

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

December 11, 2012, 6:30 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center
Kennewick, WA

Board Members Present

Bert Lake, Chair
Richard Nordness - Vice-Chair
Hank Sauer, Member
Skip Gest, Member
Donna Raines, Member

Benton County Employees

Cami McKenzie
Commissioner Jim Beaver
Commissioner Shon Small
Rich Hillmer

Board Members Absent

Michael Crowder - Secretary/Treasurer
Diana Ruff, Member

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Chair Bert Lake called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call was taken.

Review & Approval of Agenda

A discussion on the shooting range entrance was added. The agenda was approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of November 2012 were approved.

Chair Report

Chair Lake said he had ongoing discussions with Micki Chamness and the Shooting Range Board about the Rose Iris entrance and would discuss that further. He also said they elected a new secretary and chief range safety officer at the range.

Staff Report

The Board commented on Adam's written report and specifically discussed Commissioner Bowman and his service to the County and the Park Board.

Rose Iris - Shooting Range Entrance

Chair Lake said the Board previously approved moving forward with a contract with Wildlands for the work contemplated at the Rose Iris entrance and they had estimated \$1,000 to \$2,000. However, the bid came in at \$7,000. He said that he and Adam discussed just completing the seeding for about \$3,000 and asked the Board for concurrence to move forward with a personal services contract with Wildlands. There was no objection noted.

Horse Heaven Cemetery White Paper

Chair Lake asked the Board to review the white paper prepared by Adam. The Board complimented the progress and upgrades at the cemetery.

Letters to Park Staff

Chair Lake said the officers decided a card would be appropriate to present to Commissioner Bowman at his retirement party. Additionally, the Board wanted to acknowledge work done by the two park rangers and present them with a letter signed and framed by the Board. He then read into the record the letter to Rich Hillmer.

Adjournment

The guests and board members gave closing comments. Specifically, Chair Lake said that he had agreed when taking the vacated position of Chair to have Richard Nordness take over as Chair after the end of this term. The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Hank Sauer then presented the annual reading of the Polar Express.

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