



BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING

June 28, 2022, 5:30 p.m.
Benton County
Administration Building

Board Members Present

Laauli Faamausili, Chair
Dave McNeal, Vice Chair
Karla Brown, Secretary
Robin Emmingham, Member
Kit McBurney, Member
Sarah Funk, Member

Benton County Employees

Adam J, Fyall

Benton County Consultant

Tom Beckwith
Jennifer Kiusaalas

Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call

Laauli Faamausili, Chair, called the special meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Review & Approval of Agenda

The June 28, 2022 agenda was approved as presented.

Business

Benton County Comprehensive Parks Plan

The advertised purpose of the special meeting was kickoff of the Comprehensive Parks Plan ("CPP") process. Mr. Fyall began by introducing the Beckwith Consulting team - Tom Beckwith and Jennifer Kuisaalas. Mr. Beckwith walked the Board through the process, discussing timeline, high-level goals/objectives, and the tasks he has laid out, among other details. A roundtable discussion ensued for the remainder of the meeting, allowing members, staff, and assembled guests to comment on various aspects of the parks system and the CPP process. At the conclusion of the conversation, everyone seemed satisfied with their understanding of how the process will play out and what we are collectively working toward. The Board will probably see the team again in September, with other work ensuing over the summer months.

Public Comments / Poll of the Board / Adjournment

Public Comment:

Guests included Cindy Faith, George Hager, Michael Seeliger, Dan Chappel, Bonnie C. Cooley, Carole Schuh, and Jennifer McNeal, who all expressed thanks for the process and offered basic, affirming comments.

Poll of the Board:

The Board went around the horn, thanking Tom and Jennifer for their work to date and expressing excitement for the project ahead.

Mr. Fyall closed the meeting by giving the Board a quick update regarding a recent on-the-water incident at Wanawish Dam near Horn Rapids Park.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 pm.

The next regular meeting will be held on July 12 at either Two Rivers Park or the Administration Building, weather dependent.