

**JORDAN RIVER COMMISSON**  
**Governing Board – Regular Meeting**

*Minutes of March 20, 2014*

| <b>Name</b>                  | <b>Agency or Organization</b>            | <b>Present</b>                      |
|------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Corey Rushton                | Board Past-Chair, West Valley City       | X                                   |
| Chris McCandless             | Board Chair, Sandy City                  | X                                   |
| Rebecca Call                 | Board Vice-Chair, Saratoga Springs       | X                                   |
| Richard Bay                  | Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District | By Alternate:<br>Bart Forsyth       |
| Ralph Becker                 | Salt Lake City                           | By Alternate:<br>Emy Maloutas       |
| John Bennett                 | Office of the Governor                   | X                                   |
| Bill Colbert                 | Draper City                              |                                     |
| Ben McAdams                  | Salt Lake County                         | By Alternate:<br>Julie Peck-Dabling |
| Commissioner Louenda Downs   | Davis County                             | X                                   |
| Commissioner Larry Ellertson | Utah County                              |                                     |
| Bruce Jones                  | Utah Transit Authority                   | X                                   |
| Debbie Snow                  | City of South Salt Lake                  | X                                   |
| Laura Ault                   | Division of Forestry Fire State Lands    | X                                   |
| Rep. Rich Cunningham         | Utah House of Representatives            |                                     |
| Stan Porter                  | City of North Salt Lake                  | X                                   |
| Justin Stoker                | City of West Jordan                      | X                                   |
| Tee Tyler                    | Cottonwood Heights                       | X                                   |
| Dan Armstrong                | Taylorsville                             | X                                   |
| John Whitehead               | Division of Water Quality                | By Alternate:<br>Hilary Arens       |
| Vacant                       | Salt Lake County Council                 |                                     |
| Mark Bedel                   | Ex-Officio, Jordan River Foundation      | X                                   |
| Alene Bentley                | Ex-Officio, Rocky Mountain Power         | X                                   |
| Jon Bronson                  | Ex-Officio, Zions Bank                   | By Alternate:<br>Alex Buxton        |
| Amy Collins                  | Ex-Officio, TreeUtah                     |                                     |
| Greg Hardy                   | Ex-Officio, Chevron                      |                                     |
| Michael Horrocks             | Ex-Officio, Wasatch Rowing Foundation    | X                                   |
| vacant                       | Ex-Officio,                              |                                     |
| Michael Steele               | Ex-Officio, Utah State Fairpark          | X                                   |
| Ray Pickup                   | Ex-Officio, Workers Compensation Fund    |                                     |

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

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Laura Hanson, Jordan River Commission  
David Eckhoff, Jordan River Commission TAC Chair  
Sharen Hauri, South Salt Lake  
Rick Graham, Salt Lake City  
Todd Reese, Salt Lake City

**MINUTES**

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**A regular meeting of the Governing Board of the Jordan River Commission, was held on Thursday March 20, 2014 at 9:00 am at the Taylorsville City Hall, 2600 West Taylorsville Boulevard, Taylorsville, Utah 84129**

Chris McCandless, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. He welcomed the Board and thanked everyone for attending.

**ITEM 1 – CONSENT AGENDA**

Chris McCandless asked if there were any changes to the agenda or the January 16, 2014, Governing Board meeting minutes.

**Motion – Rebecca Call made a motion to approve the agenda and the January 16, 2013 meeting minutes.**  
**Second – Justin Stoker**  
**Vote – Unanimous in favor.**

**ITEM 3 – PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Chris McCandless asked if there was anyone from the public who wished to address the board, and seeing none, closed the public comment portion of the meeting.

**ITEM 4 – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

Chris McCandless asked Laura Hanson to provide her Director’s report. Laura Hanson thanked the Board and gave an overview of work progress and updates since the last Board meeting:

**Community Relations & Outreach**

- Presented to a class at the University of Utah on February 24, 2014
- Planned out all 2014 volunteer dates.
- Exploring options for an ongoing partnership with Splore for in-river, canoe-based volunteer projects.

**Administration**

- Brianna “Bri” Binnebose has been hired as Tyler Murdock’s replacement. Started 16 hours/week on March 8, 2014. She will start full-time on April 17, 2014.
- We have a new intern starting in June named Brian Tonetti. He is a junior at the University of Utah and is double majoring in environmental studies and urban planning.

**Projects, Grants, and Fundraising Efforts**

- Grants Submitted Since Last Board Meeting:
  - Five-Star Restoration Grant/ Urban Waters Small Grants Program  
The JRC was approached by West Valley City to help develop a proposal for and lead a project under the Five Star Restoration Grant program for invasive vegetation removal, restoration, and education near a shallow pond/wetland just south of 3300 South. Grant proposals are due February 5, 2014.
  - Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, Invasive Species Management Grants
    - 1) Puncturevine Management – We submitted another grant to purchase additional biological control for puncturevine along the Jordan River Parkway Trail. The JRC is partnering with Salt Lake County and Salt Lake City on this grant.
    - 2) West Valley City Stormwater Detention Pond Restoration – A proposal was submitted as a backup or supplement to the Five-Star Restoration/Urban Waters grant described above.
  - EPA Environmental Education Grant  
The Center for Documentary Expression and Art applied for this grant through the EPA, to expand the current Urban Waters grant work on the mobile website and school residencies. The JRC is a partner on this, but not the lead grantee.
  
- **Urban Waters Grant – Mobile Website**
  - The first school residency at West High School has been completed, and the second residency, at the Salt Lake Center for Science Education, is in its final week. These are being led by the Center for Documentary Expression and Art.
  - The web developer hired by the JRC, Braindunk, has developed a series of deliverables including:
    - A skeleton prototype of mobile website:  
<http://prototypes.braindunk.com/jrc/v2/>
    - Two possible design direction options:  
<http://ethan.com/braindunk-prototypes/jrc/v3/design-v1.html>  
<http://ethan.com/braindunk-prototypes/jrc/v3/design-v2.html>
  - A beta testing version should be available in mid-April and a final “deployment” of a user-ready website is the first week of May. This website will not contain much content at this point, but will be ready for use by the JRC.
  
- **Best Practices for Riverfront Communities**
  - Technical Training Courses  
Registration for the first two seminars in our Best Practices for Riverfront Communities Training Series sold out in three weeks! There was a waiting list for both workshops scheduled so far.

Mark Bedel asked about why registration was capped at 50 for these workshops. Laura Hanson replied that capacity, instructor to student ratio for breakout sessions, and the cost of increasing printing and catering cost were all contributing factors. She noted that the workshop was filmed and that it will be available for anyone to view that was unable to attend.

- **Get Into the River**
  - Planning for this event is continuing to occur in partnership with the Jordan River Foundation, the Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands, Splore, and many others.
  - Sponsors secured so far include: Wells Fargo, eBay, Smiths Marketplace, American Bank, Workers Compensation Fund, KRCL, Slug Magazine, and the Larry H. and Gail Miller Family Foundation.
  - An event website: [www.getintotheriver.org](http://www.getintotheriver.org) has been created to list event activities.

#### **ITEM 4 – TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Chris McCandless asked Dave Eckhoff to present this item.

Dave Eckhoff provided an update on the activities of the Technical Advisory Committees, specifically focusing on the request of the City of South Salt Lake for technical assistance and input on a proposed site plan for a 50-acre parcel of undeveloped land along the Jordan River corridor. Dave noted that he was very encouraged by the City's request and was excited by the possibility of having TAC input being incorporated into the site plan to both minimizing impacts to the river corridor and to perhaps even enhance the river corridor in this area with high quality development. He noted that this may be a good model for collaboration with other communities along the Jordan River corridor and hopes that it is a successful outcome.

#### **ITEM 5a – CONSIDER JRC SMALL GRANT PROPOSAL - SOUTH SALT LAKE**

Chris McCandless asked Laura Hanson to introduce this topic.

Laura Hanson reported that the Jordan River Commission authorized the creation of the JRC Small Grants Program at its May 16, 2013 Governing Board meeting. The purpose of this grant program was to create a method for assisting and encouraging Jordan River stakeholders to undertake projects that help implement the goals and recommendations of the Blueprint Jordan River. The Jordan River Commission exists to be the facilitator of implementation of the Blueprint Jordan River, but cannot realistically be responsible for implementing all of its recommendations. This grant program is one tool to help encourage JRC partners and members to undertake projects.

This grant program is available to all JRC member governments, Technical Advisory Committee member organizations, or other community organizations working to improve the Jordan River corridor.

Laura Hanson recommended approval of a \$2,500.00 JRC Small Grant to South Salt Lake to hold a multi-stakeholder design charrette and develop an illustrative master plan for a 50-acre parcel of undeveloped land along the Jordan River. She explained that the property is owned by UTA and a private development company is in negotiations with UTA to purchase the property and develop it. The developer is requesting a rezoning of the master plan and a modification to the city's long range comprehensive plan. The City would like to facilitate a process with the various stakeholders, including the Jordan River Commission, to discuss modifications to the master plan to better address and enhance the river corridor environment.

Rebecca Call questioned if the cart was before the horse a bit on this. She noted that the current master plan does nothing to implement the Blueprint Jordan River, and that

we don't have a new master plan in hand that show improvements in the design. She asked why the city would ask for funding to help plan for a single parcel rather than for design guidelines or an ordinance for the entire city.

Laura Hanson explained that this is really the last remaining parcel of land along the Jordan River in South Salt Lake, and that she believed that the development of design standards would be included in the project.

John Bennett asked if UTA would be willing to partner in the request and state that they would hold the sale of the property until a new design is provided?

Chris McCandless noted that he liked the "carrot" approach rather than the "stick". He pointed out that both South Salt Lake and UTA are supportive members of the Commission and he would speak in favor of the request.

Rebecca Call asked about the letter of support from UTA referenced in the proposal, but not actually included. Laura Hanson reported that the City said that they would be receiving the letter soon, but that it was not available in time for the preparation of the meeting packets.

John Bennett suggested that the grant could be approved, but could be restricted as a reimbursement grant rather than and up-front payment, and that the City come back to the Board to present the refined master plan.

**Motion – John Bennett made a motion to approve a \$2,500 reimbursable grant to the City of South Salt Lake, and that payment would come after a new design is presented to the Board.**  
**Second – Rebecca Call**

**Discussion –**

Mike Horrocks asked about the point of the reimbursement requirement and requiring a presentation to the board if that is already listed in the grant proposal schedule.

Julie Peck-Dabling suggested postponing the decision until the City was present and could answer questions.

**The motion was rescinded by John Bennett.**

**ITEM 5B – DISCUSSION: BYLAW CHANGES AND INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT UPDATES**

Chris McCandless asked Laura Hanson to present this item.

Laura Hanson explained that at the last meeting the Board decided to vote by electronic meeting to approve updates to the Bylaws to reflect changes in JRC officers, term length and succession. She explained that Mark Bedel offered to review the Bylaws and Interlocal Agreement and suggest modified language. He noted that revisions were needed not only the Bylaws, but also the Interlocal Agreement to reflect the changes discussed.

Mark Bedel also noted that technically the JRC would be operating illegally if changes to the Bylaws were made prior to updating the Interlocal Agreement.

John Bennett noted that there was a bill in the Legislature this session that also affected Interlocal Cooperations and may affect the JRC's Interlocal Agreement.

Corey Rushton suggested that updating the Interlocal Agreement at each city/county should maybe be done for better reasons than simply to clarify officers and terms.

Rebecca Call pointed out that if this recent legislation affects the Agreement that perhaps that is the primary reason for opening it up again. She suggested using this opportunity to clarify the Agreement and to bring it into compliance with state law.

Bart Forsyth suggested that he agreed with Corey, and that if there could be more flexibility built into the Interlocal Agreement it would simplify future update processes.

Chris McCandless noted that once the lid of this box is open it may be hard to close again, and questioned whether the Commission had the resources to take this on right now.

Rebecca Call asked what happens if some of the members are operating on one version of the ILA and others on a different version.

Justin Stoker suggested that this update, if based on bringing the agreement into compliance with state law, this item could go on the consent agenda in his city.

John Bennett noted that he looked up the legislation and that it was HB17.

**Motion – Rebecca Call made a motion that the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement be amended first and that changes to the Bylaws reflecting officers and terms should follow.**

**Second – Mark Bedel**

**Vote – Unanimous by all**

**ITEM 5a – CONSIDER JRC SMALL GRANT PROPOSAL - SOUTH SALT LAKE  
(continued)**

Chris McCandless summarized this topic, and welcomed Councilwoman Debbie Snow and Sharen Hauri from South Salt Lake to the meeting.

Councilwoman Debbie Snow thanked the Board and said that she hopes to see some changes to the master plan based on the input of the JRC and other stakeholders.

Rebecca Call asked what percentage of open space is required by the zone.

Sharen Hauri reported that the requirements have been met for the zoning, but they are able to count park strips. She noted that the city will work closely with the Best Practices document to incorporate those recommendations into the master plan.

**Motion – John Bennett made a motion to approve a \$2,500 reimbursable grant to the City of South Salt Lake, and that payment would come after a new design is presented to the Board.**

**Amendment to the Motion – Chris McCandless suggested an amendment to the motion to offer the full services of the Jordan River Commission to assist with this process.**

**Amendment Accepted – John Bennett made a motion to approve a \$2,500 reimbursable grant to the City of South Salt Lake, and that payment would come after a new design is presented to the Board, and offered the full services of the Jordan River Commission.**

**Second – Justin Stoker**  
**Discussion –**

Mike Horrocks reinforced that the master plan should try to incorporate the best practices as much as possible.

Rebecca Call also requested that the final letters of support be provided to the board as well.

**Vote – Unanimous by all**

#### **ITEM 5C – PRESENTATION: SALT LAKE CITY JORDAN RIVER PROJECTS**

Chris McCandless asked Emy Maloutas and Rick Graham of Salt Lake City to present to the Board on projects happening within Salt Lake City. These projects include bank stabilization project, enhanced stormwater wetlands, restoration of the 900 south Oxbow, and an update on the master plan and progress on the Salt Lake Athletic Complex.

Hilary Arens suggested that the 900 South Oxbow and Trailside restoration projects could be great hubs for learning and stewardship. She recommended they be built into future Get Into the River events.

#### **ITEM 5D – STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION (CONTINUED FROM OCTOBER 17, 2013)**

Chris McCandless decided to table this item until the next meeting due to time constraints.

#### **ITEM 6 – OTHER BUSINESS**

Rebecca Call noted that the City of Saratoga Springs is conducting a study to define wetland areas and complete a cultural survey for all lands surrounding Utah Lake. She noted that Laura Hanson asked about the possibility of extending this along the Jordan River corridor within the City, and that the City was hoping to be able to include that.

Emy Maloutas noted that Salt Lake City has some funding to develop an ecological assessment for city owned lands along the river, and that this would also be contributed towards a Jordan River Comprehensive Management Plan for the Jordan River being initiated by the Division of Forestry Fire and State Lands.

Mike Horrocks announced that the Love UT, Give UT fundraising event was today, and mentioned that the Wasatch Rowing Foundation was one of the non-profits accepting donations.

#### **ITEM 6 – CONFIRM NEXT MEETING AND ADJOURN**

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The next meeting of the Jordan River Commission Governing Board will be March 20, 2014, 9:00-1:00, Taylorsville City Hall.

On motion and second, the meeting was adjourned.