



Utah Defense Alliance, Inc.

Minutes of the Utah Defense Alliance Board

Held June 3, 2015 @ 7:30am

At the Weber Basin Water Conservancy Board Room

1. Welcome Board Members and Guests: Tage Flint
2. Approval of the Meeting Minutes for the Board Meeting held on February 18, 2015: Motion to approve: Mike Bouwhuis, 2nd Mark Shepherd, the vote was unanimous.
3. **Funding for Software Facility Design:** Last year in the Legislature there was an initiative to try and get some funding for a Software and Maintenance Facility at Hill Air Force Base. The software work at HAFB is growing exponentially and it was noted that two major challenges exist: 1) Hiring new engineers and 2) Not enough space. MIDA was considered to participate in funding for the initial design work on the new software facility but since MIDA has never received any legislative funding and has no money to fund this work Senator Stevenson suggested that the initial funding come from the Utah Defense Alliance through MIDA in the amount of \$250,000. The alternative proposal was that the amount would be taken out of the ongoing funding for UDA. The final resolution is that the UDA will still receive the ongoing \$650,000 and this one time funding is well within the UDA budget. Motion that MIDA will request funding in writing for UDA to give MIDA \$250,000 for the purposes stated with the stipulation that MIDA will provide a quarterly update: Pat Condon, 2nd Mark Shepherd, Gary Harter Recused from the vote, the vote was unanimous
4. Status Report on Economic Impact Study: There was an initial Economic Impact Study done in 2004-2005 for the UDA that looked at the economic impact of closing Hill Air Force Base. It was decided a couple of years ago to update the study to not only look at the impact on Weber and Davis County but also look at the impact on all Military installations in the State and to include the Guard and Reserve and also look at the effect on the Defense industry as a whole in the State. It was decided to go back to the University of Utah who had done the initial study, with a new RFQ for the new information that the UDA would like them to do. UDA has previously budgeted \$60,000 for the study. The University of Utah came back with a proposal to do the work for \$225,000 for a much expanded study. In a meeting with Natalie Gochnour from the University it was agreed that the UDA would pay approximately \$112,000 and use other contractors that would benefit from the study to participate in the cost. To date UDA has received approximately \$10,000 from others. At present it is thought that UDA would need to make a larger contribution and it will take longer to do the study than originally thought. Motion to give the UDA Executive Director and UDA President authority to work with the University of Utah and come up with a price not to exceed \$225,000 or less for the study with various scales and scopes: Mark Shepherd, 2nd Vickie McCall, the vote was unanimous

5. Review of UDA trip to Washington DC: Ten members of the UDA Board were able to go to Washington DC and meet individually with Congressman Stewart, Congressman Bishop and Senator Lee then collectively the group met with the delegation absent of Congressman Chaffetz in Senator Hatch's office. Congressman Love was very engaged and expressed interest in what the UDA does with the military in the State of Utah. The group along with Congressman Bishop and Stewart went to the Pentagon and met with the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. The group also met with senior leadership of the Reserve Command and Air National Guard. Items discussed were moving the 151st Guard Unit to HAFB and the 419th and their value to the State of Utah. It was noted that the Department keeps pushing for a BRAC but that there was push back from Congress. Congressman Bishop indicated that there was sentiment and Congress would have to do something about it sometime and best guess is it could happen in the 2017-2019 timeframe. Some of the issues discussed included: 1) Activation of the 388th 2) What happens to the F-16 3) Issues with F-16 maintainers. Meetings were held with several contractors that were interested in doing business in Utah as part of the economic development effort. They do not have any manufacturing contracts in place yet but continue to show interest in locating Utah.
6. AFSC Commander Change: Soon to be Lt. Gen Lee K. Levy II will be the new Air Force Sustainment Commander. Gen Levy is committed to continue the relationship that has been developed with General Litchfield.
7. Dugway Tour: June 30, 2015 has been selected to tour Dugway and will likely take all day. The tour will be in conjunction with the Military Affairs Committee tour.
8. Other Business:
 - a) Ron Richins requested that there be a discussion about organizing a new Finance Committee and getting new signature cards at the bank as well as other finance matters.
 - b) The UDA has been invited to tour Camp Williams at a time to still be determined.
 - c) There are some positive discussions regarding the move of the rail shop from HAFB.
 - d) Congressman Bishop is working on language for the House dealing with the sage grouse on the UTTR.

1. UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

June 17 and 18, Focus on Defense Forum and Utah AEF Charity Golf Tournament

August 19, UDA Board Meeting

September 8, Commander's Cup Golf Tournament

November 18, UDA Annual Board Meeting

2. Motion to adjourn: Hugh Horstman

Those in attendance: Shawn Milne, Mike Bouwhuis, Mark Shepherd, Ron Richins, Kevin Sullivan, Tage Flint, Gary Harter, Kerry Gibson, Steve Hiatt, Mike Jensen, Vicki McCall, Weston Saunders, Peter Jenks, Jordan Giles, Brian Tarbet, Sandy Kester, Pat Condon, Hugh Horstman, Detlef Galke
Excused: Steve Rush, Jerry Stevenson