

**MINUTES OF THE
JOINT TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE
ROOM 416, STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

Wednesday, January 17, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Michael Waddoups, Co-Chair
Rep. Don E. Bush, Co-Chair
Sen. Millie Peterson
Rep. Stephen D. Clark
Rep. Neil A. Hansen
Rep. Wayne A. Harper
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson
Rep. Joseph G. Murray
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold
Rep. Max W. Young

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Sen. Al Mansell
Sen. Terry Spencer

STAFF PRESENT: Mark C. Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst
Janece Stock, Committee Secretary

Chair Waddoups called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. He asked the committee members and staff to introduce themselves.

Chair Waddoups then called for the following individuals from the audience to introduce themselves and their staff:

Diane Nelson, Executive Director, Department of Environment Quality
Tom Warren, Executive Director, Utah Department of Transportation
Lt. Colonel Pete Wilson, Utah National Guard
Joe Brown, Governors Office, Planning and Budget
Tyler Llewelyn, Audobon Society
Jeremy Taylor, Utah Airport Operators Association
David Creer, Utah Motor Transport Association
Nancy Gibbs representing Utah Highway Users presented a news release regarding Salt Lake City and Ogden area air quality.

The Press and Interns were also welcomed to the meeting.

Chair Waddoups then turned the floor to Mark Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst, to discuss the major issues facing the Subcommittee for Transportation and Environmental Quality during the 2001 Legislative Session in the following areas:

Department of Transportation

1. Continued General Fund commitment to Centennial Highway Fund
2. General Fund Support to small airports
 - a. \$500,000 ongoing as recommended by the Governor
 - b. \$2,500,00 one time expenditure recommended by the Governor
3. Policy decision related to maintenance and landscaping
 - a. Interstate surface has tripled during I-15 project necessitating additional snow removal and other issues to be addressed.
 - b. Beautiful but economical freeway landscaping needs to be determined.
4. Other UDOT issues as requested by legislators:
 - a. Rep. Hansen - Allocation of airport funds
 - b. Rep. Harper - Corridor preservation fund, western transportation corridor, and department plan for the .25% sales tax for mass transit
 - c. Rep. Hendrickson - Condemnation and land acquisition plans
 - d. Rep. Young - Project by project progress report

Department of Environmental Quality

1. General Fund commitment to fight High Level Nuclear Waste
 - a. Goshute Reservation in Scull Valley
 - b. Governor has created an office under the Department of Environmental Quality to address waste issues.
2. Storm Water oversight to solve water problems - \$70,000
3. Drinking Water FTE commitment for future years
4. Air Conformity Plan funded during last years general session is about complete.
5. Policy issues related to Low Level Nuclear Waste
 - a. Should A Waste be taxed?
 - Envirocare's request to accept higher levels of nuclear waste at Clive
 - b. Should B & C Waste be accepted and taxed?
 - Currently - 3 commercial sites in US: Richland, Washington, Barnwell, SC, and Envirocare.
 - c. Nuclear Waste issues will be discussed this session; in a special session; or next session.
6. Other DEQ issues as requested by legislators:
 - a. Rep. Harper - Volume of A Waste, Discussion of Envirocare application, and Issue of primacy.
 - b. Rep. Young - Update of individual issues regarding A, B, and C level waste.

- c. Rep. Hendrickson - 'A' Waste concern, and request to have Envirocare make a presentation to the committee; solid waste and waste tire piles.
- d. Chair Waddoups - Up-date on underground storage tanks and used oil.

National Guard

- 1. Veterans Cemetery
 - a. \$152,000 for equipment
 - b. \$93,000 for capital expenditures
 - c. \$62,900 ongoing expenditures
 - d. Invitation to a site visit by helicopter to Camp Williams Veterans Cemetery and the Park City National Guard Facility.
 - e. Other National Guard issues as requested by legislators:
 - Rep. Hendrickson - Report of funds transfer.
 - Rep. Hansen - Report on Fort Douglas project.

Other Business

- 1. Details of site visit by helicopter to Camp Williams Veterans Cemetery and the Park City National Guard Facility.
 - a. Meet on front steps of Capitol at 12:30 p.m.
 - b. RSVP and supply SS No. to Janece Stock (538-1602) or Mark Bleazard (538-1034).
 - Wear a warm coat and bring a camera if interested.
 - Lunch will be provided.
- 2. Projected schedule for ATEQ Appropriations Subcommittee
 - January 19, 2001 Friday Meeting Cancelled
 - January 22, 2001 Monday
 - 1. Tour of Camp Williams Cemetery, I-15, Park City project
 - January 24, 2001 Wednesday
 - 1. National Guard Budgets
 - 2. DEQ Budgets
 - January 26, 2001 Friday
 - 1. DEQ Budgets
 - January 29, 2001 Monday
 - 1. DOT overview by analyst
 - 2. DOT response
 - 3. Aeronautics
 - 4. Mineral Lease
 - 5. Sidewalk
 - January 31, 2001 Wednesday
 - 1. Support Services
 - 2. Equipment Management

- February 2, 2001 Friday
 - 1. Regional Management
 - 2. Maintenance Management
 - Maintenance Management System
 - Rest Stops
- February 2, 2001 Monday
 - 1. Engineering Services
 - PPMS
 - Preservation Program
 - 2000 Performance Audit
 - 2. Construction
 - Construction Management
 - Highway Rehabilitation
 - Federal Construction
 - Centennial Highway Fund
 - State Construction
 - 3. B & C Roads
- February 9, 2001 Friday Meeting if necessary
- February 12, 2001 Monday Meeting if necessary

Mark Bleazard will provide agenda projections and a binder with information on each program.

MOTION: Rep. Hendrickson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Don E. Bush, Co-Chair

Michael Waddoups, Co-Chair