



BENTON COUNTY
Park Board

MEETING MINUTES

9 October 2018

**Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility – Shotgun Clubhouse
97457 North State Route 225, West Richland**

Members Present

Robin Emmingham, Chair
Donna Raines
Yessica Rosas

Employees Present

Adam J. Fyall

Members Absent

John Becker, Vice Chair
Laauli Faamausili
Richard Nordness
Diana Ruff, Secretary/Treasurer

Pre-Meeting Discussion & Tour

Members present and staff were joined by Mark Verwest and George Hagarman from Tri-Cities Shooting Association (TCSA) at 6:10 for an informal discussion about TCSA business, and more specifically about the road leading up to the High-Power Range (HPR).

At 6:20, the group filed into two cars and drove the road up to the HPR, stopping at the top to discuss the condition of the road. The purpose of this was to give Park Board members a visual experience of the road, as the County may be asked to financially participate in improvements anticipated for 2019. The group returned to the Shotgun Clubhouse.

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call

Chair Emmingham called the meeting to order at 6:45pm, and upon the roll call, established that no quorum was present. The Chair stated that an informal, informational meeting would proceed.

Review and Approval of Agenda

No action or discussion.

Approval of Minutes

The Chair announced that the September minutes would be discussed at the November meeting.

Reports to the Board

Chair's Report

None.

Staff Report

None.

Business

Discussion – Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility

The present Board members continued the discussion with TCSA volunteers, primarily about the paving of the road to the HPR, points including:

- The RCO grant application which will hopefully pay for about half of the project.
- Design of the road.
- Timeline.
- Cost.
- Use of the road.
- Other anticipated issues.

Questions were raised about drainage, and also if the TCSA has the resources to get this project done if the grant is received. TCSA personnel talked about the three preliminary quotes that were received and how the grant application was based on those quotes.

Discussion – 2019 Capital Projects

Adam briefly went over the slightly-revised summary of major capital projects, noting the addition of paving of the Higgins Field driveway, and the possible combining of that project with the paving of the Horn Rapids Park Headquarters driveway and of the road to the HPR into one larger paving project. Members present expressed their approval of the approach.

Public Comment

Linda Smith (RRR), discussed the revival of the club's "Chili Feed" slated for the second full weekend of March in 2019. Later, Ms. Smith was joined by Ms. Raines in a discussion of signage at Hover Park and the logistics/permissions around getting a cleanup organized at the park. In response to a question about the signage at Hover, Mr. Fyall noted that he would put together a possible Eagle Scout project description for bulletin board(s) at Hover and place that on the County website dedicated to Eagle Scout projects.

Poll of the Board

Chair Emmingham talked about the recent annual Joint Park Boards meeting hosted by Richland and also attended by Raines, Rosas, Ruff, and Fyall. He noted he would like the idea of a seating arrangement in the future that forced the different attendees to sit with members from other boards, offering that you shouldn't be able to "sit with your buddies". Other members concurred.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

Post-Meeting Discussion & Tour

Chair Emmingham, Ms. Raines, and Mr. Fyall joined Mark Verwest and George Hagarman at the nearby Rose-Iris Range building to view and discuss recent improvements, including expansion and reconfiguration.

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