

# **COBB-HIGHLAND RECREATION COMMISSION**

## **Minutes from September 10, 2014**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Al Kosharek, Al Linscheid, Bret Barr, Gerry Riley, Glen Gard, Jeremy Simplot, Jim Eggers, Kris Schoville, Laura Anderson, Tom Jenks,

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** Dan Welsh, Park Manager  
Tom Michek, Assistant Park Manager  
Stacey Hermansen, Offc Mngr/Board Clerk  
Ron Benish, Iowa County LCC

Meeting notice was legally posted.

Meeting was called to order by Al Kosharek at 7:00 pm.

Minutes from August 2014 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Glen Gard, seconded by Al Linscheid to approve. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's report for August 2014 given by Stacey Hermansen. Motion by Jeremy Simplot, seconded by Laura Anderson to approve. Motion carried by unanimous vote. \$30K to be moved from general checking into the new equipment fund. Motion by Kris Schoville, seconded by Jeremy Simplot to approve. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Input: Al Kosharek brought business executives from Vienna, Austria to the park for a tour. They were amazed at its beauty and our mission of having the wonderful nature area protected for the public enjoyment. Ron Benish was approached by some local fisherman and asked to relay a recommendation to the Commission about controlling the weeds along more of Blackhawk Lake's shorelines to increase shoreline fishing participation. They had witnessed a weed-cutting machine at work along the shoreline at White Mounds County Park, which they felt offered exceptional shoreline fishing opportunity.

Park Maintenance Updates: The group shelter that was damaged in the tornado needs to be inspected in order to be continually covered under the Park's liability insurance policy if repairs are not completed. The structure appears to be stable and is not utilized very often. The Commission discussed using the insurance proceeds to improve on or build something that will be utilized more often by park visitors. The group shelter insurance proceeds will be placed into the new building fund until a decision is made regarding its use. The office door that was damaged will be replaced with a heavy duty commercial door.

Fish Stocking: \$532 was raised from the walleye stocking donation jar and the Park will contribute an additional \$3468 for the stocking of walleyes (7.5 inch) and channel catfish (7 inch). The donation jar will remain on the counter, but will no longer be specifically for walleye....it will be a general fish stocking fund. Fish stocking budget for 2015 will be determined by next May, so the hatchery can plan for our needs. Motion by Glen Gard, seconded by Jeremy Simplot to approve. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business: Management will apply for a permit to build a new shower/bathroom facility and get estimates for new plans to be drawn. Overall park improvement plans will be discussed at the October meeting and management will provide cost estimates for larger projects such as leveling out and improving the group campsites. 2015 rates will also be on the October agenda.

The next scheduled meeting will take place at the park office on October 8th, 2014 at 7 pm.

Motion for adjournment made by Jeremy Simplot, seconded by Tom Jenks. Motion carried by unanimous vote

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Commission Secretary

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Commission Clerk