

UTAH POPULATION ESTIMATES COMMITTEE (UPEC)

Friday, April 20, 2001

1:00 PM

Minutes

In Attendance

Neil Ashdown, GOPB
Walt Busse, LDS Membership Division
Scott Festin, Wasatch Front Regional Council
Natalie Gochnour, Chair
Ken Jensen, Workforce Services
Nate Millward, Board of Regents
Pam Perlich, Bureau of Economic &
Business Research
Ross Reeve, GOPB
Jim Robson, Utah Foundataion
Blake Smith, Questar Gas
Mike Toney, Utah State University
Tom Williams, Tax Commission

Not Present

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

Staff

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

1. Approve December 8, 2000 Meeting Minutes - Natalie Gochnour

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

2. 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), School Enrollment and Latter-Day Saint (LDS) membership. 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 that the Utah Populations Estimate Committee agree on how the intercensal numbers are determined. It is also important that the intercensal method 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. It is hoped that the intercensal numbers will be adopted by UPEC by mid-June 2001.

3. Subcounty Population Numbers (Hooper, Hanksville, West Jordan)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Ken Jensen made the motion to adopt and accept the population for West Jordan City at 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 stating their adopted population. Each appropriate county and Association of Government Director will also be informed.

4. Liquor Licenses and Private Clubs (monthly population estimates)

Mr. Ken Jensen has provided numbers, in the past, to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (DABC) who allocate liquor licenses and private clubs statewide. Liquor licenses are allocated by dividing the state population by 4,500. The number of private club licenses are allocated by dividing 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 contacted UPEC for monthly numbers and was denied.

The group 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, Workforce Services. Ms. Gochnour recommends that UPEC replicate what Workforce Services has done in the past.

Mr. Tom Williams made a motion that UPEC produce their 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.

5. Next Meeting

The Utah Population Committee will meet in June. No specific date was set.

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