

COBB-HIGHLAND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes from June 17, 2015

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Kosharek, Al Linscheid, Gerry Riley, Kris Schoville, Laura Anderson, Glen Gard, Jeremy Simplot, Tom Jenks

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bret Barr, Jim Eggers

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Welsh, Park Manager
Stacey Hermansen, Offc Mngr/Board Clerk
Ron Benish, Iowa County LCC
Carol Anderson, Iowa County

Meeting notice was legally posted.

Meeting was called to order by Al Kosharek at 6:59 pm.

Minutes from May 2015 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Kris Schoville, seconded by Jeremy Simplot to approve. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Input: Carol Anderson reported that a letter from the DNR was forwarded to Iowa County in response to a letter written to the governor by Mark Palan concerning retail and food sales at Blackhawk Lake. Details concerning the letter to the Governor are unavailable. Carol forwarded the DNR response letter to Al Kosharek and Dan Welsh. Dan had recently been contacted by the DNR regarding retail and concession sales. The DNR response letter was favorable in light of Blackhawk Lake's ability to remain self-sufficient and financially sound.

Dan Schuller, Bureau Director Parks and Recreation, and Paul Zajackowski, Parks and Recreation District Supervisor, visited the park on Wednesday, June 17th. They toured the facilities, inquired about operations, and gave favorable feedback. They discussed plans to initiate a meeting with the Commission to discuss the relationship between the DNR and the Commission and long-term objectives relating to this relationship.

Gerry Riley was asked to inquire about getting the steps to the group sites picnic/playground area repaired. These steps and those at the beach are going to be reconstructed and/or repaired.

The trailer damage at the boat landing was not the park's responsibility, but management can address the issue with the DNR about getting the washout area repaired.

Treasurer's report: May 2015 given by Stacey Hermansen. Motion by Jeremy Simplot, seconded by Al Linscheid to approve Treasurer's report. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Shower House Update: Plans have been approved and went out for bids on 6/16/15. Contract dates are slightly behind schedule as there were delays for the approval due to septic system issues. Sewer system was projected to be an issue, but further investigation has determined we may have septic capacity. Septic monitoring will occur in July to determine whether the current system can handle the additional capacity. Terms to the building approval are contingent on meeting all sanitation codes. A holding tank may be required to manage output, but current drain field will be sufficient.

Everything is on schedule for bid acceptance and contract date. Contract with a builder will be contingent on meeting all septic specifications. Any costs associated with meeting the plumbing specs will determine the going forward with building plans. Management will inquire with insurance company as to whether the Commission can be granted an extension for the contract date necessary to use insurance proceeds.

Operations agreement: Agreement was amended at LCC meeting on June 18, 2015. Insurance clauses may not be worded appropriately. Legal counsel will review and revise as necessary.

New business: Stacey Hermansen's resignation as office manager was accepted on June 22. She will continue to serve as bookkeeper and commission clerk if the Commission and management agree. Park manager feels that current staff is sufficient to fulfill operational needs through the summer. Management is open to discussion about what hiring or staff needs may be needed going forward.

Next meeting will be held as soon as bids have been opened and are ready for review. Email communications will be used to inform Commission on progress. Tentative date is set for June 29th at 7pm.

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