



**BENTON COUNTY**  
Park Board

**MEETING MINUTES**

**8 January 2019**  
**Benton County Justice Center**  
**7122 West Okanogan Place, Kennewick**

**Members Present**

Robin Emmingham, Chair  
Laauli Faamausili  
Richard Nordness  
Donna Raines  
Diana Ruff, Secretary/Treasurer

**Employees Present**

Robert Blain  
Adam J. Fyall

**Members Absent**

Yessica Rosas

**Notes:**

- *John Becker, Vice Chair, submitted his written resignation from the Board prior to the meeting.*
- *Robert Blain, Public Works Assistant Manager, attended the meeting.*

**Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance / Roll Call**

Chair Emmingham called the meeting to order at 6:31pm, and upon the roll call, established that a quorum was present. The Pledge of Allegiance was cited.

**Review and Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda was approved as revised, striking the presentation from Purple Sage Riders and postponing it until the February meeting.

*Motion: Nordness, Second: Ruff, Vote: 5-0.*

**Approval of Minutes**

The December minutes were approved as presented.

*Motion: Faamausili, Second: Ruff, Vote: 5-0*

## **Reports to the Board**

### **Chair's Report**

None.

### **Staff Report**

Mr. Fyall added comments to his written report regarding the resignation of Mr. Becker and the recent site visit by County staff and TCSA personnel to the High Power access road site at RMSF. The purpose of the visit was to examine potential drainage concerns related to the proposal to pave the road. TCSA is seeking State grant assistance with the project.

## **Business**

### **Election of Officers**

After some brief discussion, it was decided to move the election to the February meeting so that Board and staff could consult the bylaws regarding terms and dates.

### **Annual Reports to the Board**

Five of the seven Partners in Parks made their annual reports to the Board, with the other two groups deferred until February. Each of the groups' representative gave a short slide show presentation and answered questions from the Board and the audience. Presenters included:

- Tri-Cities Shooting Association (George Hager)
- David Comstock (Friends of Badger Mountain)
- Dirk Peterson (Tapteal Greenway)
- Mickie Chamness (Native Plant Society – Columbia Basin Chapter)
- Dick McGrew (Miniature Aircraft Association)

## **Public Comment**

The Chair sought additional comments from the audience. There having been extensive discussion during the presentations, there were no additional remarks.

## **Poll of the Board**

Each of the Board members present offered brief closing comments thanking the groups for their presentations and for their continued fundraising and volunteer efforts in the parks.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

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