

COBB-HIGHLAND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes from April 9, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Kosharek, Al Linscheid, Tom Jenks, Bret Barr, Glen Gard, Gail Richgels, Jeremy Simplot

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kris Schoville, Gerry Riley, Jim Eggers

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Welsh, Park Manager
Tom Michek, Assistant Park Manager
Stacey Hermansen, Offc Mngr/Board Clerk
Carol Anderson, Iowa County
Ron Benish, Iowa County LCC
Tom Esser, Public Input

Meeting notice was legally posted.

Meeting was called to order by Al Kosharek at approximately 7:03 pm.

Minutes from March 2014 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Al Linscheid, seconded by Gail Richgels to approve. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's report for March 2014 and year to date financials given by Stacey Hermansen. Capital expense adjusting entries for 2013 will be given to the auditors for the audit scheduled for April 16, 2014. It was confirmed that all normal operating expense bills will be paid when due and will not wait to be approved at the monthly meeting; but that all major capital expenses over the \$2500 cap will be approved prior to purchase and payment. Motion by Tom Jenks, seconded by Glen Gard, to accept report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Tom Esser went over the Wisconsin electrical code requirements for the electricity provided to campers and the need for GFI switches on all of our electrical pedestals. It was confirmed that all newer pedestals have these switches and the older ones will be replaced. In looking toward the future, it was discussed that all pedestals should be upgraded to 50 amp. Underground wire will then have to be upgraded as well. No action at this time.

Park maintenance updates: County tree trimming done on the main entrance road; beach showerhouse roof was replaced; public boat dock expansion is being built; the pontoon purchased last fall is being rebuilt and motor is ordered; and the park map sign will be removed instead of being replaced.

UTV bids were reviewed and the park will purchase a new Kubota 4WD, 4 person UTV that meets DNR and WI DOT regulations for park maintenance from Ritchie's in Cobb, WI. Motion by Jeremy Simplot, seconded by Bret Barr, to accept Ritchie's bid. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Blackhawk Lake's handheld radios are property of the Iowa County Emergency Management Service and are earmarked for the Iowa County Sheriff's Department. At this time, IC EMS has told us it does not seem likely that they will be needed by the Sheriff's Department. Because these radios would be a costly capital expense, no new handheld radios will be purchased at this time.

Management provided a more thorough explanation of the results and presented the most prevalent suggestions, which included more bath/shower facilities. The 24/7 shower/laundry facility in the Park Office building was tabled in December 2013 and no further plans for that facility have been made. The Commission will meet early next month to ride around the park and discuss potential projects for the future, which may include a completely new shower/bath/laundry building instead of adding it to the existing office structure.

Park management applied with the DNR to become Boater's Safety and ATV Safety class instructors. They will be attending a training class the end of May and will need to complete one more training opportunity before being certified as instructors. That additional training opportunity includes teaching a class under observation and that class may be offered at Blackhawk Lake. That class would be open to the public for anyone wishing to complete Boater's Safety Education. Management would then have the opportunity to offer future safety classes to the public at Blackhawk Lake.

Management will get new bids for an AED pack (defibulator) and may look into grants and CPR/First-Aid training opportunities to enhance future emergency responses.

Management will talk with the DNR fishery specialist about setting signs out in spawning areas and perhaps offering a fishery report for Blackhawk Lake.

The next scheduled meeting will take place on May 14, 2014 at 6pm. This meeting will begin with a ride around the park to investigate facilities and generate ideas for future development. It will conclude in the Nature Center to go over agenda items.

Motion for adjournment made by Jeremy Simplot, seconded by Glen Gard. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Commission Secretary

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Commission Clerk