

## BEAR RIVER (UTAH) [109]

### TOWN BOARD MINUTES, 1886-ongoing

**DESCRIPTION:** The minutes of the Bear River City town board summarize the meetings held by the town's governing body. The board consists of a president (sometimes referred to as a mayor) and four trustees or board members, who are responsible for exercising the community's legislative and executive powers (see Utah Code, Unannotated, 1991, 10-3-101). The board is responsible for appointing town officers, levying taxes and passing city ordinances. The Bear River town board met monthly to carry out these responsibilities and to discuss community affairs. Matters relating to irrigation dominated this discussion for many decades. The minutes document the board's discussion of appointments for town offices and their discussion of problems which came up, such as cattle roaming in the streets or delinquent water taxes. The board planned new developments such as paving the streets or installing a sewer system. They discussed the maintenance of town property such as the cemetery and the park. In later years the board approved things like boy scout projects or community events at the park. In 1998 they approved the land management and development code.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Minutes are arranged chronologically.

**RESEARCH NOTE:** Book 1 begins with a copy of the ordinances of the Bear River Town Corporation as established in 1886. These are followed by amending ordinances passed over the next ten years. Almost all relate to irrigation. The town board revised all ordinances and made another copy in 1898. Subsequent statutes passed between 1898 and 1903 follow. Town board minutes, commencing with 1886 come after these ordinances in Book 1.

**RELATED RECORDS:** Series 22124, ORDINANCES, contain ordinances approved by the town board. Series 23591, CODIFIED ORDINANCES, contain Bear River city ordinances or

code as published in 1906. In 1998 the town board approved the LAND MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CODE, series 23354.

**PROCESSING NOTE:** Bear River town board minutes were microfilmed by Utah State Archives in Aug 1992 and Nov 2000, and were processed by Rosemary Cundiff in February 2001.

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**GAPS:** Even though the minutes do not include Book 2, there is no apparent time gap.

### **CONTAINER LIST**

<b>Reel</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	1886-Jul 1947 (Book 1)
1	Oct 1947-Apr 1975 (Book 3)
1	Jun 1975-Dec1987 (Book 4)
1	Jan 1988-Jul 1992 (Book 5)
2	Jul 1992-Sep1997
3	Oct 1997-Nov 2000