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## Utah Quality Growth Commission

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John Bennett, Executive Director

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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Thursday April 22, 2010**  
**Suite 140, Utah State Capitol Building**  
**Salt Lake City, UT 84114**

**Members Present**

Chairman Flint Richards  
Vice Chairman JT Martin  
Laraine Swenson  
Sally Elliot  
Justin Allen  
Dave Mansell—By Phone  
Leonard Blackham  
Mike Styler  
Mike Kohler—By phone

Brent Tanner  
Reed Erickson

**Staff Present**

John Bennett, Executive Director

**Public Present**

Janice Jardine, Salt Lake City Council Staff

1. Welcome and Introductions, Flint Richards, Chair, 5 Minutes

Chairman Richards welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Public Comments, Flint Richards, Chair, 5 Minutes

There was no public Comment.

3. Approve Minutes from February and March 2010 Meetings,  
Flint Richards, Chair, 5 Minutes

**ACTION ITEM:** Approve Minutes

Laraine Swenson moved approval of minutes from February and March 2010, Sally Elliot seconded the motion. JT Martin asked to amend the minutes to show that he was present in March. The Minutes were approved unanimously with one correction.

4. LeRay McAllister Fund 2010 Status Report John Bennett, 10 Minutes

John Bennett reminded the Commission that, at the February Meeting, they had extended all the unfinished projects (totally about 5) until June 30, 2010, the end of the fiscal year. He told the commissioners that two of those projects, Jaques Farm, and Pine Valley Meadows, had closed already.

He then explained to the Commission that so far, he had received one pre-application for the LeRay McAllister Fund for this year---Green Canyon Project which is additional acreage owned by Jon White in

Paradise Utah. Jon is a former applicant who want to put more of his property under easement. Mr. Bennett indicated that he had heard from the Summit Land Conservancy about a project in Summit County and from the Trust for Public Land about a project in Kane County at the mouth of the Zion Narrows. He indicated that there were likely other projects that would come in later.

- 5 Workplan discussion and review of Quality Growth Act Requirements: John Bennett, 45 Minutes  
In addition to the LeRay McAllister Fund projects, what additional issues would the commissioners like to discuss? When the commission was created 10 years ago, the Legislature gave the commission specific tasks to accomplish. Now, 10 years later, the Commission should review those tasks to see if they have been accomplished, and what still needs doing. Also, what other topics should we consider.

Possible issues

Current planning studies and tools—Wasatch Canyons, Green Infrastructure, UPlan  
Agricultural Sustainability and conservation  
Quality Growth Area/Communities  
Planning assistance, tools, grants

The commission discussed the workplan options as presented by John Bennett. Mr. Bennett presented a list of possible items for the work plan. Most of the discussion focused on what the Commission was required to do under the Quality Growth Act. Mr. Bennett indicated that they are supposed to administer the LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Program, to advise the legislature and Governor, and to assist local governments with quality growth planning.

He indicated that one of the specific issues in the act was the question of defining a quality growth area. This had been addressed by the Quality Growth Communities program, but this program needs to be revitalized as it had not been a priority during the transition from the Walker Administration to the Huntsman/Herbert Administration. The commissioners asked staff to begin working on a plan to revitalize the Quality Growth Communities Program.

Mr. Bennett provided a proposed list of other issues and presentations that he Commission might want to have this year. From the list, the Commission asked staff to focus on the following.

**Presentations:**

Wasatch Canyons Tomorrow  
Blueprint Jordan River  
Vision Dixie Implementation  
3% Solution  
Life on State  
Green Infrastructure

**Issues for Discussion:**

TDR and PDR Best Practices  
Quality Growth Communities Revitalization  
Urban Farming  
Water Resources  
Agricultural Sustainability and use of Rollback Taxes  
Urban Wildland Interfaces/Defensible spaces  
Bark Beetles

Mr. Bennett indicated that he would prepare presentations and discussion materials for these topics along with the LeRay McAllister Fund work that was needed. He indicated that the McAllister Fund would take some time this year, as it always does, but that they could make some progress on these other issues over the summer as well.

6. Administrative Matters: Next meeting scheduled for May 27, 2010, Location: The Commission agreed to hold the May 27, 2010 meeting at the Department of Natural Resources, Room 3710.