



BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD
MEETING MINUTES-REVISED

January 11, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
Benton County Administration Building

Board Members Present

Laauli Faamausili, Chair
Dave McNeal, Vice Chair
Karla Brown, Secretary
Yessica Rosas, Member
Robin Emmingham, Member
Richard Nordness, Member

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall
Peggy Brown

Board Members Absent

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Board Chair, Laauli Faamausili, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. following the Park Board vacancy interviews, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Review & Approval of Agenda

The January 11, 2022 amended agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of December 14, 2021 were approved as submitted.

Monthly Reports to the Board

Chair's Report

There was no report at this time.

Committee/Subcommittee Reports

There were no reports at this time.

Staff Report Update

Adam mentioned that there is some scoping work that needs done for the proposed TCSA Silhouette Range such as getting the layout of the area, location, and dimensions to GRAM Northwest to get an estimate of cost. He wants to get with the Board on a cost-effective way to address the retaining wall issue at Vista Park. The retaining wall is located on the neighboring property. He feels that the Board should reach out to the neighbor to work out a solution on the retaining wall. Adam also mentioned that he was having Wave Design look into putting cameras up at Badger and Candy Mountain trailheads due to a number of car break-ins.

Business

▪ **Contact Signage at Horn Rapids Campground & Hover Park:**

The Signage Subcommittee met and were in favor of moving forward with installing the signage at Horn Rapids and Hover Park. Since Horn Rapids is the campground, that location should receive the bigger more robust signage. Robert is making headway at Hover Park with the cultural study, the parking lot, and getting needed permits to put up the signage. The bid/quote for two custom signs plus installation cost will be around \$35,000. The signage being custom built will mean that they are made to last and will make the parks more appealing to visitors. A cheaper option was mentioned which is a more industrialized look, but the Board feels the more expensive signage fits the look and feel of the parks. The signage is made from DiBon material and cleans up easily. **Member Brown motioned to approve the \$35,000 bid recommendation to get the signage installed at Horn Rapids & Hover parks. Member Rosas seconded the motion and upon vote it carried unanimously.**

- **Annual Reports to the Board:**

- Columbia Basin Native Plant Society:

- Due to technical difficulties, the Columbia Basin Native Plant Society's presentation has been rescheduled for a later date.

- Tri-Cities Shooting Association:

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- **Board Member Resignation:**

- Member Richard Nordness announced to the Board that he is resigning from the Park Board. Member Emmingham motioned to approve Richard Nordness' resignation from the Park Board. Member Brown seconded the motion and upon vote it carried unanimously.

Public Comments/Poll of the Board/Adjournment

Public Comment:

George Hager (TCSA), Mickie Chamness (CBWNPS), Sarah Funk (BCRO), and Jennifer McNeal all provided some short comments, but these were inaudible for the clerk.

Poll of the Board:

Yessica Rosas expressed sadness to see Richard leave the board. She wanted to thank Adam and Karla for working on the technological side of the meeting. She's looking forward to the TCSA and CBWNPS presentations at another time.

Laauli Faamausili reaffirmed his gratitude for the park partners and appreciates the work they are doing for the parks. He also expressed gratitude for the hard work Richard has done on the board.

Richard Nordness appreciated the opportunity and privilege he has had serving on the Park Board for many years. He's proud of the work that this board has done and looks forward to what the board does in the future.

Dave McNeal is sorry to see Richard leave the board. He's looking forward to moving forward with the signage project, the 5-year plan, and 2022 projects.

Robin Emmingham will miss Richard serving on the board. He found the interview process interesting.

Karla will miss Richard serving on the board. She is looking forward to serving with the new candidates on the board. She is also looking forward to the TCSA and CBWNPS presentations.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm.

The next regular meeting will be held on the second Tuesday in February at the Admin Building.