

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

**BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD**

August 14, 2018, 6:30 p.m.  
Benton County Justice Center  
Kennewick, WA

**Board Members Present**

Robin Emmingham, Chair  
John Becker, Vice-Chair  
Donna Raines, Member  
Richard Nordness, Member  
Yessica Rosas, Member  
Laauli Faamausili, Member

**Benton County Employees**

Adam Fyall  
Cami McKenzie

**Board Members Absent**

Diana Ruff, Secretary/Treasurer

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call**

Chair Robin Emmingham 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 to include committee assignments.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes of June 2018 were approved.

**Chair Report**

Robin said they would consider postponing meetings if there were not any action items scheduled.

## **Staff Report Update**

Adam added to his written report, briefly discussing the following:

- Reconveyance discussion by the Cities with the Corps of Engineers
  - Adam said he was trying to determine if there was a benefit to Benton County; he would be weighing the pros and cons but could not see any reason at this point. The Corps was sometimes difficult and had hoops to jump through but ultimately, Benton County has always received what it wanted.
- Sand & Sage Retriever Club - Adam was waiting for the representative to respond.
- Hover Park - Adam indicated he was going to say yes to the Corps of Engineers on the proposed design of the signs and include their logo
- Friends of Badger/City of Richland - presented to RCO for the grant for Candy Mountain and it went well. Adam said he was going to ask Dave Comstock to give the presentation to the Park Board

## **Open Public Meetings Training**

The Park Board watched a video on the Open Public Meetings Act, as required by statute.

## **Rattlesnake Mountain Fire**

The fire was caused by range activity and burned 200 acres; there was discussion with BLM and Dept. of Fish & Wildlife about replanting efforts.

## **Budget Review**

### **Parks - Current Expense**

Adam indicated the main thing he would be asking for was the return of a temporary helper in the summer.

### **Park Development Fund**

Adam discussed the four priority projects and said he hoped to get \$400,000 in budget authority for the biennium for the following projects:

- Candy Mountain Paving (question about legal authority for paving a private road)
- Hover Park parking area
- Two Rivers Boardwalk
- Two Rivers Restroom

### **Adopt-A-Trail Policy**

Adam indicated he had talked with Friends of Badger regarding this and they were in support and would be adopting the policy at their meeting. He currently had two individuals (REI Corporate Team and Mr. Treat) that were interested in taking on assigned trails. He said the policy would include an application, training, and responsibility for light maintenance on the trail.

He was hopeful the idea would catch on; there were currently 10 miles of trails that needed maintenance.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded to adopt the trail policy program as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried.

### **Hover Park Committee**

The Board agreed the committee would consist of Donna Raines, Robin Emmingham, Laauli Faamausili, Linda Smith, Vicki Clark, Cindy Faith and Jo Sheeley.

### **October Meeting**

The Board agreed to have the October meeting at the shooting range.

### **Comments from Guests/Poll of the Board/Adjournment**

The guests and park board members gave closing comments. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.