

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

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

Board Members Present

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

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall
Cami McKenzie
Commissioner 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 & Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as amended with the addition of a discussion on officers, gravel/dirt piles at Horse Heaven Vista, orchard trail at Badger, and brochure.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of December, 2013 were approved as submitted.

Chair Report

Chair Nordness reported on his visits to the Miniature Aircraft Association New Year's Day event and the Tri-City Shooting Range.

Staff Report/Brochure - Update

Adam Fyall updated the Board on the Powerpoint presentation by the Trust for Public Lands to the Board of Commissioners. Additionally, he said there were a

few changes to the brochure, and it was his goal to finish up on Friday so he asked the Board to review and send comments to him.

Gravel/Dirt Piles - Horse Heaven Vista

Michael Crowder said he talked to Mr. Keith Burkhardt and was told he wanted \$20,000 to move the dirt and time was of the essence. Diana Ruff discussed her concern about the cost and said it didn't cost anything to leave the piles alone. Bert Lake said he agreed it was an eye sore and maybe the Board should offer to pay \$5,000 to have its half removed.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to have Adam and Michael work out a deal along those lines.

Discussion

Diana asked if the County had a need for the dirt and material in the pile and Adam indicated it did not.

Michael made a friendly amendment to only agree if the 2nd pile was also moved by the neighbor.

Upon vote, the motion carried with Diana Ruff opposing and Donna Raines abstaining.

Officers

MOTION: It was moved and seconded to have Diana Ruff replace Michael Crowder as Secretary/Treasurer. Upon vote, the motion carried with Diana abstaining.

Orchard Trail - Badger Mountain

Adam said the Friends of Badger Mountain wanted to approve the trail prior to their annual meeting.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the Board approve the trail in concept. Upon vote, the motion carried.

Adam stated that part of the plan was how to proceed with trails and planning. He expected further details to be discussed in the February meeting and the official name would be brought to the Board.

Annual Reports to the Board

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

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

Guest Comments/Poll of the Board/Adjournment

The guests and Board members gave closing comments. With no further business to report, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

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