

The Utah Defense Alliance Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at 7:30 a.m. at the Weber Basin Water District Headquarters, Layton, Utah. President Peter Jenks conducted the meeting.

<u>Visitors/Staff</u>	Special Guest
Ron Richins	Congressman Rob Bishop
John Peterson	
Detlef Galke	Excused
	Pat Condon
	Jerry Stevenson
	Kent Sulser
	Vickie McCall
	Ron Richins John Peterson

Jan Zogmaister Colleen Johnson Steve Curtis

Wilf Sommerkorn

#### Welcome

Peter Jenks welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. It was noted that Congressman Bishop would be present at the meeting and the Board should feel free to ask him any questions.

# **Approval of Minutes**

Rick Mayfield explained that through the transition of losing the administrative assistant for MIDA/UDA we were unable to find any prior minutes and have them available for approval at this meeting. Ron Richins reminded the Board of items that had been approved at the last meeting. If the minutes are located they will be presented. There was a motion to note that the minutes from the prior meeting were missing, the vote was unanimous.

### Financial Report

John Peterson was asked to review the items on the 2010-11 budget. Tage Flint explained that this budget represents approximately a \$50,000 deficit. We do, however, have a \$528,000 reserve. Commissioner Downs asked if the travel is justified and if it could be reduced in the budget. The finance committee will take the next year to look at revenues and expenses and

suggest a long term plan as part of next years' budget.

Tage motioned to accept the 2010-11 budget, Commissioner Downs 2<sup>nd</sup> and the vote was unanimous.

#### **LSI Contract Approval**

Ron Richins noted that he had copies of the LSI Contract which are available for those who would like one. The changes made were contract dates, July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. We contract with GOED for \$1,000,000 as shown in the budget, and then we contract with LSI for consulting services for \$960,000. Those amounts are dictated by GOED. Commissioner Downs asked what the difference in the LSI contract was from last year. Ron responded the difference to be \$60,000. UDA was allocated \$40,000. The final termination of contract date change was July 1, 2011.

It was noted that KoriAnn Edwards received a promotion and has moved to LSI main office and Mike Newton has now replaced her at the local LSI office.

Steve Curtis made the motion to accept the new contract as written, Ken Warnick second the motion and the board vote was unanimous.

### **Washington DC Update**

Congressman Rob Bishop presented the current Washington DC update. He noted it is proposed that \$100 billion be taken out of the defense budget next year. He mentioned that the F35 will go forward because there is no other option, and the impact will be to scale back the amount made each year. He does not think there is a possibility of another BRAC because of the last go around, and he feels that Hill is in great shape. Commissioner Downs questioned the reasoning in the \$100 billion reduction and what was driving it. Congressman Bishop mentioned Secretary Gates wanting to put more money into the war effort without taking more out of other areas. The only area the government wants to cut spending is in the military. Secretary Gates and the non-military CIA feel that the vision to the future is to go to an unmanned air craft. He mentioned that there is a limited support in the current congress for the Air Force. There is an effort to put different military groups on the same base to solidify the position with regard to BRAC.

Commissioner Downs asked, "Where is Hill with regards to its place in an ongoing viable role and active base for the new F-35 mission". Congressman Bishop said that Hill is a valuable base because it has multiple missions, community support, target range and able to train in all kinds of weather. In general, Hill has a bright future. Commissioner Downs said that there are a lot of issues, so as UDA and Lobbyists, what should we be lobbying for or against? Congressman Bishop said we should position ourselves to be flexible for issues that arise, and get community support. UDA has success with the East Gate and Falcon Hill, be prepared to fight MILCON at the appropriate time. The main focus should be with community support. Commissioner Downs said that UDA needs to know the issues in order to champion the cause. Peter Jenks noted that if we get the F35, there will be a need to update the facilities at Hill. Peter Jenks mentioned that Hill should get three squadrons of

F35's. The question was asked if the cuts would be a detriment to our national security. There are those asking the question, why not build the F16 at a cheaper cost. The response was that the Chinese and the Russians are building better air craft and it is in our best interest to build the F35.

The question was asked about Dugway, and it was noted that Dugway needs improvement work and has the possibility of growing in the near future.

Peter Jenks thanked Congressman Bishop for his time and insightful discussion.

#### **Travel Reports**

There was discussion concerning specific travel that was being done by members of UDA i.e.: Vickie McCall, Steve Rush, and the Southwest Defense Alliance as well as upcoming travel requests. No one was available to discuss their travel. Commissioner Downs questioned the nature of the travel and if it could be reduced in the budget. Peter Jenks suggested that in the future the cost of the travel could be paid in part by the individual. Sometimes it is a good thing to do, but how many times is the travel really necessary? Commissioner Downs asked what the return on the investment of the travel was. Ron mentioned that there really was not a tracking mechanism to measure that return. There are times when we are just building on an existing relationship and it is hard to assess the value of those trips. Tage Flint suggested that we need more travel accountability and purpose. The suggestion was made that others needed to be involved and could do an equally good job. Peter suggested that we take a look at the effectiveness of what we are doing. He also mentioned that there might be some type of private fund raising, funds that would not impact the budget as much as it does now in the non-BRAC-years. Tage Flint and Ron Richens as well as the finance committee would review the travel and make recommendations.

#### **Updates**

Falcon Hill: Rick Mayfield announced the ground breaking ceremony for building 1575 to be next Wednesday and the thought was that MIDA and MIDA support staff as well as the UDA Board would be getting invitations. MIDA has regular weekly meetings with the developer of the project and they were alarmed as to why no invitations were given out to our groups. It was noted that some of the Board members did receive notification. If UDA Board Members would like to participate, MIDA would try to get invitations for them. The developer is moving along rapidly, and they also may have interest from out-of-state companies to build additional buildings. Peter Jenks gave cudos to all that had a part and helped to make Falcon Hill a success. Rick mentioned all that were involved including Senator Hatch, Senator Bennett, Congressman Bishop and others. MIDA has pioneered the EUL for the rest of the country. Things are moving and the developer has mentioned that there are others getting excited to be part of this program.

**UDC Project:** Rick Mayfield talked about the Utah Data Center (UDC) in that MIDA had

signed an IDIQ contract with the NSA and that a lot of what Bob Gates was doing has affected the paring down of a \$70 Million contract to approximately \$20 Million contract. MIDA made the first milestone of October 1, 2010 and is meeting milestones and completing work on time. We have direct responsibility to bring in temporary power, sewer line and culinary water utilities to the project site. All of which are expected to be done September 30, 2011. Everything is on schedule, even though this is a very intense project it is a tremendous opportunity to do this work. Ron Richins did mention that we have weekly meetings with the MPO in order to cover all of the needed details. It is not uncommon that we receive calls late in the evening to complete items in a very short period of time. MIDA is able to respond quickly and get the job done. The MIDA Board was taken on a bus tour that was narrated by Tom Noonan and Matt Boren of the NSA. The NSA gave MIDA a great deal of credit and recognition on the bus tour for the outstanding work MIDA was doing. It was a great accomplishment, as they do not freely give out praises for work done.

<u>Air Force Hotel:</u> We are still in negotiations with Park City and Summit County to purchase the triangle piece of property that will help us develop the Hotel. Rick is in constant contact with the Air Force, and the estimate is that it will be about six years before the hotel will be built.

## **Other Business**

Peter Jenks noted that he received a letter of resignation from Mart Bushnell and General Mathews whose terms end at the end of 2010. Peter thanked them for the great amount of work done on behalf of UDA. The effective date of resignation was the date of their letters. It was suggested that thank you letters be sent for the service they rendered throughout the years.

Commissioner Downs requested a list of UDA members. Rick mentioned that the annual meeting will be next month where new officers and members will be selected. The updated list will be issued after that meeting.

Peter Jenks mentioned that Dugway and Tooele, are beginning to take shape and that changes at Dugway are taking place every day. Rick Mayfield mentioned that UDA not only has responsibility with Hill Air Force Base, but with all other areas of the state.

Peter Jenks suggested that it might be appropriate to send a letter of thanks and a token of appreciation to Senator Bennett for all his support. It was also suggested that a small group get together to visit Senator Bennett.

Commissioner Downs made the motion to write a letter and give a token of appreciation, Tage Flint second. The vote of the Board was unanimous.

Steve Curtis mentioned ATK had additional plans to continue and that Falcon Hill is causing a trickle-down affect about the project in generating quite a bit of interest in the Clearfield area.

Ken Warnick mentioned that Jerry Stevenson had asked him to be on the selection committee for new members and officers and that things were under way. It was suggested that the annual meeting notice get out as soon as possible.

There will be no meeting in December.

Ken Warnick presented the motion to adjourn the meeting and the vote was unanimous.