

## SUMMARY MINUTES

### BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

October 14, 2014, 6:30 p.m.  
Benton County Justice Center  
Kennewick, WA

#### Board Members Present

Richard Nordness, Chair  
Bert Lake, Vice-Chair  
Diana Ruff, Secretary/Treasurer  
Donna Raines, Member  
John Becker, Member  
Michael Crowder, Member  
Robin Emmingham, Member

#### Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall  
Cami McKenzie  
Commissioner Jim Beaver

#### 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 of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

#### Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of September, 2014 were approved as submitted.

#### Chair Report

Chair Nordness reported on the following:

- Joint Parks Board meeting hosted by Kennewick
- Wallula Gap tour
- November Park Board meeting cancellation

#### Staff Report

Adam Fyall updated his written report as follows:

- Calendar page of events on the website. He said he would send out a link and would start using that to calendar events at the parks.
- Received Corps of Engineers (Seattle permitting office) letter regarding boardwalk - stating no 404D permit needed for project.
- Working with Benton County Fire District 1 on the roadway into Hover to clear the roadway. The Corps was now involved; hopefully it would fall under maintenance.
- Brochure - one last look before Friday and then it was going to print; he wanted to include credits with the photos.
- Status of Priority Projects
  - Soft fall was ordered
  - RFP out for Meacham Hall Roof
  - Floats/Docks (nothing done)
  - Irrigation at Horn Rapids Park - they would only be working on the electrical rebuild at this time
  - Use Agreement on Barker Ranch - still trying to get a meeting with all the parties

### **Presentation - Conservation Futures Ballot Measure**

Sharon Grant updated the Board on the ballot measure and discussed the following:

- When poll was taken 54% initially said they would vote in favor
- Working hard on campaigning since August
- Cost was approximately \$12.50 for a \$200,000 house
- Endorsements
- If passed, money would be administered by County Commissioners and be transparent to voters

Michael Crowder talked about the public's confusion with the Conservation District and Conservation Futures. Commissioner Beaver said he would be meeting with Scott Woodward also to discuss some confusion regarding the issue.

### **Presentation - I-594 Ballot Measure - TCSA**

Mark Verwest discussed the problems with this Initiative and how it would affect the shooting range. He said the worst part was how it would regulate transfers (since they supplied the firearms for First Shots and

Adult and Hunter Education.) He provided a handout outlining the myths of I-594.

**Comments from Guests/Park Board Board/Adjournment**

The guests and park board members gave closing comments. Robin Emmingham said he would like to take the same approach that schools were taking toward swing sets (specifically at Two Rivers Park).

The November park board meeting was cancelled.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on the second Tuesday in December at the Justice Center.