

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

December 11, 2018, 6:00 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center
Kennewick, WA

Board Members Present

Donna Raines, Member
Diana Ruff, Secretary/Treasurer
Yessica Rosas, Member
Laauli Faamausili, Member

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall
Cami McKenzie

Board Members Absent

Robin Emmingham, Chair
John Becker, Vice-Chair
Richard Nordness, Member

Social/Potluck

The members and guests met for a social/pot luck at 6:00 p.m. and guest Hank Sauer read the "Polar Express".

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Secretary/Treasurer Diana Ruff called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call was taken.

Review & Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of September and November 2018 were approved as submitted.

Staff Report Update

Diana asked why funding for the temporary employee was denied. Adam indicated that Facilities now had a lead maintenance worker that would be working with the Park employees and that might alleviate some of the workload. Additionally, they would be working on some other strategies that might help; other requested positions were not funded in this budget as well.

Little Badger Mountain Update

David Comstock, Friends of Badger Mountain, updated the Board on the Little Badger Mountain as follows:

- Two linkages between existing trails
- 12-mile ridge trail - Summit of Candy Mountain to Claybell Park
- Public Works Project - Dallas Road (next year)
- Paving PR 669 - Summer/Fall 2019 (right after January meeting is a good time to ask FOB for contributions)
- Little Badger Mountain - land acquisition project
 - Future public ridge trail from Badger Mtn to Little Badger Mtn
 - Two years into project - funding, grant application, land acquisition

Horn Rapids Park Competition Dog Pond Concept

Mark Claypatch, Sand & Sage Retriever Club, said they were interested in creating a dog pond at Horn Rapids Park. He said they currently used land in Othello, but the land was for sale and they could potentially lose access to the ponds. He said the original thought was to use the ditch at Horn Rapids Park and make a water feature as a joint project with the park.

Adam said the ditch did hold water and they previously thought about a project for that area.

Mr. Claypatch said they used the park constantly and it would be great to have an area locally for their "testing".

Diana said it was an interesting idea and they were always looking for ways to use the parks and partner with groups. She asked about the club and its reliability and

Mr. Claypatch indicated they had been in existence for many years and would probably grow with a local site that had water.

Adam said they would be cleaning out the ditch this winter and would assess the idea. He said maintenance would need to be addressed and Mr. Claypatch indicated his club would keep it clean.

Comments from Guests/Poll of the Board/Adjournment

Guests and Board members gave closing comments. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on the second Tuesday in January at the Justice Center.