

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

WORK SESSION MINUTES

December 7, 2021

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for a Work Session at 8:00 a.m. on December 7, 2021, in room 306 of the Davis County Administration Building, 61 South Main Street, Farmington, Utah. Notice of this meeting was given under the requirements of UCA § 52-4-202.

AGENDA AS POSTED

Roll Call

- 8:00 am** Closed Session—Motion to Closed Session for reasons permitted under UCA§52-4-205(1)(c) for strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation
- 8:30 am** Three Gate Trail Presentation—Presented by Kent Andersen, CED Director
- 9:00 am** Northern Utah Development Foundation—Presented by Kent Andersen, CED Director
- 9:30 am** Event Recap Summaries for the 2021 Great Salt Lake Bird Festival and Antelope by Moonlight Bike Ride—Presented by Jessica Merrill, Tourism Director; and Kristal Blessett, Tourism Events Manager

Adjournment

DISCLAIMER

The meeting was an open dialogue. Critical points in the discussion have only been briefly summarized. The reader may refer to the audio recording and the publicly distributed materials for further clarification of the content. Timestamps have been noted in the minutes to aid in locating points of discussion in the audio record. The audio recording for this meeting is available based upon the County's current retention schedule.

All documents from this meeting are on file in the Davis County (DC) Clerk/Auditor's office.

ROLL CALL

Davis County Commissioners in attendance: Randy B. Elliott, Vice-Chair; and Lorene Miner Kamalu. Bob J Stevenson joined the meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Davis County Staff in attendance were: Kent Andersen, Community and Economic Development (CED) Director; Neal Geddes, Chief Civil Deputy Attorney; Curtis Koch, Clerk/Auditor; Maria Devereux, Deputy Clerk/Auditor, Chanel Flores, CED Deputy Director, Jessica Merrill, Tourism Director; Jeff Oyler, Planning Manager; and Chris Bone, HR Director.

Members of the public in attendance were: Ariana Farber, [Deputy Director], MIDA; Melissa Freigang, [Executive Director, Weber Prosperity Center of Excellence], JoEllen Grandy, Layton City Parks Planner; Joy Petro, Layton City Mayor; Jory Johner, Wasatch Front Regional Council; Guy Letendre, Weber State Economic Development Director; and Eric Isom, MIB Partners.

The meeting commenced at 8:03 a.m.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

Closed Session

Commissioner Elliott moved to a closed session as permitted under UCA§52-4-205(1)(c) for strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation. Commissioner Kamalu seconded the motion, and all voted aye.

Three Gate Trail Presentation— Presented by Kent Andersen, CED Director (Minute 1:40)

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Kent Andersen said this is a unique opportunity to purchase the land on which the Union Pacific rail line sits that runs alongside Falcon Hill on the west side of Hill Air Force Base (HAFB.) It used to support the Army and its train maintenance. The Union Pacific Railroad had to abandon the rail line formally, so it is available for purchase. There is an opportunity for it to be an active transportation trail that would link the three western gates of HAFB to local and regional trail systems.

Melissa Freigang gave the history of what they are calling the "Northern Utah Trails Project." Ariana Farber explained that this idea came about due to a MIDA demolition project. They came up with converting the rail line into a trail system. It spans 6.2 miles and would include the following five major connection points: Clearfield at M Avenue to the HAFB West Gate, a new 1800 N. interchange near Sunset and the new HAFB gate, 5600 S. in Roy and the HAFB Roy Gate, 4400 S. in Roy and the Ogden-Hinckley Airport, and the Weber River Parkway. This corridor serves as the "last puzzle piece" to directly link Ogden, Roy, Riverdale, HAFB, Sunset, and Clearfield. The trail would also connect these communities to other bike lanes and trail systems and provide an alternative transportation solution to thousands of jobs in Falcon Hill and HAFB.

Ariana said they are currently in the process of negotiations and asked the Commissioners to talk to their legislators to convey that this is a project worth backing, to show their support.
(See Attachments A1-A12.)

Northern Utah Development Foundation—Presented by Kent Andersen, CED Director (Minute 35:34)

Kent Andersen said a significant gap exists in venture capital in Northern Utah related to the entrepreneurial ecosystem. The solution is a regionally-based early-stage seed fund that provides regional, scalable companies needed money and access to partner resources.

Guy Letendre said their vision is to impact economic growth for early-stage start-ups by providing low-cost terms by leveraging students research and building an angel investor network to help create great companies that generate returns. He explained their investment strategies and the fund structure. They are looking to raise \$5 million and investors right now.
(See Attachments B1-B18.)

Event Recap Summaries for the 2021 Great Salt Lake Bird Festival and Antelope by Moonlight Bike Ride—Presented by Jessica Merrill, Tourism Director (Minute 55:41)

Jessica Merrill said they didn't host any events in 2020, so they were excited to host some of the legacy events in Davis County again. The Great Salt Lake Bird Festival was held in May of 2021, with some COVID restrictions still in place, so they hosted virtual workshops and keynote speakers. They sold out faster than ever. There was a family day where they pushed bird watching with the younger generation. There was 392 admission passes sold (attendees came from a total of 15 states), 647 field trip tickets sold, 170 bird species seen, and 60 field trip leaders. The total economic impact was \$160,974, there was \$13,100 in cash sponsorships, and a profit of \$12,031.

Jessica said there were over 1,500 total riders that attended the Antelope by Moonlight Bike Ride event, of which 69 were from out of state. The theme was the "Rolling '20s." This year they had stayed after the ride for a "welcome back" party with music and refreshments. The total economic impact was \$184,934. They contracted with Magnum E-Bikes and rented 100 bikes. They had 11 sponsors with revenue of \$43,740, 14 vendor booths, expenses of \$32,402, and proceeds of \$11,350 donated to the Friends of Antelope Island with the Commission's approval. Next year's event will be held on July 15, 2022, and the theme will be "Ride Into The Danger Zone."

(See Attachments C1-C2 and D1-D2.)

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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**MATERIALS
PRESENTED**

All publicly distributed materials associated with this meeting are noted as the following attachments:

A1-A12	Northern Utah Trails Project
B1-B18	Norsatch Presentation
C1-C2	Great Salt Lake Bird Festival Highlights
D1-D2	The Rolling '20s Antelope by Moonlight Bike Ride Highlights

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Minutes approved on: 1/4/2022

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