



Approved March 17, 2010

**UDA Board Meeting – January 20, 2010**

The Utah Defense Alliance Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2010, at 7:30 a.m. at the Weber Basin Water District Headquarters, Layton, Utah. President Peter Jenks conducted the meeting. On roll call, the following were found to be present and excused:

**Present**

Peter Jenks  
Steve Rush  
Ron Kusina  
Tage Flint  
Ken Warnick  
Vickie McCall  
Pat Condon  
Louenda Downs  
Jan Zogmaister  
Don Wood  
Steve Curtis  
Wilf Sommerkorn  
Kent Sulser  
John Clay

Steve Petersen  
Dave Nydam  
Dave Tanzi  
Mart Bushnell  
John Matthews  
Ivan Flint  
Mike Bouwhuis  
Collette Mercier  
Michael Jensen

**Visitors/Staff**

Sandy Kester  
Joan Hellstrom  
Ron Richins  
John Peterson

Valerie Burke  
Huge Hartzman  
Dave Jett  
Beverley Jacobs

**Excused**

Rick Mayfield  
Jerry Stevenson  
Gary Harter  
Sheldon Killpack  
Brad Dee  
Colleen Johnson  
Lane Beattie  
Ann Millner  
Charlie Precourt

**Approval of Minutes**

Pat Condon made a motion that the UDA Board minutes for December 21, 2009, be approved. Dave Tanzi seconded the motion followed by a unanimous vote to accept the minutes as presented.

**Financial Report**

Both the Statement of Changes in Financial Position and the Statement of Financial Position, as of December 31, 2009, were thoroughly reviewed. With the Barnes Bank closure, all UDA funds will be moved to the Bank of Utah and new signature cards will be signed.

Tage Flint made a motion to accept the financial reports as presented. Commissioner Jan Zogmaister seconded the motion followed by a unanimous vote to accept the financial reports.

John Peterson reported that the audit should be finished soon. The auditor just has some finalizing to do and then the audit will be complete.

### **Hill Environmental Impact Study**

The dates for the F-35 Basing Scoping meetings were shared with the group. UDA members were encouraged to attend if possible. Valerie Burke, who was also in attendance, was representing the Hill Air Force Base Public Affairs Office and is on the local Air Force EIS Support Team.

The time was turned over to Dave Jett. Dave is a member of the F-35 Operational Beddown EIS Contracting Team. He mentioned his team had just completed the Marine Corp basing for the F-35b model which was the first successful national environmental action signed with a record of decision. He mentioned that F-35 pilots were supposed to have been trained in Eglin, but because of issues, that had been delayed.

Instead of implementing the original EIS, the Air Force is proposing a supplemental EIS that would base 59 F-35's instead of 160. It is hoped that this will be more agreeable in the communities. The training command is initiating its own EIS for training squadrons. There will be operational wings and training wings. Hill Air Force Base is only being looked at for an operational wing. Every two (2) years, until the 2025 build out has been completed, there will be another list of bases that will be considered for F-35 basing. There is no guarantee that the bases on the first beddown list that are not selected will be considered for the next round.

The main purposes for the scoping meetings are for the EIS Team to educate the public and to begin collecting public data. Scoping meetings help diminish claims against the projects and help build public rapport. Dave mentioned the EIS Team would be contacting community leaders requesting current and accurate demographic data. This information is required as part of the extensive analysis, and all were encouraged to cooperate and provide the data requested.

The EIS report will be divided into chapters. The first section will deal with the purpose, the need and the description of the proposal. Hill Air Force Base will have an extensive review chapter all its own that will examine such things as resources, air quality, infrastructure, environment, and about anything else that can be named.

The EIS review could be considered as a reverse BRAC. BRAC removed things; EIS is putting things in place. Special care must be given to avoid any unintended negative perceptions to the project as negative perceptions often can become a reality through the process. The most current and accurate information is needed for this review. Before information is released, it should be carefully scrutinized. All were cautioned about talking about the project with the press. Care must be taken to ensure things are not blown out of proportion.

The Congressional Office can obtain the scoring data that was used in the list selection. It may be advantageous to review that information to see what can be corrected or improved on. It will also provide competitive information on the other bases.

The EIS Team is following a condensed schedule that will take approximately fourteen (14) months to complete. The first stage is where public meetings are held to educate the public and to collect comments and data. This stage will be completed by the middle of March. All data and other information will be compiled by mid-March and will then be reviewed by resource analysts.

The EIS Team will return with their findings and data comparison in the summer. When they return with the document, the 1,000 page document will be available for review. Comments on the findings will be formally accepted and recorded during an Air Force Exchange. After the review, the documents will be updated and sent to Air Force leadership and lawyers for review.

It is anticipated that a record of decision will be made in February 2011. The basing decisions will be made by the Air Force's Chief of Staff and the Vice Commander of the ACC will make the final announcement.

The timeline is critical. No matter which base or bases are selected, construction will be required and will take approximately one and a half (1 ½) to two (2) years.

From Dave's perspective, Hill Air Force Base has an advantage as it already has plans in place, and is fortunate to have community planners and good infrastructure. Once a selection is made, it will be the base's responsibility to get everything prepared and in place.

Each full base being considered will be judged using three (3) scenarios—basing for 24, 48 or 72 F-35's. The two (2) Guard units will use basing for 18 or 24 F-35's. It is unknown how the Shaw/McEntire installation will be reviewed. Complete data sets for all possible scenarios will be produced for each base.

The UDA Board made a pledge to assist the process by doing what each member could do to influence the public and bring the F-35's to Hill Air Force Base. It was the general consensus that a compilation of letters of support from elected officials would be an advantageous move. Dave told the group that during the Scoping Meetings, often, only letters of non-support or controversial issues are the only things reported. Letters pledging community support and partnerships, especially on sensitive issues such as land use, potential noise, additional traffic and transportation, would greatly enhance Hill Air Force Bases' position. He mentioned that letters from elected officials carry a lot of weight especially if they indicate support to get the job done.

Valerie Burke will be the UDA point of contact. Letters will be collected and given to Valerie, and she will present them to the EIS Team. Letters must be submitted before March 1, 2010. If a UDA member thinks of someone or a group that was not discussed during the meeting, they were asked to make the contact and encourage support.

Dave reported that the first Scoping Meeting had been held on Tuesday, January 19, 2010. The tone was very positive, and he had not received any negative reports. The media had been present and had covered the event showing a favorable response.

The public perception is that the issue is all about the noise. The noise is just the hot button. There are other issues that UDA needs to be aware of. The Federal regulations for air quality are a real challenge for Utah. The process to improve the air quality has already begun, and it is going to require cooperation from both State and Federal leaders.

All were encouraged to attend the Scoping Meeting that evening at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Assignments**

Steve Rush suggested a list of contacts and phone numbers be compiled for the EIS Team. Steve will also talk to Brad Dee about sponsoring a legislative resolution.

Pat Condon will craft some talking points that can be used as letters are created. Peter will review them and will get them sent out.

Commissioner Louenda Downs and Mayor Don Wood agreed to talk to the Council of Government leaders. Commissioner Louenda Downs will also talk to Mayor Corroon.

Vickie McCall will be in charge of obtaining letters from non-government associations.

Wilf Sommerkorn will talk to Mayor Becker and ask for his support. Since Mayor Becker is chair of the Wasatch Front Regional Council, Wilf will talk to him about obtaining letters of support from them.

President Peter Jenks will obtain letters from the Governor and the Congressional Committee.

Beverley Jacobs will electronically send F-35 information to all Board members.

**Updates****- Falcon Hill Project**

Ron Richins reported that MIDA is waiting for a signature from the Air Force. After the Air Force signature is obtained, a lease will be signed for the Northrop Grumman building and construction and roadwork will begin.

**- Air Force Hotel/Recreation Project**

The RFP for the Air Force Resort is out and the proposal deadline was January 20<sup>th</sup>. Bid presentations are slated for February 3<sup>rd</sup>. It is hoped that a selection will be made quickly so work can begin.

**- NSA Project**

Rick Mayfield and Jerry Stevenson had asked to be excused from the UDA Board Meeting as they, accompanied by Stuart Adams and Paul Morris, were briefing the Governor on the NSA project.

The NSA project at Camp Williams is going to be a sole source IDIQ contract with MIDA. MIDA will be providing the utilities to the fence. NSA hopes to have a final contract with MIDA by the end of January as they would like to have MIDA's portion of the project completed by July 2011. LSI and PTAC are assisting MIDA with the government contracting.

In the near future, MIDA will be asked to make a full report on their projects.

**- Western Regional Partnership**

For the past ten (10) years, UDA has supported the Southwest Defense Alliance (SWDA). The purpose of the SWDA is to sustain test and training resources in the six (6) southwestern states. Recently, a new partnership, the Western Regional Partnership (WRP), has been formed. This new partnership is championed by the Department of Defense Range Stability Office and supported by the Western Governors Association, federal agencies and local governments. The objective of the WRP is for the sustainment of ranges and other coordinated activities in the five (5) western states.

Mart Bushnell has been attending their meetings as the UDA representative. In their meetings, they have addressed such issues as energy coordination among the southwestern states and land use. These are issues, and others they will be addressing, have an impact on the Utah test and training ranges.

**Other Business**

The CE Programmers Summit annual ice breaker will be held on Wednesday, February 10, 2010. This event will be held at the Hill Air Force Base Museum and will start at 6:00 p.m. The ice

breaker is held in conjunction with the CE Programmers Conference which brings in the top Civil Engineers from all over the country to Hill Air Force Base. Board members were encouraged to participate in this event.

Ron Kusina made a motion to appropriate \$3,000 for the CE Programmers Summit Ice Breaker. Dave Tanzi seconded the motion followed by a unanimous vote to approve funding the Ice Breaker.

**Next Meeting**

There will be no UDA Board Meeting in February. The next UDA Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 17, 2010.

At approximately 9:30 a.m. Commissioner Louenda Downs made a motion to adjourn. John Matthews seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.