

COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES – DAVIS COUNTY

WORK SESSION MINUTES

December 21, 2021

The Board of Davis County Commissioners met for a Work Session at 8:30 a.m. on December 21, 2021, 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. "Non-Functional Turf" Discussion and Presentation on Potential Water Savings and Cost to Replace with Xeriscape—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 for this meeting 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: Bob J Stevenson, Chair; Randy B. Elliott, Vice-Chair; and Lorene Miner Kamalu.

Davis County Staff in attendance: Lane Rose, Facilities Director; Kent Andersen, CED Director; Shairise Bills, Deputy Clerk/Auditor; Neal Geddes, Chief Civil Deputy Attorney; Heidi Voordeckers, Chief Deputy Clerk/Auditor; Shauna Brady, Commission Office Manager; and Chris Bone, Human Resource Director.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

The meeting commenced at 8:35 a.m.

WORK SESSION DISCUSSION

"Non-Functional Turf" Discussion and Presentation on Potential Water Savings and Cost to Replace with Xeriscape—Presented by Lane Rose, Facilities Director (Minute 00:58)

Lane explained Austin Storey and Jerry Goodspeed helped him analyze water usage in Davis County facilities. They specifically looked at water usage for the grounds at the Davis County Admin Building, Health Department, Layton Library, Centerville Library, Kaysville Library, Syracuse Library, Central Davis Senior Activity Center, Public Works, Bountiful Library, Tech Center, DMV, Davis Park Golf Course, and the Valley View Golf Course. The total water usage for all of these facilities combined was 10,435,026 gallons and 4,314,988.6 gallons of water used on "non-functional" turf areas annually. They think it is plausible to see a net savings of 2,648,006.6 gallons and 50 percent or more water savings in turf versus Xeriscaping areas. They projected to save 52,960,132 gallons of water over 20 years.

The cost to turn those "non-functional" turf areas into Xeriscaping across all of the facilities was projected to be \$659,063.75. Lane showed some Xeriscaping samples and drip irrigations along with the breakout of the estimated costs savings.

The Commission agreed that it is not in the budget to make these changes all at once but that the County should start moving toward operating with water conservancy in mind. To be clear, while water conservancy is a priority, the County will still designate some green areas for the public's gathering and enjoyment. Lane said he would start working with departments to implement some of these ideas where their budget allows, and the County will look for state-funded grants to help cover the costs

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The subject of Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations was brought up. Lane showed an aerial view of the Memorial Courthouse campus to explain new plans to install super-fast chargers. Initially, the intent was to install level II chargers, which take eight hours to charge a vehicle. The super-fast chargers can charge a car in eight minutes but increase the cost of the project by \$350,000, so Lane needs the approval to move forward with getting the infrastructure in place while the renovation is being done on the campus and planning for the long lead times in acquiring the materials needed. This upgrade will set the County up for the next ten years accounting for anticipated growth. Lane said the Division of Air Quality (DAQ) might reimburse the County 50 percent of these increased costs. Heidi said the County has some reserves tied to this project in the Capital Fund that can be used toward these expenses. The Commission approved Lane's request to order the materials

(See Attachments A1-A44.)

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

MATERIALS PRESENTED All publicly distributed materials associated with this meeting are noted as the following attachments:
A1-A44 Analysis of Water Usage and Conservation in Non-Functional Turf Areas for Davis County

Minutes prepared by:
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Deputy Clerk/Auditor

Minutes approved on: 1/11/2022

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

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