

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

WORK SESSION MINUTES

March 29, 2022

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for a Work Session at 8:30 a.m. on March 29, 2022, in room 306 of the Davis County Administration Building, 61 South Main Street, Farmington, Utah. Notice of this meeting was given under the requirements of UCA §52-4-202.

AGENDA AS POSTED

Roll Call

8:30 a.m. Discussion on Landscaping at the Memorial Courthouse in Drought Conditions—Presented by Lane Rose, Facilities Director

Adjournment

DISCLAIMER

The meeting was an open dialogue. Critical points in the discussion have only been briefly summarized. The reader may refer to the audio recording and the publicly distributed materials for further clarification of the content. Timestamps have been noted in the minutes to aid in locating points of discussion in the audio record. The audio recording is available based upon the County's current retention schedule.

All documents from this meeting are on file in the Davis County (DC) Clerk/Auditor's office.

ROLL CALL

Davis County Commissioners in attendance: Randy B. Elliott, Chair; and Lorene Miner Kamalu, Vice-Chair. Bob J Stevenson was excused.

Davis County Staff in attendance: Shairise Bills, Deputy Clerk/Auditor; Mike Kendall, Sr. Civil Counsel; Curtis Koch, Clerk/Auditor; Josh Johnson, Library Director; Lane Rose, Facilities Director; Shauna Brady, Commission Office Manager; Kent Andersen, Community and Economic Development Director; and Chris Bone, Human Resource Director.

Members of the public in attendance: John Parry, Assistant General Manager, Weber Basin Water; and Scott Paxman, General Manager, Weber Basin Water.

The meeting commenced at 8:32 a.m.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

Discussion on Landscaping at the Memorial Courthouse in Drought Conditions (*Minute 0:35*)

The Memorial Courthouse renovation is nearing completion, and the landscaping plan needs to be discussed. It was planned, in earnest, long before the extreme drought conditions took hold. Scott Paxman gave an update on the current water conditions. He said the soil moisture is much better than last year, which means a more efficient run-off when the snow melts. The downside is the snowpack is merely 65% of normal. He said they have a drought contingency plan they follow closely. The county is in a "severe" status, the first level at which indoor water use is restricted. This level requires a 60% reduction on all outdoor, lawn, and garden watering, including culinary and secondary water. It also requires a 40% reduction in agricultural lands and a 10% reduction in indoor culinary water. The county has never been in a severe status before (last year, there was a 40% water restriction on irrigation only.) This plan is contingent on the Board of Trustees' approval on Thursday.

Lane Rose showed the original landscaping plan and alternate plans, including some xeriscaping and more parking. The sod is planned to be laid in May or June, and he is concerned it will not survive if it needs to be watered twice daily. There is additional concern about the public's perception of the County watering constantly if restrictions are imposed on the residents.

John Parry said the newly adopted water-wise ordinances that establish a new landscaping standard for development say no more than 15% turf in industrial and commercial institutional spaces unless it is a designated recreation area. The alternatives were discussed at length.

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NEXT STEPS Lane will contact the design team and possibly find alternate plans to include artificial turf. This delayed installation will not hinder the Memorial Courthouse open house plans.
(See Attachments A1-A5)

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

MATERIALS PRESENTED All publicly distributed materials associated with this meeting are noted as the following attachments:

A1-A5 Memorial Courthouse Planting Plans

Minutes prepared by:
Shairise Bills
Deputy Clerk/Auditor

Minutes approved on: 5/24/2022

/s/ Curtis Koch
Curtis Koch
Davis County Clerk/Auditor

/s/ Randy B. Elliott
Randy B. Elliott
Commission Chair