

## SUMMARY MINUTES

### BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

January 13, 2015, 6:30 p.m.  
Benton County Justice Center  
Kennewick, WA

#### Board Members Present

Richard Nordness, Chair  
Bert Lake, Vice-Chair  
Michael Crowder - Member  
Donna Raines, Member  
Robin Emmingham, Member  
John Becker, Member

#### Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall  
Cami McKenzie  
Commissioner Beaver

#### Board Members Absent

Diana Ruff, Secretary/Treasurer - (Maternity Leave)

#### 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, 2014 were approved as submitted.

#### Chair Report

Chair Richard Nordness reported on the trip to the Walla Walla Corps of Engineers with Richard Hillmer and Adam Fyall.

#### Staff Report Update

Adam updated his written report as follows:

- Walla Walla trip - it was a good meeting; the Corps was interested in the breakwater option (long term), but the County needed to do something in 2015; Adam would start on the formal application process for the dock and the breakwater option
  - Adam indicated there were some contractors that were currently working on docks so this would be a good time to look into that option; the Board agreed it wanted to do something to make sure the docks stayed open
- Horse Heaven Cemetery - Adam was contacted by some folks and they were interested in putting in a stone marker for family members; they were appreciative of the improvements that were made at the cemetery
- I-594 - Had a meeting with the Prosecuting Attorney and he did not express concern about what they were currently doing at the range; Mark Verwest agreed and that his impression was it would be "business as usual".

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

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

- Friends of Badger Mountain - Sharon Grant
- Native Plant Society - Columbia Basin Chapter - Micki Chamness
- Tri-Cities Shooting Association - John Hauptmann
- Taptal Greenway Association/Ridges to Rivers - Scott Woodward
- Backcountry Horsemen of Washington (Rattlesnake Ridge Riders) - Linda Smith
- Tri-City Miniature Aircraft Association - Clark Hymas

Adam said he spoke to Vicki Clark and she indicated the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington (Purple Sage Riders) club was doing well and she hoped to be back to the Park Board meetings soon.

### **February Park Board Meeting**

The February meeting was moved to February 3, 2015 since Adam was going to be gone during the regular scheduled meeting date.

### **Guest Comments/Poll of the Board/Adjournment**

The guests and Board members gave closing comments. Linda Smith asked about a current roster so she could contact board members and guests. Adam indicated he would update that and send out a copy.

With no further business to report, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be the first Tuesday in February at the Kennewick Justice Center.