

**SUMMARY MINUTES**

**BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD**

July 14, 2009, 6:30 p.m.  
Horn Rapids Park  
Benton City, WA

**Board Members Present**

Bert Lake, Chair  
Hank Sauer, Secretary/Treasurer  
Skip Gest, Vice Chair  
Rick Kilgore, Member  
Kathye Kilgore, Member  
Donna Raines, Member

**Benton County Employees**

Adam Fyall  
Mark Finkbeiner

**Board Members Absent**

Marilyn Hyde, Member

**Call to Order/Roll Call**

Chair Bert Lake called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and roll call was taken.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as written.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes from the June 2009 meeting had not been reviewed so action was postponed until the August meeting.

**Reports to the Board**

**Chair Report**

Chair Lake commented on the cultural resources survey work done by Reiss-Landreau Research for the shooting range. Additionally, discussed the

groundbreaking event for encasement of the canal supplying fall water held earlier in the day at the Barker Ranch. He stated that about half of the canal project took place on County property at Horn Rapids Park.

### **Staff Report**

Mr. Fyall reviewed his written staff report for July 2009.

### **Kennewick Parks/Recreation**

Hank Sauer talked about tours that the Kennewick Parks & Recreation Board took to the Southridge area and Hansen Park.

### **New Business**

The Board agreed to amend the agenda and discuss "New Business" first.

### **Horn Rapids Park Discussion - Projects and Activities**

Mr. Fyall and Mr. Finkbeiner discussed the following subjects with the Board: weed control, vandalism, the design of the campground, and the increase in park use, and camping in particular, over the past few years. Several Board members complemented and thanked Mark for his efforts, and congratulated him on the new addition to his family.

Mr. Finkbeiner was then excused from the meeting.

### **Old Business**

#### **Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility Master Plan Review and Action**

The Master Plan document was not ready for presentation due to computer network issues at the County. However, the Board discussed the development projects at the Range that could proceed since some of the cultural resources reports were accepted and approved by the State.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded that staff provide a timeline for installation of the restroom at the Rose-Iris Range.

## Discussion

Bert Lake requested the timeline be completed by July 24.

Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

## Horse Heaven Vista Update/Idea from PEDA

Adam updated the Board on progress of construction, stating it was slow but steady. Adam also said that PEDA had brought forth an idea about moving the telescope to Horse Heaven Vista that USDOE had ordered removed from the top of Rattlesnake Mountain.

## Letter of Appreciation to Rocky Ross, WDFW

The Board agreed to send the letter written by Mr. Fyall to Rocky Ross, wishing him well in his retirement from WDFW.

## Vista Park Update and Letter to Community

Adam updated the Board on the status of Vista Park and presented the draft letter to send to neighbors of the park. The Board suggested changes and requested Mr. Fyall send the letter.

## Adjournment

The guests and board members gave closing comments and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 p.m.

The next meeting was scheduled for the second Tuesday in August at Two Rivers Park with the potluck to begin at 6:00 p.m.