

## **Minutes of the Utah Defense Alliance Annual Meeting**

**Held November 18, 2015 @ 7:30am**

**At the Weber Basin Water Conservancy Board Room**

1. Welcome Board Members and Guests: Tage Flint
2. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes for the Board Meeting held on August 19, 2015: Motion to approve: Mark Shepherd, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shawn Milne, the vote was unanimous.
3. Continuation of Board Members with Expiring Terms -- Board Action: Members with expiring 3yr terms and that have expressed a desire to continue on the UDA Board: Tage Flint, Kevin Sullivan, Mike Bouwhuis, Gary Harter, Jerry Stevenson, Brad Dee, Kerry Gibson, Mike Jensen, Collette Mercier. Motion to approve renewed terms of the names put forth beginning on the first day of the fiscal year 2016: Pat Condon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bob Stevenson, the vote was unanimous.
4. Election of Board Officers -- Board Action: Persons presented as officers of the Utah Defense Alliance: Tage Flint-President/CEO, Kevin Sullivan-Executive Director/COO, Steve Rush-Vice President, Gary Harter-Vice President, Mike Bouwhuis-Treasurer, Detlef Galke-Secretary. Motion to approve the officers of the Utah Defense Alliance as presented: Vickie McCall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pat Condon, the vote was unanimous.
5. Appointment of Finance Committee -- Board Action: The following persons were put forth to serve on the Finance Committee of the Utah Defense Alliance: Mike Bouwhuis, Chairman, Tage Flint, Detlef Galke, Peter Jenks, Kevin Sullivan. Motion to accept the persons named to serve on the Finance Committee of the Utah Defense Alliance: Bob Stevenson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Shawn Milne, the vote was unanimous.
6. 2016 Proposed Meeting Schedule -- The dates proposed for the 2016 UDA Board Meetings: February 17, 2016, May 18, 2016-Annual Meeting with Budget Review, August 17, 2016 November 16, 2016. It was proposed that the annual meeting/budget review be held in May 2016 in able to comply with state regulations. Motion to approve the annual meeting schedule as presented with the recommended changes of the Annual Meeting to take place in May and that scheduled meetings are consistent with the Utah Defense Alliance bylaws: Gary Harter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Randy Tymofichuk, the vote was unanimous.
7. UDA 2016 Budget -- The final 2016 budget was presented to the Board. It was noted that the \$250,000 for the Hill Air Force Software Design Work has already been contracted and paid to MIDA as per the board approval in a previous UDA Board meeting. The IT support amount included monies to have Xmission provide update work on the UDA website. The budget also includes money for a required audit to be done by the auditing firm of Christensen Palmer and Ambrose PC which will take place in the early part of 2016. Motion to approve the 2016 Budget: Mike Bouwhuis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Randy Tymofichuk, the vote was unanimous.
8. Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission Update -- The majority of the meetings have dealt with Veterans issues such as counseling programs for returning veterans, hospitals and housing. There are a lot of people that are doing a lot of great volunteer work for our veterans. On the military side there are discussions about making military retirees exempt from State income taxes which would have a direct economic impact and attract more of the retirees to choose Utah as their place to retire. It was noted that the majority of retirees are retiring at an early age and still have career potential because of

their skills and it is important to attract these individuals to stay in the State of Utah. There are 23 states that have similar programs and are competing for retirees. There will need to be marketing efforts to let military retirees know about Utah and the benefits of retiring there. There are also ongoing discussions regarding payday lenders, death benefits and associated items as they relate to veterans.

9. Utah Executive Military Advisory Committee Update – By executive order the Governor has established an Executive Military Advisory Committee for the purpose of having a consistent approach to military matters across the State. The Lieutenant Governor will chair the committee of which members will include: Adjutant General of the National Guard, Executive Director of the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs, Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Economic Development, Executive Director of the Utah Governor’s Office of Management and Budget, Executive Director of the Utah Department of Workforce Services, Utah Defense Alliance, select members of the Utah business community and other members appointed by the Governor.

10. Hill AFB Software Facility -- \$250,000 has been transferred to MIDA for the design work for the new software facility. Paul Morris has put together a great business plan and potential funding presentation regarding the software facility and has presented it to members of the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs as well as members of the Governor’s Office of Economic Development.

11. Economic Impact Study – The study is off and running. There is a lot of interest in this particular study and the information that it will provide as it relates to the needed support for our military in the State of Utah. The study will also include the “what happens to Hill Air Force Base” which was included in the previous study.

12. AF Chief of Staff Visit to Utah – The visit of General Mark Welsh II for 2 ½ days was very positive. It was noted that it is unprecedented for him to stay that length of time at any one location. The Chief attended meetings with the Governor, National Guard, Hill Air Force leadership as well as other organizations and his meetings at the facilities were very positive as some of the issues he discussed were the move of the Guard to Hill Air Force Base as well as some of the issues surrounding civilian hiring issues to mention a few. Zions Bank hosted a dinner for the Chief and his wife which was a very positive experience. All in all it was a very important and visit for the State of Utah.

13. Other Business as Needed – The DGRC move is now going to happen and Tooele Army Depot is back on the table as a place to relocate. Tooele is preparing a business case analysis and comparing it to Anniston Army Depot, Red River Army Depot as well as McAlester Army Ammunition Base which are due for review December 4, 2015. Tooele has facilities that will need renovation but will not need MILCON funds for new construction. It was also noted that Tooele is appreciative of having a voice with UDA and items that can be worked on together.

The Utah National Guard has been able to acquire additional BLM land to expand their facilities. There will be a new 40 million dollar Special Forces Armory built with 100% federal funding.

It was suggested to have a future UDA meeting at Camp Williams to see everything new that is happening there. Tooele Army Depot is also willing to make available a tour of their facilities. MIDA is currently in discussion with Tooele regarding various projects such as energy development as well as business community development. There are many possibilities for the development of the Depot.

There have been discussions regarding the UTTR and issues concerning landowners and their concerns about the range. There are efforts in process to ensure that issues concerning the UTTR are in the

forefront of discussions. The UDA will reach out to Kathy Ferguson with the Roosevelt Group who is very familiar with base relocation and land use issues and discuss some of these concerns.

Motion to adjourn: Mark Shepherd

Those Attending: Tage Flint, Kevin Sullivan, Ron Richins, Mike Bouwhuis, Randy Tymofichuk, Pat Condon, Vickie McCall, Weston Saunders, John Petroff, Peter Jenks, Brian Tarbet, Brian Garrett, Steve Rush, Bob Stevenson, Gary Harter, Shawn Milne, Mark Shepherd, Steve Hiatt, Ted Frederick, Sandy Kester, Ryan Wilcox, Aaron Drake, Roger McCreery, Kathy Anderson, David Ayala, Kathy Andersen, Detlef Galke,

Excused: Jerry Stevenson, Hugo Horstman, Collett Mercier.