

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

**BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD**

December 8, 2009, 6:00 p.m.  
Benton County Justice Center  
Kennewick, WA

**Board Members Present**

Bert Lake, Chair  
Hank Sauer, Secretary/Treasurer  
Skip Gest, Vice Chair  
Rick Kilgore, Member  
Marilyn Hyde, Member  
Donna Raines, Member

**Benton County Employees**

Adam Fyall  
Cami McKenzie (absent - ill)

**Board Members Absent**

Kathye Kilgore, Member (excused - ill)

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chair Bert Lake called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. and roll call was taken.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**Approval of Minutes**

The November 2009 Minutes were approved.

**Reports to the Board**

Written reports were previously provided to the Board.

### **Lease Renewal - Rattlesnake Mtn. Shooting Facility**

Mr. Fyall updated the Board on the status of the lease renewal between Benton County and the TCSA stating the target date for action by the Board of Commissioners was December 28.

### **Weapons in Parks - Update**

Mr. Fyall said he had investigated park signage regarding weapons, discussed the issue with the Prosecutor, and determined there were not any conflicts with park rules/signage and patrons' constitutional rights regarding firearms. Adam noted he had also talked with the newspaper and now considered the matter closed.

### **Project Updates**

Mr. Fyall updated the Board on the following projects:

- Purchase of new acreage on the south side of Badger Mountain
- Upcoming work party at Meacham Hall
- Continued work on the Badger Mountain Management and Master Plan

### **Horse Heaven Rim Trail - Letter to BLM**

Mr. Fyall presented a draft letter to BLM seeking formal recognition of the "Horse Heaven Rim Trail" along the crest of the Horse Heaven Hills between Webber Canyon and McBee Road. Chair Lake gave further background and the Board agreed to send the letter.

Chair Lake indicated this was his final meeting as the chair and he made note of various projects completed in the past two years and those currently underway.

### **Adjournment**

The guests and board members gave closing comments and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in January 2010.