

## SUMMARY MINUTES

### BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

January 8, 2013, 6:30 p.m.  
Benton County Justice Center  
Kennewick, WA

#### Board Members Present

Richard Nordness, Chair  
Bert Lake, Vice-Chair  
Michael Crowder - Secretary/Treasurer  
Hank Sauer, Member  
Skip Gest, Member  
Donna Raines, Member  
Diana Ruff, Member

#### Benton County Employees

Cami McKenzie  
Adam Fyall

#### Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Chair Richard Nordness called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call was taken.

#### Review & Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

#### Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of December 2012 were approved.

#### Chair Report

Chair Nordness said that Barker Ranch and Michael Crowder received an award for Wildlife Conservation Farmer of the Year.

#### Staff Report

Adam updated his written report to the Board as follows:

- Wind storm damage was pretty light for the Parks;
- Commissioner Jerome Delvin was appointed as alternate to the Park Board and he hoped to have representation at all meetings;
- Due to some money left in the Parks operating budget, he was able to stock up on some supplies and construction materials ;
- February meeting would be for strategic planning and wrapping up items like agreements, etc.;
- Park Rangers Mark Finkbeiner and Rich Hillmer were doing great and things were caught up at the parks;
- Both vehicles driven by the Park Rangers were up for replacement.

Adam said the Native Plant Society would give its annual report at the next meeting.

### **Annual Reports to the Board**

The following "Partners in Parks" gave their annual report to the Board:

- Backcountry Horsemen of Washington (Purple Sage Riders) - Vicky Clark
- Backcountry Horsemen of Washington (Rattlesnake Ridge Riders) - Linda Smith
- Friends of Badger Mountain - Sharon Grant
- Tapteal Greenway Association and Ridges to Rivers presentation - Scott Woodward
- Tri-City Miniature Aircraft Association - Clark Hymas
- Tri-City Shooting Association - Mark Verwest

### **2013 Park Board Calendar**

The Board reviewed the proposed 2013 calendar and approved it as presented. It was mentioned that if partners wanted to have joint meetings with the Park Board (as previously done with Tri-City Shooting Association) they should approach the Board.

### **Adjournment**

The guests and board members gave closing comments and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be the second Tuesday in February at the Benton County Justice Center.