

1 **MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION MEETING HELD**  
2 **MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020, AT 2:30 P.M. IN THE MILLCREEK CITY COUNCIL**  
3 **CHAMBERS LOCATED AT 3330 SOUTH 1300 EAST, MILLCREEK, UTAH**  
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5 **Present:** Chair Chris Robinson, Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, Mayor Harris Sondak,  
6 Commissioner Marci Houseman, Mayor Mike Peterson, Commissioner Jim  
7 Bradley, Mayor Erin Mendenhall  
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9 **Staff:** Executive Director Ralph Becker, CWC Attorney Shane Topham, Deputy  
10 Director Blake Perez, Communications Director Lindsey Nielsen, Office  
11 Manager Kaye Mickelson  
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13 **Absent:** Mayor Andy Beerman, Mayor Jenny Wilson  
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15 **1. OPENING**  
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17 **A. Commissioner Chris Robinson will Conduct the Meeting as Chair of the**  
18 **Central Wasatch Commission (“CWC”) Board.**  
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20 Chair Chris Robinson welcomed those present and called the meeting to order at approximately  
21 2:30 p.m.  
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23 **B. The Board will Consider Approving the Minutes of the November 7-8, 2019**  
24 **CWC Board Retreat.**  
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26 **MOTION:** Mayor Silvestrini moved to approve the minutes of the November 7-8, 2019 CWC  
27 Board Retreat. Commissioner Bradley seconded the motion. The motion passed with the  
28 unanimous consent of the Board.  
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30 **C. The Board will Consider Approving the Minutes of the January 6, 2020, CWC**  
31 **Board Meeting.**  
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33 **MOTION:** Commissioner Bradley moved to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020, CWC  
34 Board Meeting. Mayor Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous  
35 consent of the Board.  
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37 **D. Note: February 3, 2020, Scheduled CWC Board Meeting was Cancelled Due**  
38 **to Winter Weather.**  
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40 **E. The Board will Consider Approval of “Correction to December 2, 2019,**  
41 **Minutes” as Submitted by Paul Godot: Item Included in Packet.**  
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43 Chair Robinson reported that Paul Godot submitted revisions to the December 2, 2019, minutes  
44 and claimed that his comments were inaccurately characterized. A one-half page sheet was  
45 included in the packet with his corrections.  
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1 **MOTION:** Mayor Sondak moved to approve the corrections to the December 2, 2019, minutes  
2 as submitted by Paul Godot. Mayor Peterson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the  
3 unanimous consent of the Board.  
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5 **2. INSURANCE COVERAGE**  
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7 **A. Commissioner Jeff Silvestrini will Discuss Insurance Coverage Proposed to be**  
8 **Obtained through the Utah Local Governments Trust (“ULGT”).**  
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10 Mayor Silvestrini reported that the issue was discussed at the most recent Budget Finance  
11 Committee Meeting. The Trust requires that the CWC enter into an Interlocal Cooperation  
12 Agreement. CWC Attorney, Shane Topham confirmed that the Amended and Restated Interlocal  
13 Agreement has been in effect for some time. The CWC will simply become a signatory in order  
14 to obtain insurance coverage. Chair Robinson disclosed that he is one of nine members of the  
15 ULGT Board. There are up to 15 potential Directors of the Trust with three from Counties. Chair  
16 Robinson represents Summit County in that capacity.  
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18 **B. Consideration of Resolution 2020-08 Approving an Interlocal Agreement**  
19 **between the CWC and ULGT.**  
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21 **MOTION:** Mayor Silvestrini moved to approve Resolution 2020-08, approving entry into an  
22 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Utah Local Governments Trust. Mayor Sondak  
23 seconded the motion.  
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25 It was clarified that the CWC will pay the premiums. A table was provided showing the coverages  
26 and premiums. Chair Robinson indicated that he would recuse himself from the vote due to his  
27 involvement as a Trust Board Member.  
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29 The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board with one abstention. Chair Robinson  
30 abstained from the vote.  
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32 **3. BUDGET/FINANCE**  
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34 **A. Consideration of Resolution 2020-09 (a) Approving Commissioner Jeff**  
35 **Silvestrini as Assistant-Treasurer of the CWC; (B) Approving Commissioner**  
36 **Jeff Silvestrini and Commissioner Jim Bradley as the Chair and Vice-Chair,**  
37 **respectively, of the Budget/Finance Committee; (c) Naming Blake Perez, CWC**  
38 **Deputy Director, as the CWC Budget Officer, and (d) Changing the**  
39 **Signatories (two needed) on the CWC’s Checking Account at Zions Bank to**  
40 **Christopher F. Robinson (Chair), Jeff Silvestrini (Assistant-Treasurer/Chair**  
41 **Budget/Finance Committee), Jim Bradley (Vice-Chair), Ralph Becker**  
42 **(Executive Director.**  
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44 Mayor Silvestrini reported that there have been conversations about who should serve on the  
45 Budget/Finance Committee. The following appointments were proposed:  
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- 1 • Commissioner Jeff Silvestrini - Assistant-Treasurer;
- 2 • Commissioner Jeff Silvestrini and Commissioner Jim Bradley – Chair and Vice-
- 3 Chair;
- 4 • CWC Deputy Director Blake Perez – CWC Budget Officer; and
- 5 • Change signatories to Chair Robinson, Commissioner Silvestrini, Commissioner
- 6 Bradley, and CWC Executive Director Ralph Becker.

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8 Mayor Mendenhall suggested that the Treasurer also be a signatory. It was suggested that the  
9 Resolution be amended to add Mayor Mendenhall as a signatory. There was discussion about  
10 whether to include names or simply titles in the resolution. It was determined that the names of  
11 individuals need to be printed on the signature cards.

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13 **MOTION:** Mayor Silvestrini moved to approve Resolution 2020-09, approving entry into an  
14 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Utah Local Governments Trust with the changes  
15 outlined and Mayor Mendenhall as Treasurer. Mayor Mendenhall seconded the motion. The  
16 motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

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18 **B. Consideration of Resolution 2020-10 Approving Amending the CWC Bylaws**  
19 **to Include New Section 10.1 “Investment Fund Policy”.**

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21 Mayor Silvestrini reported that the Budget/Finance Committee discussed the appropriateness of  
22 the CWC adopting an investment policy where surplus funds would be deposited into an interest-  
23 bearing Treasury Investment Fund. A resolution was drafted to that effect. There was discussion  
24 of maintaining a cash equivalent in the amount in an operational reserve for at least 12 months as  
25 a policy. As funds are received, they would be deposited in a Public Treasurers’ Investment Fund  
26 (“PTIF”) account and earn interest until the funds are utilized.

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28 In response to a question raised, Mayor Silvestrini stated that a determination had not been made  
29 with regard to a minimum reserve amount. CWC Executive Director, Ralph Becker thought the  
30 proposed approach was sensible given the nature of the CWC and the funding sources. Chair  
31 Robinson explained that if they seek to use reserve funds for something that has not been budgeted  
32 for, a specific process would have to be followed. The proposed procedures were described and  
33 specific adjustments made.

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35 **MOTION:** Commissioner Bradley moved to approve Resolution 2020-10, approving an  
36 amendment to the CWC Bylaws to include a New Section 10.1 – “Investment Fund Policy”, with  
37 the amendments discussed. Mayor Silvestrini seconded the motion. The motion passed with the  
38 unanimous consent of the Board.

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40 **C. Consideration of Resolution 2020-11 Approving Execution and Delivery of a**  
41 **“Public Entity Resolution” to the Office of the Utah State Treasurer.**

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43 Mayor Silvestrini introduced Resolution 2020-11 and stated that it is required under State law.  
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1 **MOTION:** Mayor Silvestrini moved to approve Resolution 2020-11, approving execution and  
2 delivery of a “Public Entity Resolution” to the Office of the Utah State Treasurer. Commissioner  
3 Houseman seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.  
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5 **4. TOWN OF BRIGHTON APPLICATION**  
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7 **A. The Board will Discuss the Town of Brighton’s Application for Membership**  
8 **in the CWC.**  
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10 Chair Robinson referenced a letter dated January 22, 2020, from Brighton Mayor Dan Knopp  
11 making application for membership. He referenced a resolution from 2018 showing that the Town  
12 of Brighton meets the membership criteria. Brighton was incorporated in December 2019 and is  
13 the only municipal jurisdiction in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Membership in the CWC was offered  
14 to the Town of Brighton subject to the approval of the legislative body of each of the members.  
15 Mr. Topham explained that the first step is to seek approval of the majority of the Board.  
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17 Mayor Silvestrini reported that when the Town of Alta was admitted as a member, they made a  
18 financial commitment. Further discussion will need to take place regarding financial contributions  
19 as part of the budget discussion. Mr. Topham explained that in 2018 when the admission protocol  
20 was adopted, there were two alternate resolutions before the Board. One required every member  
21 to make an annual financial contribution. The second did not.  
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23 **B. Consideration of Resolution 2020-12 Offering Membership in the CWC to the**  
24 **Town of Brighton.**  
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26 **MOTION:** Mayor Silvestrini moved to approve Resolution 2020-12 offering membership in the  
27 CWC to the Town of Brighton. Commissioner Bradley seconded the motion. The motion passed  
28 with the unanimous consent of the Board.  
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30 **5. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, CWC ILA AGREEMENT**  
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32 Chair Robinson presented the proposed amendment and explained that previously UDOT was a  
33 member of the CWC Board. The proposed resolution specifies that each member shall be a  
34 governmental entity located in Salt Lake or Summit Counties. He referenced 5(A)(1)(c), which  
35 addresses instances where a member is denied wherein there would be a three-year cooling-off  
36 period before reapplication would be allowed.  
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38 With respect to ex officio members, consideration was given to placing a limit on the number of  
39 entities considering ex officio status. Mr. Becker suggested it remain open in the event a change  
40 is needed. After some discussion, the consensus was to allow for no more than four ex officio  
41 members, a term of service of one year, with a one-year cooling-off period.  
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43 Mr. Topham offered to take the Board’s feedback and come back with a resolution including the  
44 changes noted. With respect to the Town of Brighton, a formal resolution would be prepared and  
45 provided to each Board member.  
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1 **6. GRANT APPLICATION – Staff will explain the nature and status of a proposed**  
2 **grant application to the Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation for the Silver Lake**  
3 **Boardwalk reconstruction project. The Board then will discuss the proposed**  
4 **application (due 20 March 2020) and give direction concerning the proposed**  
5 **application. Any resulting grant agreement will be the subject of future consideration**  
6 **by the Board.**  
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8 Commissioner Bradley provided a background on the activity of the Short-Term Projects  
9 Committee who met and discussed a number of ideas. They then sent along what they believed  
10 were two achievable and useful projects through the Utah Outdoor Recreation Restoration  
11 Infrastructure Grant. The intent was to apply for funding of two specific projects including (1) the  
12 Silver Lake Boardwalk Reconstruction Project and the (2) reconstruction of the White Pine Bridge.  
13 Staff was directed to begin the grant writing process. Since then, White Pine fell out of grace  
14 which left just the Silver Lake Boardwalk Project. Adequate funding was available to complete  
15 about one-third of the project. The Forest Service indicated that that may not be acceptable unless  
16 they were prepared with a concrete budget for the full restoration.  
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18 CWC Communications Director, Lindsey Nielsen reported that per the direction of the Short-Term  
19 Projects Committee, staff began exploring two potential projects to pursue grant funding for. The  
20 maximum grant disbursement would be \$150,000 and requires a 50/50 match. The intent was to  
21 pursue projects in Little Cottonwood Canyon consisting of the White Pine Bridge and the Silver  
22 Lake Boardwalk Restoration in Big Cottonwood Canyon. Staff looked into community  
23 partnerships to obtain the required matching funds. After further exploration into the community  
24 partnership, it became clear that the funding was not in place for the White Pine Bridge Project.  
25 Funding was, however, in place for a portion of the Silver Lake Boardwalk Restoration Project.  
26 As a result, staff put all of their time and resources toward building out a full-fledged grant proposal  
27 for a few of the nine phases of the Silver Lake Boardwalk Restoration Project. Ms. Nielsen  
28 reported that late last week staff received new information from the Forest Service that what was  
29 proposed was not feasible or workable for the Forest Service.  
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31 U.S. Forest Service District Ranger, Bekee Hotze apologized for failing to consider the time the  
32 engineers would need. Neither of the projects identified was within their program of work. She  
33 proposed that they begin the process and with final proposal submission in November prior to the  
34 grant process. Details of the project were discussed. Ranger Hotze suggested that funding be in  
35 place for the entire project before moving forward. She explained that it would be necessary to  
36 table the project until they can obtain full funding.  
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38 Mayor Mendenhall asked if any projects are 100% ready to go that they can apply for quickly for  
39 this round of grant funding. Ranger Hotze stated some projects are currently under  
40 implementation. Ms. Lindsey indicated that she would be meeting with Ranger Hotze later in the  
41 week to discuss potential alternative projects. Mayor Peterson reported that it is a tight timeframe  
42 with March 20 being the due date. In addition, a 50/50 match is required and must be identified.  
43 Ms. Lindsey stated that half of the match can be in-kind and the other half must be in cash.  
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45 It was suggested that they take a two-prong approach by pursuing the fall timeline and taking  
46 action now. Possible options were discussed. Ranger Hotze commented that taking action so

1 quickly is problematic because their regional office is getting involved with Utah Recreation grants  
2 to prioritize other projects on Forest Service land across the State.

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4 Mayor Peterson stated that the Short-Term Committee reviewed several other projects that may  
5 not be directly tied to this process that they could still pursue. Chair Robinson commented that  
6 the hope was that by adding \$10,000 from the CWC as a match to the Utah Office of Outdoor  
7 Recreation to get a larger grant was not an option because the engineering cannot be done. Staff  
8 was asked to regroup and determine if there is anything else that can be done between now and the  
9 two-week deadline and report back to the Board.

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11 **7. ENVIRONMENTAL DASHBOARD**

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13 **A. Dr. Phoebe McNeally, University of Utah, will Update the Board on the**  
14 **Completion of Phase 1 of the CWC’s Environmental Dashboard Project and**  
15 **Provide Additional Information Regarding an Amendment to the CWC’s**  
16 **Interlocal Agreement with the University of Utah Detailing Phase II of the**  
17 **Project.**  
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19 Chair Robinson led a discussion of the proposed amendment. He explained that the compensation  
20 section was left blank in Section 4 but the proposal on page 3 reflects a cost of \$176,308 for  
21 Phase 2. He recalled that at one point \$60,000 was budgeted of which \$43,000 had been expended.  
22 The proposed \$176,000 was in addition to the \$43,000. As a result, it would be necessary for the  
23 Board to increase its budget by \$117,000.

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25 Ms. Nielsen reported that a resolution last fall increased the initial \$60,000 that was allocated in  
26 2018 from \$60,000 to \$100,000. The \$60,000 was for the initial contract to bring all of the work  
27 done to that point to completion. The increase from \$60,000 to \$100,000 was to allow the Project  
28 Managers at the University of Utah to complete work on Phase 1. \$47,000 of the \$100,000 had  
29 been spent with \$53,000 remaining in the budget.

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31 Chair Robinson asked how the additional \$123,000 would be covered. Mr. Becker stated that there  
32 is enough money in the budget to finish out this fiscal year, however, the Board would be  
33 committing next year’s budget or taking money out of reserves to fulfill the remainder of the  
34 \$123,000. Mayor Peterson asked if there is enough in Fund Balance to cover the cost. Mayor  
35 Silvestrini stated that there is currently nearly \$1.3 million in the PTIF account. What they would  
36 have to do is commit to budget for it the next fiscal year.

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38 Mayor Mendenhall suggested that staff provide a recommendation on where the budget allocation  
39 should come from. One option was to entertain a budget amendment at the next meeting. Mayor  
40 Silvestrini stated that if they have the money in reserves they can apply it now and commit it as  
41 part of this budget.

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43 Mr. Becker explained that Phase 1 has been completed. In order to move forward with Phase 2,  
44 they need the Interlocal Agreement to reflect the work for Phase 2. If the Board were to commit  
45 to Phase 2, it could be addressed when the recommendations come forward for the budget in the  
46 next fiscal year or take it out of reserves for the remainder of this fiscal year.

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2 Mr. Topham explained that the underlying Interlocal Agreement can be terminated by the CWC  
3 for any or no reason. He stated that they have enough money budgeted this year to pay for the  
4 tasks that will be completed this year.

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6 A question was raised about the ongoing ESRI licensing costs. Mr. Becker explained that ESRI  
7 is contributing a substantial amount of their services and resources pro bono to take the online  
8 dashboard and create a tool that would allow them to disseminate it to a broad range of potential  
9 users.

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11 Chair Robinson suggested the Board consider amending the budget at the next meeting.

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13 **B. Consideration of Resolution 2020-13 Approving an Amendment to the**  
14 **Interlocal Agreement between the CWC and the University of Utah**  
15 **Concerning Phase II of the CWC’s Environmental Dashboard Project.**

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17 **MOTION:** Commissioner Houseman moved to approve Resolution 2020-13 approving an  
18 amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the CWC and the University of Utah concerning  
19 Phase II of the CWC’s Environmental Dashboard Project and request that staff add a budget  
20 amendment to the next meeting agenda to allocate an appropriate amount for the funding of  
21 Phase 2. Mayor Peterson seconded the motion.

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23 Mayor Peterson thanked those who have been involved in the environmental dashboard and stated  
24 that it accomplishes one of the primary goals of Mountain Accord.

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26 Mayor Silvestrini expressed support for the motion but asked that the consultant address the  
27 additional phases listed as they do not seem to match the tasks, dollar amounts, and hours reported.  
28 It was reported that a finance meeting is scheduled for March 25.

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30 The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

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32 **8. CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION COMMITTEES**

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34 **A. Chair Chris Robinson will Update the Board on the January 23, 2020, and**  
35 **February 21, 2020, Executive Committee Meetings.**

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37 Chair Robinson reported that the Executive Committee meets one or two weeks prior to CWC  
38 Board Meetings. One of the issues they recently dealt with pertained to staff compensation going  
39 into the new fiscal year. That issue was to be addressed at the next meeting.

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41 **B. Commissioner Jeff Silvestrini, Assistant-Treasurer/Chair of the Budget**  
42 **Committee, will Update the Board on the Committee’s January 16, 2020,**  
43 **Meeting and February 2020, Financial Information.**

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45 Mayor Silvestrini reported that at the last meeting they looked at the financial reporting.  
46 Recommendations were made to staff about how that could be improved. The minutes were

1 available that addressed what was discussed. A status was provided of where they stand this  
2 budget year and ensures that the budget is transparent. It was noted that reports are being generated  
3 on Quick Books, which has been an improvement.  
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5 **C. Commissioner Jim Bradley, Chair of the Short-Term Projects Committee, will**  
6 **Update the Board on the Committee’s January 29, 2020, and February 24,**  
7 **2020, Meetings.**  
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9 Commissioner Bradley reported that the Short-Term Projects Committee decided to create the  
10 Project Idea Worksheet and distribute it as broadly as possible. The intent would be to look for  
11 short-term and shovel-ready projects under the categories of transport, transit, recreational  
12 stewardship, economic sustainability, and environmental protection. Within a short period of time,  
13 the intent would be to get responses so that the various projects can be compared. They will then  
14 ask specific groups or those making submittals to broaden their responses as needed.  
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16 **D. Commissioner Jenny Wilson, Chair of the Land/Tenure Committee will**  
17 **Update the Board on the Ongoing Work of the Land/Tenure Committee –**  
18 **First Meeting Friday: March 20, 2020.**  
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20 Chair Robinson mentioned that the next Land/Tenure Committee Meeting is scheduled for Friday,  
21 March 20.  
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23 **E. Commissioner Mike Peterson, Chair of the Transportation Committee and**  
24 **Executive Director Ralph Becker will Update the Board on the Committee’s**  
25 **February 25, 2020, Meeting and the Ongoing Work of the Transportation**  
26 **Committee. The Board may also Discuss and Take Action on the Mountain**  
27 **Transit System Scope and Planning Document.**  
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29 Mayor Peterson reported that the Transportation Committee met recently along with 25 other  
30 stakeholders and partners. There was a healthy exchange of ideas and comments as to how the  
31 Transportation Committee will proceed. They focused on the idea of developing a scope of work,  
32 a draft of which was distributed for public comment. Over 330 comments were received as of  
33 March 1 with over 100 subtopics. The consensus of those present at the meeting was to look at a  
34 visionary transportation system going forward and discuss interim measures at each meeting with  
35 respect to transportation issues.  
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37 Mr. Perez indicated that the comment period was open from Friday, February 7 through Sunday,  
38 March 1 to gather feedback on the scope, objectives, and attributes of a Mountain Transportation  
39 System. The comments were categorized into four main topics. Approximately 100 subtopics  
40 were identified that were grouped under each of the main four topics. The most common topic  
41 commented on was transportation, mode, and management. The comments would be reviewed  
42 when they begin analyzing specific transportation approaches. The next steps were identified,  
43 which include finalizing data input and draft staff recommendations. Responses would be  
44 provided for each comment and presented to the Transportation Committee for approval and  
45 recommendation at the March 30 meeting.  
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1           **F.     Executive Director, Ralph Becker will Provide a Summary of Recent**  
2           **Washington, D.C. Visit; See Written Comments Included Here.**

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4 Mr. Becker reported on a recent trip to Washington, D.C. where he, Chair Robinson, and Mayor  
5 Wilson attended the National Association of Counties Meetings. They visited with the  
6 Congressional delegation to update them on the status and note the shift from the primary focus  
7 this year from the Congressional legislation to the Mountain Transportation System Initiative. It  
8 was very well received. They also discussed a proposal being considered for introduction by  
9 Congressman Curtis to break out from the legislation of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail alignment,  
10 which includes the removal of some wilderness. He was proposing to offset that with wilderness  
11 that would be added to some other areas adjacent to the current wilderness areas.

12  
13 Chair Robinson stated that the delegation unanimously believes that their course of setting aside  
14 the federal designation and pursuing other matters was a good course to take. He was eager to  
15 readdress the legislation when there is a consensus to carry it forward.

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17 Chair Robinson indicated that the minutes from the various sub-committee meetings were  
18 provided in the packet.

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20 **9.     STAKEHOLDERS COUNCIL UPDATE**

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22           **A.     Written Report in Packet.**

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24 Mr. Becker reported that the Stakeholders Council will be meeting quarterly rather than monthly  
25 so there was not a full report.

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27 **10.    PUBLIC COMMENT**

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29 Chair Robinson opened the public comment period.

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31 *John Knoblock*, a Millcreek resident, stated that one of the intended outcomes of Mountain Accord  
32 was that the Bonneville Shoreline Trail will require numerous adjustments so that it will be a  
33 shared-use trail that can accommodate mountain bikes. When Mountain Accord was signed, there  
34 were no detailed maps showing exactly where the adjustments would be made. They were assured  
35 in 2015 that by the end of the year the maps would be provided. They finally came out in March  
36 2016. At that time, it was clear that the adjustments shown on the maps were not sufficient to  
37 ensure that the Bonneville Shoreline Trail was not outside the wilderness area. A few areas were  
38 also identified where the trail was already constructed. Mr. Knoblock reported that in the fall when  
39 they met with various wilderness advocate groups there was significant pushback that it was too  
40 large and they would not be able to accept what was in the Mountain Accord for the Bonneville  
41 Shoreline Trail coming outside of the wilderness. He pointed out that there is now a separate bill  
42 being pushed that would potentially move that work.

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44 *Kevin Dwyer* from the Salt Lake Valley Trail Society thanked the Board and staff for their great  
45 work. He reported that they are Salt Lake County's mountain bike trails group and they have been  
46 involved in the process since 2015. They were frustrated to discover that there is a wilderness that

1 prevents the Bonneville Shoreline Trail from being constructed. He explained that the trail serves  
2 several purposes including wildland fire fighting, equestrian, hiking, and bicycle uses. The  
3 National Conservation Recreation Area (“NCRA”) process provides an opportunity to do  
4 something for the residents of Salt Lake County to improve their opportunities for recreation and  
5 quality of life. Their opponents seem to think that mountain bikers will tear up the land and take  
6 up space, however, their primary goal is to get a soft surface trail within two miles of every  
7 household in the Valley. Mr. Dwyer stated that every week 10,000 mountain bikers put their  
8 bicycles on top of their cars and drive to areas where they can ride. If the Bonneville Shoreline  
9 Trail is completed, he was certain that more people ride their bikes, which benefits all in the Valley.  
10 He urged the Board to do good in a small way and improve the situation.

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12 *Chris Adams*, Wasatch Backcountry Alliance Board President, reported that they are a human-  
13 powered winter recreation group. They have no interest in stopping the Bonneville Shoreline along  
14 the east bench. They fully support trails and human-powered recreation. Their concern with the  
15 stand-alone bill is that it takes one of the key elements of the NCRA out. They were trying to push  
16 the bill forward, which would greatly benefit the community. It would help protect public lands  
17 and upper Big and Little Cottonwood Canyons. They felt that taking that piece out will remove  
18 an important part of the NCRA, which will make it less likely to have support.

19  
20 *Jamie Kemp* was present as a concerned citizen. He participated in Mountain Accord from the  
21 beginning and stated that many great things came out of it. He was no longer hopeful about most  
22 of those things. The one great thing he thought would come out of Mountain Accord was the  
23 Bonneville Shoreline Trail. The legislation being presented is an opportunity. He asked for input  
24 from the Board on what keeps the bill alive.

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26 *Sarah Bennett* acknowledged the extent of the work to be done by the Board. She spoke in support  
27 of the Bonneville Shoreline Trail and taking advantage of the opportunity that exists. It has a long  
28 history and was envisioned more than three decades ago. Thousands of hours went into promoting  
29 the Bonneville Shoreline Trail and nurturing it forward. They have a finished alignment for 90  
30 miles with 23 miles to be built this season. Ms. Bennett suggested that the foothills access be  
31 secured for recreation. She stressed the importance of creating recreational opportunities close to  
32 where people live, work, and play.

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34 *Norm Henderson*, a property owner in Big Cottonwood Canyon, offered a perspective on the  
35 Environmental Dashboard. He was concerned that they seem to be repeating the contract from  
36 several years ago for \$250,000 that came to a conclusion and then was suspended. He commented  
37 that the new direction of the Environmental Dashboard seems to not include thresholds, which he  
38 considered to be a very important component. Mr. Henderson always anticipated that the public  
39 would be engaged in the process of completing the work with the Brendle Group. To his  
40 knowledge, there was no public engagement as part of Phase 1. He asked who will maintain the  
41 Environmental Dashboard once it is created. He suggested consideration be given to those  
42 concerns before committing an additional \$176,000 to the project.

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44 There were no further public comments. Chair Robinson closed the public comment portion of  
45 the meeting.

1 **11. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

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3 With regard to the Bonneville Shoreline Trail, Chair Robinson stated that a meeting will be  
4 convened in the next few weeks in an effort to address both sides of the issue. Some of the concerns  
5 raised are described in the report that was prepared. The original Environmental Dashboard  
6 included different targets that will be updated frequently. After meeting with the two professionals  
7 from the University of Utah, he found that instead of making a judgment call, it will instead provide  
8 the information and allow others to extrapolate from that.

9  
10 Commissioner Silvestrini commented that maintaining it is important and there will be some  
11 maintenance that the CWC will have to undertake. What he liked about the proposal compared to  
12 the prior iteration was that it is a link to third-party information. He considered the proposal made  
13 to be a vast improvement over what Brendle Group was proposing under their contract. It will  
14 also be a much more useful tool than was proposed previously.

15  
16 Commissioner Houseman was most excited about the choice that will be part of the Environmental  
17 Dashboard. She was pleased that they will provide ongoing, interactive data that will empower  
18 and educating people to be part of the conversation and go to the depth they would like to.

19  
20 Mayor Mendenhall anticipated having a nominal budget associated with upkeep. She stated that  
21 the number of visitors will increase over time. She was pleased that the new format will be an  
22 interactive and evolving data source that does not make political declarations.

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24 **12. ADJOURNMENT**

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26 **MOTION:** Mayor Mendenhall moved to adjourn. Mayor Silvestrini seconded the motion. The  
27 motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Commission.

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29 The Central Wasatch Commission Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:41 p.m.

1 *I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate and complete record of the Central*  
2 *Wasatch Commission Meeting held Monday, March 9, 2020.*

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4 *Teri Forbes*

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