

Chair Steve Ostler
Director Kevin Carter

**Board of Trustees
School & Institutional Trust Lands Administration
Salt Lake City, Utah
December 16, 2013**

Minutes

Attending:

Board

Steve Ostler
David Ure (by phone)
Jim Lekas (by phone)
Tom Bachtell
Louie Cononelos
Mike Mower (by phone)
Scott Ruppe

Staff

Kevin Carter
John Andrews
Ron Carlson
Lisa Schneider
LaVonne Garrison
Kim Christy
Tom Faddies
Rodger Mitchell
Deena Loyola
Chris Fausett
Nannette Johnson

Others in Attendance:

Aaron Garrett, Utah State Office of Education (by phone)
K.C. Froeder, City Weekly

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1. **Welcome**

Chairman Ostler welcomed those in attendance and those joining by phone. He excused Board Member Louie Cononelos who is traveling and unable to attend.

2. **Chair’s Report**

a. **Oath of Office**

The Chairman administered the oath of office to Scott Ruppe and welcomed him as the newest Board member. Mr. Ruppe provided information on his professional background related to the appointment by Governor Herbert.

b. **Discussion on Nominations Submitted and Selection for Committee Members for One-eye Canyon/Bogart Canyon Wildlife Advisory Committee**

Director Carter provided a review of the Board’s request for members to be appointed to the advisory committee. Several people volunteered and others were nominated. Resumes for review were provided to the Board prior to the meeting.

The Board went into closed session at 1:40 p.m. to discuss the character of individuals nominated.

Ure/Lekas Unanimous

Roll Call:

Steve Ostler – yes Jim Lekas – yes
Dave Ure – yes Louie Cononelos – yes
Tom Bachtell – yes Scott Ruppe – yes
Mike Mower – yes

Those attending closed session included the six Board members, Director Carter, LaVonne Garrison, Kim Christy, and Nannette Johnson.

The Board returned to open session at 2:03 p.m.

Ure/Lekas Unanimous

Roll Call:

Steve Ostler – yes Jim Lekas – yes
Dave Ure – yes Louie Cononelos – yes
Tom Bachtell – yes Scott Ruppe – yes
Mike Mower – yes

Director Carter recommended seven names for nomination to the Wildlife Advisory Committee.

- LaVonne Garrison as coordinator and non-voting member
- Tom Bachtell as Board member with Jim Lekas as alternate Board member
- Tim Donaldson from State Office of Education
- Cody Stewart representing the Governor’s Office of Energy Development
- Ashley Green and Miles Hanberg from the Division of Wildlife Resources
- Byron Bateman and Casey Snider representing Sportsmen and Hunting Community

Recommendations were approved by the Board for appointment to the committee.

Ruppe/Ure Unanimous

2. Chair's Report (Cont'd)

b. Discussion on Nominations Submitted and Selection for...Wildlife Advisory Committee (Cont'd)

Roll Call:

Steve Ostler – yes Jim Lekas – yes
Dave Ure – yes Louie Cononelos – yes
Tom Bachtell – yes Scott Ruppe – yes
Mike Mower – yes

LaVonne Garrison said the committee charter calls for the first meeting before the end of January 2014. Ms. Garrison will coordinate a meeting in January.

3. Director's Report

a. Proposed Negotiated Sale to Uintah County (PS8542, Buckskin Hills West Parcel)

Kim Christy reviewed the materials distributed to the Board prior to the meeting. The property under consideration for sale exceeds 320 acres in size with a value over \$250,000. Mr. Christy pointed out the agency is approaching the Board for advance approval of the sale. In early November, Uintah County came to SITLA to discuss the purchase of land for a potential manufacturing company producing block construction components. The manufacturing plant may offer a diverse economic base for the county and upwards of 600 jobs when the plant is in full operation.

A lease to the manufacturing company was considered rather than a sale to the County. Uintah County requested a purchase instead, based on a desire to facilitate future possibilities on the block of land.

The land in consideration was initially part of the Recreation Exchange but was removed to allow for assessment of contamination. Mr. Cononelos asked what was the size, scope, and type of contamination that existed on the property. Mr. Christy reported the contamination was moderate with illegal trash dumping and burning of copper wire. The review indicated no contamination impact to the water table.

Appraisals are underway in preparation for the required advertisement of the sale. In the interest of time, the request before the Board is for an initial approval of the sale. Road claims have been addressed. In the event of competing interests, the rules require the Board's ability to consider competing offers. The matter will return to the Board for additional approval if competitive interest is manifested.

Mr. Bachtell asked that mineral rights and access be reserved. Mr. Christy assured the mineral rights would be maintained by SITLA. Access to the location will use county roads.

Mr. Jim Lekas suggested the Board go into a closed session for a strategy discussion for the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property. The Board went into closed session at 2:19 p.m.

Lekas/Bachtell Unanimous

Roll Call:

Steve Ostler – yes Jim Lekas – yes
Dave Ure – yes Louie Cononelos – yes
Tom Bachtell – yes Scott Ruppe – yes
Mike Mower – yes

3. Director's Report (Cont'd)
a. Proposed Negotiated Sale to Uintah County (Cont'd)

Those included in the closed session were six Board members, Director Carter, Kim Christy, Chris Fausett, John Andrews, LaVonne Garrison, and Nannette Johnson.

The Board returned to open session at 2:28 p.m.

Lekas/Ruppe Unanimous

Roll Call:

Steve Ostler – yes Jim Lekas – yes
Dave Ure – yes Louie Cononelos – yes
Tom Bachtell – yes Scott Ruppe – yes
Mike Mower – yes

The Board voted on conditional approval for the sale, provided no competitive interest is manifest and obtaining an acceptable appraisal.

Lekas/Ruppe Unanimous

Roll Call:

Steve Ostler – yes Jim Lekas – yes
Dave Ure – yes Louie Cononelos – yes
Tom Bachtell – yes Scott Ruppe – yes
Mike Mower – yes

The meeting ended at 2:32 p.m.