

**Women's State Legislative Council
General Session Meeting Minutes
Copper Room – Senate Office Building
Wednesday, February 11, 2015**

Call to Order

Kari Malkovich called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon and welcomed those in attendance. She also welcomed past president Kitty Kaplan. Keri asked that members return the general interest forms to the Nominating Committee, indicating your interest in offices and committees for upcoming elections.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as written

Inspirational Thought Michelle Scharf

Pledge Gay Lynn Bennion

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the previous meeting February 4, 2015 were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report

Shannon Jacobs reported a checking account balance as of February 11, 2015 of \$2,815.20. Income for this period was \$128.00 and expenses at this time were \$43.61 leaving an ending balance of \$2,899.59. Zion's Gold Money Market had \$1.38 as additional interest and an ending balance of \$13,952.07.

Membership Report

Shauna Scott-Bellacomo reported 6 new members for a total today of 108 members

**General Session under the direction of the Natural Resources, Environment and
Agriculture Legislative Study Committee**

Gay Lynn Bennion Director
Amelia Powers & Donna Stevenson, Co-Chairs

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Federal Lands Transfer to the State of Utah

Rep. Ken Ivory @ District 47 discussed his recommendations for the transfer of Federal lands to Utah and cited PILT, Payments In Lieu of Taxes, Wildfires, and decreasing revenue from royalties on mining, but possible increased revenue from Oil and drilling once the land is transferred. He also said National Parks are off the table in these discussions.

John Ruple, Research Fellow, Wallace Stegner Center for Land, Resources and The Environment, University of Utah Law School cited the law in previous states for land transfers, which fell under flooded land projects. He also provided information on Utah, from a territory to statehood and how agreements were made with Federal Government on land divisions, including those of reservations. He also provided research into The Enabling Act which is part of Utah's Constitution.

Heather Bennett, founding member of For Kids and Lands, President, Board of Education, Salt Lake City Schools provided statistics, for original school monies, how funds are transferred, and proposed cuts by the legislature on these amounts. Urged voters to think long term.

Following the above presentations, President Kari Malkovich announced the next order of business is the consideration of the two resolutions put forth by members of the Energy/Natural Resources/Environment & Agriculture Legislative Study Committee. We have two resolutions on the same subject, one supporting the transfer and one opposing the transfer. The by-laws require a 2/3 vote of the members in attendance provided we have a quorum, and by a count of hands, we do, to pass a resolution.

The Chair recognized Amelia Powers, Co Chair the committee to move on the first Resolution, supporting the transfer of lands. Motion is made and seconded to adopt the resolution titled Resolution Supporting the Transfer of Public Lands to the State of Utah.

The Chair recognized GayLynn Bennion to make a motion to Substitute. It is moved and seconded to substitute the Resolution titled Resolution in Opposition to 2012 HB 148 Transfer of Public Lands Act for the resolution opposing the transfer.

At this time, discussions were held, first on the Resolution to Transfer Lands, and also to Amend the first resolution. There were no amendments to the Resolution.

Then discussions were held on the Resolution in Opposition to 2012 HB 148 Transfer to Public Lands Act. There were no amendments on this Resolution.

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At this time, the council was asked to vote on the motion to substitute the resolution titled Resolution in Opposition to 2012 HB 148 Transfer of Public Lands Act. If this vote passes with a majority vote it will replace the resolution supporting the transfer of public land titled Resolution Supporting the Transfer of Public Lands to the State of Utah As a further direction, voting in favor of this motion means you only want to consider the resolution to opposing the transfer of public lands and voting against this motion means you want to vote the resolution supporting the transfer of public lands.

There being a majority in the affirmative, the resolution opposing the transfer of public land is now the main resolution.

Council was now asked to vote in favor of the Resolution to opposing the transfer of public lands .All those opposed to the Resolution were then asked to vote. There being less than a 2/3 vote in favor of the Resolution the proposed Resolution is lost.

Adjourn

Jean Davies

Recording Secretary