



BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

July 12, 2022, 6:00 p.m.
Two Rivers Park

Board Members Present

Laauli Faamausili, Chair
Dave McNeal, Vice Chair
Robin Emmingham, Member
Kit McBurney, Member
Yessica Rosas, Member

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall
Peggy Brown
Jeff Jones
Carson Robison

Board Members Absent

Karla Brown, Secretary
Sarah Funk, Member

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Following the 6:00 pm social, Chair, Laauli Faamausili, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Review & Approval of Agenda

The July 12, 2022 agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of June 14, 2022 and June 28, 2022 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 Reports

Adam Fyall: Mr. Fyall informed the board that he'd like to get David Beech, FOBM, to speak with the Board regarding what's been going on at Candy Mountain. He also mentioned that there will be a Fish & Wildlife Recovery Board meeting on August 10, 2022. Adam will send out more information on that meeting to those interested. He'd like to get the dedication to Linda Smith at the Horse Camp at Horn Rapids done by the end of summer.

Business

- **Parks Comprehensive Plan-update, discussion of kick-off meetings:**

Adam asked the Board for their feedback on how the kick-off meetings went with Tom Beckwith, Beckwith Consulting. For the most part, the Board was impressed with Mr. Beckwith's plan for the county parks and provided positive feedback. They feel that Tom is very knowledgeable, able to address issues of concern, insightful, and a wonderful resource. The Board was disappointed in not being able to speak to Tom on an individual basis, and they hope to get feedback from Tom on a regular basis and in a timely manner.

- **Projects Updates:**

- RMSF Law Enforcement Range-

Bids for the shooting range have come in, and a qualified contractor has been selected. The construction is set to start in August. This is not a Parks project, but obviously it is located within one of our parks. A smaller range is in the works with a cultural study being done.

- Hover Park Parking Area-

The parking lot configuration needs to be looked at again. The current configuration is too expensive. A design plan needs to be in place before moving forward with the project. Keep the design open for possible expansion if/when more park partners are added. Adam mentioned moving forward with getting signage for both Hover and Horn Rapids.

- Wanawish Dam Issue-

Tapteal Greenway is building a coalition and a list of possible safety and public information improvements for around and in association with the dam. Since part of the dam is on the park side where there is water access, it would be in the best interest of the county to educate people about the dangers associated with the dam by helping with the design of the signage, having bigger signs and in more visible areas, and putting buoys in the river as a danger warning.

- Two Rivers Park Restroom/Boardwalk-

The county is working with White Bluffs Consulting on getting the permits refreshed for this project. Benton County employee, Carson Robison, suggested putting blue LED lighting in the restrooms to deter vandalism and other unacceptable activities. Both projects are slowly moving along.

- **Two Rivers Park-discussion, walk-around:**

Benton County employee, Carson Robison, spoke about the grounds and activities going on at the park. He mentioned that there have been some issues with the irrigation, but he is working at fixing them. He's working at keeping the grounds cleared of brush and keeping the grass mowed. A big draw to the park is the disc golf course. It's a 21-hole course available to those visiting the park. The last three years have seen a substantial change in personal water-craft usage at the park resulting in more visitors to the park. Adam mentioned looking at getting a new park office at some point, either expanding the shop to include an office area or putting in a newer trailer for an office including getting internet out at the park.

Public Comments/Poll of the Board/Adjournment

Public Comment:

Dick McGrew (MAA) informed the Board that the new pump provided by the Parks Department is working great and that the club is grateful. The grass is starting to green up. The water table dropped which is causing lower water flow, but he plans to change sprinkler heads to help with the water pressure. He mentioned MAA is getting new visitors and members. He's looking forward to Huckfest this year.

George Hager (TCSA) mentioned the heat hasn't been too much of an issue at the range. The facility is busy but not packed. He mentioned that a 3-gun competition is coming up, and the facility has monthly matches which keep the place active.

Jennifer McNeal mentioned that some of the Native Plant Society members were featured in the Ruralite magazine. She thought that was neat.

Poll of the Board:

Kit McBurney was glad to see everyone. She wanted to thank Carson for all his hard work at the park. She enjoyed the snacks and wanted to thank everyone.

Yessica Rosas also wanted to thank Carson for all the hard work he's doing at the park.

Dave McNeal couldn't find a parking spot which shows how much the park is being used by visitors. He's looking forward to the feedback from Tom with the park plan.

Robin Emmingham wanted to thank everyone for the snacks especially the Zip's cheeseburger. He appreciates the work Carson is doing at the park, however, there is still a lot to do. He's excited at how much use the park is getting.

Laauli Faamausili echoed what the rest of the board mentioned. He's excited about the progress of the projects. He wants to keep the momentum moving in getting these projects finished.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Next regular meeting will be held the 2nd Tuesday of August 2022 at the Administration Building.