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Monthly Public Meeting Minutes

January 26, 2016 – 3:00 PM

Josephine County Courthouse, Rm 157

Members Present: Doug Richardson, Doyle Nelson, Dick Fowler, Rycke Brown, Larry Ford and RJ Jackson

Staff Present: Sarah Wright, Alisha Howard and Josh Sabota

BCC Liaison: Simon Hare

Absent: Diana Orler, Bob Chard

Guests: Toni Webb, Mike Nelson, Lisa Childs and Andres Maros

Quorum: Established

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM by PAB Chair, Doug Richardson

Doyle Nelson made a motion to approve Minutes from December 8, 2015 PAB meeting. Larry Ford seconded the motion. The Minutes were approved unanimously with correction under Items from the BCC.

Items from the BCC: Commissioner Hare stated that removal of the debris caused by a recent landslide on Galice Road will be contracted out to Robco. There is several hundred feet of debris removal, work cannot be performed until the hillside is stabilized, but will be completed as soon as it is safe.

Commissioner Hare stated that as soon as the easement is settled with Legal Dept and client, Parks can order the CXT for the Galice boat ramp. Time frame for installation of the CXT is still projected to be placed in the Spring.

Commissioner Hare announced that the county has a new Property Manager. He said he would be working with the Property Manager on several locations where a possible land swap may be possible with BLM, including Hog Creek and Whitehorse boat ramp.

Items from the Public: Toni Webb questioned the PAB why her PAB application was not approved by the BCC. Commissioner Hare stated that she would need to address that matter at the weekly business session meeting as it was a BCC decision, not the Parks Board.

Lisa Childs questioned if we had plans to privatize any parks. Currently, there has not been any action on privatizing any of the parks. Commissioner Hare clarified that privatization of any parks must go to a public vote. Lisa also had several other topics she would like addressed:

- Smoking in the parks
- Spraying chemicals at Fish Hatchery
- Leaf blowing, a concern is that blowing leaves can destroy understory and disturb wild life
- Cutting of trees for firewood

Spraying chemicals was addressed by Sarah Wright, Park Manager stating that Parks Dept has not sprayed chemicals at Fish Hatchery. It was suggested for Lisa to contact BLM for spraying that they may contract along the water banks.

PAB also recommended for Lisa Childs to formally submit her concerns due to the number of them so that the board could consider topics being placed on a future Agenda for later discussion.

Manager Report: See report.

Old Business: Doyle Nelson presented the report on aquatic plants issue at Lake Selmac. Doyle stated that possible resolutions require a level of expertise. To proceed with the process it would cost \$3,000 to evaluate the aquatic vegetation. A suggestion of partnering with nearby Lake Selmac Resort on costs was mentioned. Ranger Sabota asked how we would want to manage the aquatic plants at the lake. He added that some aquatic plants are helpful and complete removal of aquatic plants could possibly be harmful to fish. Larry Ford stated

there was a survey done a couple years ago regarding lake weeds and that a copy of the report could be obtained. Larry Ford provided contact numbers. The PAB discussed if this is something we want to pursue and handed the topic off to the Parks Department for future decision on lake weed maintenance. Ranger Sabota suggested making contact and getting the survey report.

Improving security and collections report was researched by Doyle and Doug. After looking into options available for a better pipe safe, they found that Iron Ranger manufactures a fee box that has a cash box. The cost of the fee boxes are \$633 each, which does not include shipping or installation. 36 units will cost \$22,788. Sarah Wright would like to look into electronic fee stations, although the machines are at a higher cost, an analysis of the long term benefits should be done before replacing existing fee boxes. She stated that electronic fee boxes are estimated to be about \$13,000 each, but that they do bring in estimated 25% additional revenue. Doyle proposed that the fee collection upgrade should be considered as a capital improvement project.

The report on the October Workshop was included in the packet.

New Business: Recommendation for PAB applicant Sue Fahey took place. Doyle thinks she would be a good asset to this board. Doug also agrees. Larry Ford made a motion to recommend Sue Fahey to the BCC. Dick Fowler seconded. PAB recommends PAB applicant, Sue Fahey to BCC.

The Parks workshop for prioritizing park projects was discussed, a date was not immediately chosen. It was suggested to coordinate the workshop date via email.

Rycke Brown made a motion to elect Larry Ford as Vice Chair to the PAB. RJ Jackson seconded the motion. PAB voted all in favor. Larry Ford is elected Vice Chair of PAB.

The Annual PAB report was included in the packet.

Items from the Parks Advisory Board: Rycke Brown presented an invasive weed, called Heron's Bill. This type of weed was found in patches at the Schroeder Dog Park. It has a 3 inch tail that turns into a spiral, when seed gets wet it unwinds and plants in the ground. The seeds can attach to dogs, socks etc. spreading to other locations. Goat head is also found at Schroeder. Rycke suggested hiring an employee to control the spread of invasive weeds and small litter in the parks. Due to already low staffing levels in the Parks Department, that would be difficult. Some ideas were coordination efforts with volunteer groups.

RJ Jackson commented on the picnic tables that are in need of repair. RJ would like to coordinate a volunteer group to help out with some of the tables.

Dick Fowler who is also a member of the Kiwanis asked about capital improvement priorities. Dick offered, should there be any need for improvements such as new playgrounds or existing playground compliance, he can see about volunteer work groups and also some potential funding assistance.

Miscellaneous: Lake Selmac Dam update: It was reported that funding for the road/spillway was about \$800,000 short at this time. Additional funds are being sought through grants. Commissioner Hare commented that funds to Lake Selmac should be put away for future maintenance of the dam and spillway.

Sportsman Park update: The land use agreement for Sportsman Park is a 99 year lease, signed back in the 1970's. Many years ago, agreed maintenance provided by the Parks Department had stopped, as well as payments to the Parks Department for the land use. These two costs cancel each other out.

Life Jacket Stations Update: Doug located the areas for the life jacket stations. Sarah stated that there has been a MOU completed by Legal, however there are some possible edits on the form. It may take up to 6 more weeks for finalizing the MOA but depends on edits that are required by the other party.

Action Items: Parks workshop schedule to be coordinated through e-mail

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM.

Next Parks Projects Workshop: TBD

Next PAB Meeting: February 23, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Alisha Howard, Recorder

Reviewed by the Board of County Commissioners this _____ day of _____,
2016.

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