

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

July 10, 2012
Benton County Justice Center
Kennewick, WA

Board Members Present

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

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall
Cami McKenzie

Board Members Absent - Excused

Skip Gest, Member
Diana Ruff, Member

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Chair Bert Lake 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 schedule for the August meeting was added to the agenda. It was then approved as corrected.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of June 2012 were approved.

Chair Report

Chair Lake said that he and Adam met again with the Army Corps of Engineers and HDR Engineering regarding the Two Rivers boat launch/Shotrock Island project. They have four alternatives they will present, ranging from \$1 million to \$2.7

million total contribution. The Corps' preferred alternative cost \$2.2 million, however, Benton County was clear its obligation was to the taxpayers and it would probably not go past the \$1 million option (with Benton County's portion being \$250,000).

Staff Report Update

In addition to the written report, Adam updated the Board on the following issues:

- Horn Rapids Park - Camp Host - he was pushing the idea and reviewing the particulars
- Tree Planting honoring Marilyn Hyde - to be done in the Fall (late September)
- Studio Cascade - working on contract - Studio Cascade was anxious and ready to go. Chair Lake said he wanted to be sure the Park Board was able to provide input for the plan.
- Brochure - Adam provided a draft markup of the brochure and the Board discussed proposed changes. Hank Sauer recommended the partners be included in the brochure and Adam said he would continue discussions with Carol Darley.

Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Range - High Power Range

Chair Bert Lake discussed the ongoing developments regarding the requested high power one-mile range. He said they also met with the Executive Board and conveyed their concern and that they would not approve a high power range. Additionally, Adam talked with BLM and there would not be any new leases for gun ranges and it would involve purchasing additional property which was not a viable option. After discussion regarding the issues involved and the pro and cons of a high power range, Bert presented a resolution for the Board to consider that the One-Mile Fire Line be struck from the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility Master Plan as the project was no longer viable.

Paul Rittman, Chair of the One-Mile Committee talked about the perceived potential dangers and said that 50 caliber shooting was safer than most people were aware.

Mark Verwest, TCSA President, said they could not afford to buy property or complete the surveys and it was the TCSA Board's position this range was outside of the lease.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to adopt the Resolution stating the Park Board's position that it did not support the One-Mile Fire Line at the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility and that it be struck from future revisions of the Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility Master Plan.

Discussion

Chair Lake said he spoke to Diana Ruff and Skip Gest and they indicated they were both in favor of the Resolution.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

August Park Board Meeting

Chair Lake stated that the Model Airplane Association had requested the scheduled August meeting at Horn Rapids Park to dedicate the new runway be held in September instead of August. The Board agreed. Due to daylight issues, the potluck would be held at 5:30 p.m. and the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The guests and board members gave closing comments and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

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