

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

February 14, 2012, 6:30 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center
Kennewick, WA

Board Members Present

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

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall
Cami McKenzie
RJ Lott

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.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of January 2012 were approved.

Chair Report

Chair Bert Lake discussed the following meetings:

- Model Airplane Association to review their master plan. Additionally, he met with the horse group to discuss possible impacts to their groups; suggestions were considered and all were in agreement.

- TCSA Board of Directors - he and Adam met at the new facility and proposed one-mile range and discussed concerns.
- Horse Camp - regarding the new mounting assist; should be ready to go by Chili Feed.

Staff Report

Adam updated the Board on the following issues:

- Receiving a lot of inquiries about parks, mainly Horn Rapids; a lot of return users.
- Still working on brochure; currently putting together cost proposals. Michael Crowder suggested information on the parks be included in the Visitor & Convention Bureau book (he said he personally handed out this book and users found it very helpful). Adam said he would check with the Visitor & Convention Bureau to see if it could be included with the current agreement with Benton County.
- Barker Ranch Agreement - no work in the last month due to other matters.
- Badger Mountain Agreement - currently working with the PA on these contracts, history and policy.

Higgins Field - Master Plan Discussion

Clarence Corriveau gave a Powerpoint presentation on the Higgins Field Master Plan. Specifically, he discussed the proposed new runway and the anonymous \$3,000 grant (contingent upon the runway being completed by July 1, 2012). He discussed the "Geotech" runway, the planning process in reaching an agreement on placement of the runway, and the short life expectancy of this type of runway.

Additionally, the presentation included information on club membership and developing the long-range facility plan, specifically a new clubhouse, covered eating and pit areas, and a handicap access pilot station.

The Board discussed the option of putting in an asphalt runway to allow for a long-term solution and a good stepping-stone to assist the growing club. Mr. Fyall discussed the budget concerns and said the earliest he would be able to move forward would be the first part of March.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to have Benton County contract up to \$10,000 for a new asphalt runway, provided the Model Airplane Association spent \$5,000 for grass, sprinkler systems, trees, signs, and runway preparation, and the project was completed by July 1, 2012 (contingent upon available funds). Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

The guests and board members gave closing comments and the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be the second Tuesday in March 2012 at the Justice Center.