



**BOATING ADVISORY COUNCIL  
DIVISION OF RECREATION  
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

*Minutes Of The Meeting Held on March 8, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.*

*Hybrid Meeting via Google Meet*

*Anchored at DNR Salt Lake Office*

*Streamed Live on YouTube*

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**ATTENDEES**

**Board Members Present:**

Brett Olsen (co-chair)

George Sommer

Jason Taylor\*

Robert Peat

**Host:**

The Department of  
Natural Resources

**Department of Natural  
Resources:**

Ty Hunter

Nathan Owens

Karen Caldwell

Becky Steinfels

**Guests**

*\* Online participation*

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**TIME      AGENDA ITEM AND SUMMARY**

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**1. WELCOME**

**1.1. Call to Order**

Council Chair Brett Olsen called the hybrid meeting to order and presided. Becky Steinfels recorded the minutes. A quorum of council members present, the meeting proceeded with business.

**1.2. Attendance and Introductions**

Chair Olsen took attendance of the council members present. He acknowledged the members present from the Division of Recreation and the Division of Wildlife Resources, and led introductions.

**1.3. Approval of Agenda**

Chair Olsen reviewed the agenda, and asked that it be approved. The agenda stands approved as presented.

**ROBERT PEAT MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS  
DISTRIBUTED. GEORGE SOMMER SECONDED THE MOTION  
AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**1.4. Approval of January 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Chair Olsen presented the minutes of the January 13, 2022 council meeting and asked that they be approved. The minutes stand approved as presented.

**ROBERT PEAT MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING HELD JANUARY 13, 2022. GEORGE SOMMER SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

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**2:45      2. DIVISION OF RECREATION BOATING PROGRAM UPDATE**

Chair Olsen welcomed Ty Hunter, Boating Program Coordinator for the Division of Recreation, to the meeting. Mr. Hunter provided an update on the recent happenings of the Boating Program. He reported that during last year's legislative session H.B. 346 passed and moved the Boating and Off-highway Vehicle Programs and moved them over to the Division of Recreation. Pitt Grewe was assigned as the director of the Division of Recreation in October 2021, and came from the Office of Outdoor Recreation. This last legislative session changed the division name to the Division of Outdoor Recreation, added the governor's office of outdoor recreation and their grants, and the land and water grants. The division is a statewide program and a granting agency and there will be some big changes and may affect the Boating Advisory Council. We won't have a board like the Division of Parks and the ruling will need to be changed since they are all set up under the Division of Parks. There is a lot of work to do and a lot of things that are still unknown we are working through.

This next legislative year is going to be a big one for boating. I have already been informed about a group trying to get a self-propelled water ski machine approved in Utah. Annually, several members try to get exemptions on boat registrations for the manually propelled vessels people put battery powered motors on due to fees being as high as a regular motorized boat. For future legislature, the uniform titling act will be looked at, especially for sailboats, and insurance on 51 horse power and above on motorboats including a data base officers can see the owner is covered. Further down the road we would like to work on boater's education.

Nathan Owens reported that there are some deeds tied the registration process that are in question right now. One of these is the AIS deed and there is question whether that's in violation of federal code. Regardless of how this is resolved there is going to be a 1-year gap the AIS program isn't going to receive funding.

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**27:10      3. REVIEW OF THE BOATING ACCESS GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Chair Olsen invited Nathan Owens, Boating Access Coordinator for the Division of Wildlife Resources, to present on the current Boating Access Grant applications. Mr. Owens reviewed the ranking system for this cycle's grant applications.

The budget for FY23 is \$1,214,000.00

Each member of the Council provided their rankings, which were counted with the following results:

Project	Funding Request	Ranking
Big Sand Wash Parking Paving	\$22,000.00	YES
Echo State Park Courtesy Docks	\$220,112.00	YES
Flaming Gorge Operations & Maintenance	\$30,000.00	YES
Green River Bank Access Ramp	\$120,000.00	YES
Gunnison Bend Reservoir Restroom Replacement	\$64,095.00	YES
Lost Creek Courtesy Dock & Fish Cleaning Station	\$69,765.00	YES
Utah Lake - Lindon Marina Parking	\$154,116.00	YES
Weber River-Ogden City Access Ramp Design and Engineering	\$45,000.00	YES
Whitewater Boating Outreach & Education Team	\$19,448.00	YES
Willard Bay South Marina AIS Decon Station - Shed and Collection Pad	\$56,681.00	YES

The Council discussed the merits of each project, and finalized the rankings.

**GEORGE SOMMER MADE THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE FY23 BOATING ACCESS GRANTS FUNDED BY THE BOATING ADVISORY COUNCIL. ROBERT PEAT SECONDED THE MOTION AND IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Mr. Owens reported there are two other potential upcoming projects the council will see proposals for. 1) Causey Reservoir Phase II construction from the Forest Service. 2) The Moab Town Boat Ramp that will cater to multiple user groups.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 7, 2022 at 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

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**1:44:32 4. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Olsen sought a motion to adjourn.

**ROBERT PEAT MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. GEORGE SOMMER SECONDED THE MOTION AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.**

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