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Point of the Mountain State Land Authority Board
Tuesday, June 26, 2018
The Capitol Board Room – Utah State Capitol
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

MINUTES (Approved)

Lt. Governor Spencer Cox and Representative Lowry Snow called the meeting to order at 2:03pm in the Capitol Board Room. Lt. Governor Cox thanked the proposed members of the board for being here, noting this is a historical meeting and that he and Representative Snow look forward to getting this authority and the business associated with the board moving forward to impact the state in many positive ways.

Welcome &
Introductions

Proposed board members present were: Lt. Governor Cox, Representative Lowry Snow, Ms. April Cooper, Senator Lincoln Fillmore, Mr. Val Hale, Mayor Dawn Ramsey, Mr. Jim Russell, Senator Jerry Stevenson, Representative Keven Stratton, and Mayor Troy Walker. Ms. Kimberly Henrie was present on behalf of Commissioner Dave Buhler for this meeting. Mr. Chris Pieper was present from the Attorney General's office.

The Lt. Governor noted that all proposed board members have filled out their Conflict of Interest forms, as required by the statute, with the exception of Mr. Stratton. Mr. Stratton indicated he may have a conflict, given that he is a practicing lawyer with clients who have holdings and/or are invested in businesses in this part of the state. Mr. Pieper indicated he could discuss this further, and advised Mr. Stratton to refrain at this time from taking the Oath. Representative Snow and the Lt. Governor invited him to stay at the table today to acquire the information that is shared, and give him time to discuss any conflicts further with the Attorney General's office. Mr. Stratton noted he would like to be involved with this project.

Oath of Office

Ms. Kathy Whitehead (notary) was present and administered the Oath of Office to all prospective board members, with the exception of Mr. Stratton and Mr. Buhler.

The Lt. Governor asked for a motion to approve today's agenda.
Motion: Walker Second: Hale Final Vote: Unanimous

Approval of Agenda

The Lt. Governor noted that this group will be meeting for possibly years to come and eventually, they will want to hire professional staff to get things going. Until then, GOED has been asked to provide temporary staffing assistance.

Approval of GOED
for Temporary
Staffing

Mr. Russell noted that the statute for this board indicated that DFCM may perform these responsibilities. He would be disappointed if they didn't take advantage of some staff assistance that they do have, as well as their attorney general Mike Kelley. They have valuable resources that can be utilized for this board.

A motion was made to approve GOED to oversee temporary staffing for the Point of the Mountain Authority Board until such time as the Authority may decide to hire its

own staff. DFCM staff will also be asked to assist with some duties.

Motion: Walker Second: Stevenson Final Vote: Unanimous

At this time, the Lt. Governor asked everyone around the table to introduce themselves.

Mr. Pieper briefly provided an overview of the statute created to govern this body, and outlined the roles and responsibilities of the board members of the Point of the Mountain State Land Authority. This authority is defined as a policy board, rather than exclusively an advisory board, and is also covered under the Governmental Records and Management Act (GRAMA).

Statutory Overview
and Authority
Member
Responsibilities

Mr. Snow provided an overview and historical context of the Point of the Mountain (POM) commission via a PowerPoint presentation, highlighting the work that was done with the help of Envision Utah and the members of that commission. He reviewed the major issues that were addressed during that process, and are focused on as this board moves forward. The work of the POM Commission has been approximately two years in the works and includes input from local government, communities, surrounding area businesses, and interested parties. His presentation is made a part of these minutes by reference.

Point of the
Mountain
Commission
Overview

Mr. Snow noted this Authority received an appropriation of \$400,000 during the last legislative session to conduct work of this board, split between the development commission and this body's use. After the Phase III report was paid, as well as a small amount of continuing work of the commission, it has left \$152,276, which is a sufficient amount to work with until the next budget cycle is reviewed by the state. He indicated that Mr. Hale's team at GOED will work on a budget moving forward as well. It was noted that if any board members have eligible per diem reimbursements for their participation on this board, those costs would be covered with this money and managed through GOED for the near future. Mr. Russell noted that his office is familiar with this, and can also help with these needs.

Overview of
Authority Budget
and Timeline for
Prison Closure,
Management of
POM State Land

Mr. Hale suggested that this board may want to consider hiring their own legal counsel. The Lt. Governor added that as this authority may not fully understand the magnitude of the job being undertaken at this time, they will revisit this and other topics as needed.

Ms. Cooper noted this board should discuss and outline expected expenses, revenues, per diems, legal expenses, etc., as well as to approve a budget and provide an audit. She volunteered to serve on a committee towards this effort when needed, as it is her background.

The Lt. Governor and Representative Snow announced the next meeting should be held soon to further discuss the expected expenditures/budget, discuss long-range plans, and get everyone up to speed. Their initial thought was they may not need monthly meetings at first, but less frequently early on. As activity on this land and project starts to ramp up, it is expected the frequency of the meetings will become greater.

Discussion of
Meeting
Frequency, Next
Steps, Member
Input Regarding
Goals of Authority

Mr. Snow noted the timeline of the prison is a factor. Mr. Russell reported the completion of the move from the existing prison is expected by April 2021, which

means that all buildings will be turned over to the Department of Corrections for occupancy by that time.

Some specific requests were made:

- Ms. Cooper requested a map of the boundaries of these areas be sent to the members of the board.
- Mr. Snow requested that a tour of the properties/spaces would be helpful to the board.
- Mr. Russell noted his offices at DFCM could host a meeting and coordinate the tour.

There was a brief question and answer period regarding the land, ownership, and surrounding areas.

The Lt. Governor informed everyone that GOED will send out some proposed dates for the next meeting within the next month, and asked that the board member respond with their availability as quickly as possible.

Mr. Snow asked that if anyone has other ideas that we should be looking at, please get them to him, the Lt. Governor or Mr. Hale. The Lt. Governor added this is an “all hands on deck” scenario and they want and encourage everyone’s input and participation.

The Lt. Governor and Representative Snow thanked the board and audience for attending the meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:19pm.

Motion: Walker Second: Stevenson Final Vote: Unanimous