

**MINUTES OF THE  
INFRASTRUCTURE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS  
SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 445 State Capitol Building  
February 11, 2014

**Members Present:** Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Co-Chair  
Rep. Gage Froerer, Co-Chair  
Rep. Jacob L. Anderegg, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard  
Sen. David P. Hinkins  
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins  
Sen. Peter C. Knudson  
Sen. Karen Mayne  
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
Rep. Johnny Anderson  
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson  
Rep. Janice M. Fisher  
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway  
Rep. John Knotwell  
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers  
Rep. R. Curt Webb  
Rep. John R. Westwood

**Staff Present:** Mr. Mark Bleazard, Fiscal Manager  
Mr. Gary K. Ricks, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Cami Deavila, Secretary

**Note:** A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Call to Order/Approval of Minutes**

Vice Co-Chair Anderegg called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Knotwell moved to approve the minutes for January 28, 2014.

The motion passed unanimously with Sens. Hillyard, Vickers, and Jenkins, and Reps. Anderson and Sagers absent for the vote.

**2. Unfinished Items from Previous Meetings**

**3. Requests for Appropriation Items**

**a. East Elementary**

Sen. Vickers presented the \$1 million request to finish the purchase of East Elementary for Dixie State University. Frank Lojko, Vice President, Dixie State University, added the purchase will increase the campus size by 10 percent.

Rep. Christofferson asked where the previous \$500,000 of funding was being held and if any donations had been received. Mr. Lojko stated DFCM was holding the funds until the other \$1 million was received. There had been no donations.

**b. Digital Form Conversion**

Sen. Hinkins presented the \$1.1 million request to assist local governments in converting paper forms to electronic forms.

Sen. Mayne asked about the security of electronic forms. Sen. Hinkins stated all security needs would be met.

**c. USU Brigham City**

Sen. Knudson presented the Utah State University (USU) Brigham City project. Brigham City donated \$7 million, the Brigham City Chamber of Commerce and business community donated \$322,000, and another \$275,000-300,000 had been committed but not yet collected.

Rep. Anderegg asked the amount of the request. Sen. Knudson answered \$7.5 million.

Luann Adams, former Box Elder County Commissioner, stated her support for the project.

Sen. Hillyard stated support for the project and added that in funding the USU Brigham City facility, space would be freed up for Bridgerland Applied Technology College.

**d. Historic Wendover Airfield**

Sen. Knudson presented the history of the Wendover Airfield and the need for funding to continue restoration of the historic airport.

Rep. Christofferson asked for the amount of the request. Rep. Anderegg stated \$1.1 million.

Sen. Mayne and Rep. Fisher stated support for the project.

Rep. Hemmingway asked if making the airport a State park had ever been considered. Sen. Knudson wasn't aware of any request.

Co-chair Froerer resumed chair of the meeting.

**e. American Fork Gondola EIS**

Rep. Michael S. Kennedy presented the \$500,000 request for planning of American Fork Canyon.

Gary Gygi, Mayor, Cedar Hills, presented the plan for a gondola to expand managed recreation up American Fork Canyon. The request was to fund an environmental impact study.

Rep. Anderegg asked if there had been discussion with UTA for access up and down the canyon, had there been discussion of interlinking ski resorts, what obstacles might there be with private land, and were there environmental issues. Mayor Gygi stated UTA supports transporting people up and down the canyon, Snowbird and Alta are somewhat linked, and the forest service stated the location of the gondola would not pose any problems.

Rep. Hemmingway asked what recreation is available up the canyon. Mayor Gigi stated year round recreation. Rep. Kennedy added the opportunity to ride above the terrain without damaging public lands.

**f. USDB SLC Facility**

Joel Coleman, Superintendent, Utah School for the Deaf and Blind (USDB), presented the growth and the need for a new USDB facility in the Salt Lake region. The current facilities are portable buildings and are not wheel chair accessible. The Public Education Committee has prioritized the project for funding.

Co-chair Harper asked why the project had not been included in the Building Board priority list. Josh Haines, Director, Division of Facility and Construction Management (DFCM), stated there had not been any site visits and DFCM was unaware of how bad the conditions were. The Building Board would have ranked the building at number five on the priority list. Co-chair Harper asked about circumnavigating the Building Board's priority process and asked if the Public Education Committee would fund the building. Co-chair Froerer stated the Public Education Committee would participate in some, if not all of the funding.

Rep. Christofferson asked if the project would be eligible for Federal funding. Mr. Coleman stated USDB receives \$250,000 in Federal Funding out of a \$29 million budget.

Rep. Fisher asked how much funding would be needed to get the project started. Mr. Coleman stated the land had already been purchased. Mr. Haines stated about \$1 million for planning and design.

**g. Huntsman Cancer Institute**

Sen. Bramble presented the \$17.5 million request for expansion and \$1.85 million in O&M, which had remained flat despite an increase in square footage. The Huntsman Institute had been paying around \$9 million out of pocket in O&M for existing facilities.

Sen. Hillyard recalled not seeing an O&M request in the 2013 appropriation. Sen. Bramble stated there had not been an O&M request, O&M had been covered out of operation costs. Susan Sheehan, Executive Director, Huntsman Cancer Foundation, stated there had been a request,

which was part of the five year plan presentation.

Co-chair Froerer stated that job creation should be considered in approving projects.

Sen. Jenkins asked about ongoing tax revenue to the State. Matthew Butler, Strategy Planning Associate, Huntsman Cancer Institute, stated there would be \$72 million in new economic activity with \$1.9 million of tax revenue to the State.

#### **h. Ogden Airport Study**

Rep. Peterson presented the \$300,000 request for an economic feasibility study.

Jon Greiner, Airport Manager, Ogden City, presented improvements to the Ogden City Airport. In order to expand further, prospective airlines require an economic feasibility study.

Rep. Froerer asked what part of the airport would be expanded. Mr. Greiner stated possibly putting in a terminal on the west side.

Sen. Vickers asked what FAA grant money was available. Mr. Greiner stated about 90 percent FAA funding, which would be added to State and local money.

Rep. Christofferson asked if funding would come out of the Aeronautics Fund or General Fund. Co-chair Froerer stated funding could be out the General Fund, but preferably the Aeronautics Fund.

#### **i. LeRay McAllister Fund**

Rep. Briscoe stated the fund is encumbered by being tied to projects.

John Bennett, Project Manager, Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB), stated that the funds always require a match. In 15 years the fund has spent \$20 million on land conservation from the State and has received around \$100 million in matching funds from other sources, mostly Federal Funds.

Co-chair Froerer asked for the request amount. Mr. Bennett stated \$2 million in one-time money.

### **4. Higher Ed Presentation on Infrastructure**

Greg Stauffer, Associate Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education, presented a study that looked at reliable, safe, programmatically current facilities. The study showed utility infrastructures were off the radar and there should be a greater focus on addressing infrastructure needs, which would require adequate attention to funding mechanisms. The study concluded the need to return to appropriating at the 1.1 percent base level.

Co-chair Froerer asked for clarification that funding infrastructure at 1.1 percent was a minimum. Mr. Stauffer added infrastructure should be included in the base from which the 1.1 percent is computed.

## **5. Capital Development Budget – IGG Committee Members’ Priorities**

Mark Bleazard, Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, asked the committee to rank the capital development projects, non-state funded buildings, Legislator appropriation requests, and to approve or reject land banking requests.

Rep. Anderegg asked for clarification on keeping appropriation request rankings separate from the capital development rankings. Mr. Bleazard stated to leave the rankings separate for the time being.

Rep. Westwood asked if the capital development projects were listed in order of the Building Board priority list. Mr. Bleazard responded the projects were in order of the priority list.

Rep. Christofferson asked if a project could be funded from two different funding sources. Mr. Bleazard stated the LeRay McAllister Fund would be difficult to fund out of the Transportation Fund because of constitutional restraints.

**MOTION:** Rep. Anderegg moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Co-Chair Froerer adjourned the meeting at 3:48 p.m.

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Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Co-Chair

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Rep. Gage Froerer, Co-Chair