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Utah Population Estimates Committee

Minutes
Friday, April 20, 2001
1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Committee Members

Present:

Natalie Gochnour,	Chair
Neil Ashdown,	GOPB
Walt Busse,	LDS Church
Scott Festin,	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Ken Jensen,	Dept. of Workforce Services
Nate Millward,	Utah State Board of Regents
Pam Perlich,	Bureau of Econ. & Bus. Res.
Ross Reeve,	GOPB
Jim Robson,	Utah Foundation
Blake Smith,	Questar Gas
Mike Toney,	Utah State University
Tom Williams,	Utah Tax Commission

Staff:

Peter Donner,	GOPB
Camille Hacking,	GOPB
Lance Rovig,	GOPB
Robert Spendlove,	GOPB

Absent:

Patricia Murphy,	Utah Office of Education
Barry Nangle,	Utah Department of Health

Welcome and Introductions - Natalie Gochnour, Committee Chair

I. Approve December 8, 2000 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Ken Jensen made the motion to approve the December 8, 2000 minutes. Mr. Mike Toney seconded the motion. The motion carried.

II. Intercensal Estimates and Accuracy (including July 1, 2000 estimate)- Peter Donner

Mr. Peter Donner distributed a table that documents three methods relative to the April 1, 2000

Census. The three methods used were Internal Revenue Service (IRS) tax returns, School Enrollments, and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saint (LDS) membership records. Mr. Donner indicated that the IRS method produced the estimate that most closely matched the 2000 Census numbers. UPEC will reconvene at a later date to vote on intercensal estimates.

A subcommittee has been established to complete the work on the intercensal estimates. The subcommittee includes:

- Peter Donner
- Tom Williams
- Pam Perlich
- Ken Jensen

Other methods that may be used include:

- Building Permit Method
- Census Method
- Adjusting each year by assumed growth levels.

Ms. Natalie Gochnour indicated that it is important for the Estimates Committee to agree on how the intercensal numbers are determined. It is also important that the intercensal methods be documented.

Ms. Gochnour recommended that GOPB staff have the intercensal numbers drafted within 60-90 days.

Ms. Gochnour stated that GOPB should have the final statement of accuracy by fall of 2001. She encouraged the committee to adopt the revised intercensal numbers by mid-June of 2001.

III. Subcounty Population Estimates (Hanksville, Hooper, West Jordan) – Robert Spendlove

The Utah State Tax Commission and the Utah Department of Transportation are waiting for new population numbers for state tax allocations to cities and counties.

- A. **Hanksville** - was missed by the 2000 Census. Robert Spendlove completed an analysis for Hanksville. It has an April 1, 2000 population of 240.

Mr. Jim Robson made a motion to adopt the population for Hanksville of 240. Mr. Walt Busse seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- B. **Hooper** - in Weber County incorporated after the Census deadline. Robert Spendlove completed an analysis for Hooper. It has an April 1, 2000 population of 4,081.

Mr. Jim Robson made a motion to adopt the population for Hooper of 4,081. Mr. Ken Jensen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C. **West Jordan** - added an annexation after the Census deadline. Robert Spendlove completed an analysis for West Jordan City. It has an April 1, 2000 population of 78,714.

Mr. Ken Jensen made a motion to adopt the population for West Jordan City of 78,714. Mr. Nate Millward seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The above communities will receive an official letter from the Utah Population Estimates Committee containing the new population estimates. Each affected county and Association of Government Director will also be informed.

IV. Liquor Licenses and Private Clubs (monthly population estimates) Robert Spendlove

Mr. Ken Jensen has provided numbers, in the past, to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (DABC), which allocates liquor licenses and private licenses statewide. Liquor licenses are allocated by dividing the state population by 4,500. Private club licenses are allocated by dividing the state population by 7,000.

The Utah Code indicates that numbers can come from “the most recent Census or any other state government.” This leaves much flexibility for DABC in obtaining these numbers.

In 1990, the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control requested monthly state population estimates from UPEC and was denied its request.

The Committee agreed that it should be UPEC’s responsibility to provide these numbers to DABC on a monthly basis as has been done by Mr. Ken Jensen. Ms. Gochnour recommends that UPEC replicate what Workforce Services has done in the past.

Mr. Tom Williams made a motion that UPEC produce its regular estimates and not provide specific numbers to DABC. There was no second for the motion. The motion failed.

Mr. Jim Robson made the motion that UPEC proceed (with GOPB staff assistance) to provide monthly forecast numbers to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Mr. Walt Busse seconded the motion. Mr. Tom Williams voted in the negative. Eleven other members voted in the affirmative. The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned.