about any of the projects rather than hearing presentations on all the items. Mr. Peterson and Mr. Mower spoke to 9b., the “Aspiration Trail” land transfer. Mr. Langston’s presentation can be found at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/699803.pdf>.

Mr. Peterson inquired about item 9e., the Coral Canyon water tank project. Mr. Langston’s presentation can be found at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/699805.pdf>.

Moving to Board Action Items, Mr. Langston presented the deal points on the Green Springs 570-acre project in Washington County. His presentation can be found at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/700347.pdf>. Mr. Peterson, Mr. Pasley, Mr. Woodbury, Director Ure, and Mr. Mower spoke to the issues. Mr. Woodbury moved that the Board approve the development lease in Green Springs. Mr. Mower seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

AYE	NO	ABSTAIN
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Roger Barrus
Don Foot
Dave Donegan
Bryan Harris
Mike Mower
Warren Peterson
Rick Woodbury

Mr. Adams and Mr. Wiseman presented the proposed OBA with JC Petroleum in Grand County. He referenced a map that was in the Board packet. It can be located at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/694237.pdf> on page 41. Mr. Donegan spoke to the issues and moved that the Board approve the Buck Canyon OBA. Mr. Foot seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

AYE	NO	ABSTAIN
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Roger Barrus
Don Foot
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Bryan Harris
Mike Mower
Warren Peterson
Rick Woodbury

Mr. Mansfield proposed an OBA with A1 Lithium in Grand County. He referenced a map that was in the Board packet. It can be found at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/694237.pdf> on page 45. Mr. Foot spoke to the issues and moved that the Board approve the OBA with A1 Lithium. Mr. Donegan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

AYE	NO	ABSTAIN
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Roger Barrus
Don Foot
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Mike Mower
Warren Peterson
Rick Woodbury

Mr. Torgerson proposed the 2021 - 2022 Grazing Assessment Rates. His presentation can be found at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/699937.pdf>. Mr. Mower and Director Ure spoke to the issues. Mr. Peterson moved that the Board adopt the FY 2022 grazing assessment rates. Mr. Woodbury seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

AYE	NO	ABSTAIN
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Roger Barrus
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Bryan Harris
Mike Mower
Warren Peterson
Rick Woodbury

Ms. McConkie proposed Amended and Restated Surface Group Sales Rules. Her presentation can be found at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/699801.pdf>. Mr. Woodbury, Mr. Donegan, Mr. Donaldson, and Chairman Barrus spoke to the issues. Mr. Foot moved to approve the Amended and Restated Surface Group Sales Rules. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

AYE	NO	ABSTAIN
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Roger Barrus
Don Foot
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Bryan Harris
Mike Mower
Warren Peterson
Rick Woodbury

Mr. Pasley and Mr. Langston proposed a change to DEVL 1128, a 40-acre commercial property in Sienna Hills in Washington County. His presentation can be located at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/files/699807.pdf>. Mr. Peterson, Mr. Woodbury, and Mr. Barrus spoke to the issues. Mr. Woodbury moved that the Board amend the current Joint Venture arrangement for the first 10 acres of the total 40-acre option agreement, where SITLA becomes a 33/66 partner. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

AYE	NO	ABSTAIN
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Bryan Harris
Mike Mower
Warren Peterson
Rick Woodbury

At 11:33 a.m., Mr. Mower moved that the Board adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

AYE	NO	ABSTAIN
Roger Barrus		
Don Foot		
Dave Donegan		
Bryan Harris		
Mike Mower		
Warren Peterson		
Rick Woodbury		

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa S. Jones
Executive Assistant to the Board
April 5, 2021