



Utah Quality Growth Commission
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Flint Richards, Chair
JT Martin, Vice Chair

John Bennett, Executive Director

MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 26, 2011, 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon
Governors Office of Planning and Budget Large Conference Room
Suite 140, Utah State Capitol Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Members Present

Flint Richards, Chair
JT Martin, Vice Chair
Larry Ellertson
Reed Erickson
Holly Daines
Roger Wynn
Sally Elliott
Mike Styler
David Mansell

Staff Present

John F. Bennett, Executive Director

Visitors Present

Val John Halford, WFRC
Kevin Fayles, Envision Utah
Joan DiGiorgio, TNC
Nick Tarbet, Salt Lake City Council Staff

- 1. Welcome and Introductions,** 5 Minutes
Chairman Flint Richards invited all those present to introduce themselves.
- 2. Public Comments,** 5 Minutes
- 3. Approve Minutes from March 2011 and April 2011** 5 Minutes
ACTION ITEM: Approve Minutes
Sally Elliott moved approval of the minutes for March and April 2011, JT Martin seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously,
- 4. New Commission Leadership Elections,** John Bennett 20 Minutes
Introduce new members present, conduct officer elections
Chairman Richards turned the Chair over to John Bennett, Executive Director to conduct the leadership elections. Mr. Bennett explained that the terms of Chairman Richards and Vice Chairman Martin will expire June 1, 2011. He indicated that Chairman Richards expressed his desire not to be reelected. Chairman Richards indicated that responsibilities at home make that necessary. Mr. Bennett opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. JT Martin was nominated to be the new Chairman of the Quality Growth Commission. No other nominations were received. His nomination was approved unanimously.

Mr. Bennett then opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chairman. David Mansell was nominated to be the new Vice Chairman of the Quality Growth Commission. No other nominations for Vice Chairman were received. David Mansell's nomination as Vice Chairman was approved unanimously.

**5. McAllister Program Report
Outstanding Grants—Status Report
Review Pre-Applications for 2011 Calendar Year**

John Bennett, 20 Minutes

ACTION ITEM: Invite Eligible Projects to submit full Applications

John Bennett referred the Commission to the spread sheet outlining the pre-applications that had been received. He explained that the Commission had received seventeen pre-applications. The total amount requested at the pre-application stage was about \$3.2 million. Mr. Bennett indicated that the Commission has about \$600,000 in unallocated funds. He further explained that all of the applicants met the criteria of the act and should be invited to apply.

Commissioners discussed whether some of the pre-applicants could be turned down at this stage to make the decision easier later. Mr. Bennett explained that the purpose of the pre-application was two fold, first to establish a universe of eligible projects from which to choose, and second to ensure that those projects met the requirements of the act. Since no one had visited the projects yet, it wasn't the time to decide which projects to fund.

Mr. Bennett suggested that he send a letter to the applicants inviting them to apply and reminding them that the funding for this round is very limited. We will then wait to receive the full applications before deciding which to visit.

The motion was made to direct staff to send the letter as described. The motion received a second, and was approved unanimously.

**6. Report on Commission Activities
Agriculture Sustainability Taskforce
Rich County Easements**

John Bennett, 10 minutes

Mr. Bennett reported that the Agriculture Sustainability Taskforce had met for the first time to discuss the issues and the process for going forward. Several members of the Quality Growth Commission were participating and the Commission was one of the co-sponsors of the Task Force. He indicated that he would continue to report on Task Force activities as they happened.

John Bennett indicated that negotiations with the landowners of the Rich County project were continuing, and that he was continuing to participate. The Commission would be asked to help fund easements in this upcoming round of fund.

7. Administrative Matters: Next meeting scheduled for June 23, 2011, at the State Capitol.