



BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD
SUMMARY MINUTES

February 19, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center
Kennewick, WA

Board Members Present

Robin Emmingham, Chair
Donna Raines, Member
Yessica Rosas, Member
Laauli Faamausili, Member
Richard Nordness, Member

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall

Board Members Absent

Diana Ruff, Secretary/Treasurer

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Chair Emmingham called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call was taken.

Review & Approval of Agenda

The Rattlesnake Ridge Riders annual report was removed from the agenda. The agenda was approved as revised.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of January 2019 were approved as submitted.

Staff Report Update

Adam added to his written report as follows:

- Weather conditions slowed things down over the past week, so Mark and Rich assisted extensively at the Justice Center. Horn Rapids was not plowed for several days (also because SR 225 was closed by the State due to drifts over the road).
- The Board vacancy remained open and no applications were received. The notice on the County website was viewed 41 times and Adam said he would step-up recruitment efforts.
- PR 669 paving and Hover parking lot projects were delayed because Public Works had turned its attentions completely to the weather situation.

Election of Officers

After a brief discussion of bylaws and recent history, Chair Emmingham opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

- Donna Raines nominated Richard Nordness, speaking well of his long history on the Board and the job he did previously as Chair.
- Richard Nordness nominated Diana Ruff, but mentioned his hesitation given she was not there to speak to it.
- Robin Emmingham reassured the Board regarding the nomination of Diana Ruff and that he was aware she would be interested. Yessica Rosas also reassured the Board that Ms. Ruff would be interested.
- Richard Nordness declined, so Donna Raines withdrew her nomination.
- With no other nominations on the floor, Diana Ruff was unanimously approved to the office of Chair.

Chair Emmingham opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

- Donna Raines nominated Laauli Faamausili.
- With no other nominations or discussion, Laauli Faamausili was unanimously approved to the office of Vice Chair.

Chair Emmingham opened the floor for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer.

- Yessica Rosas nominated Donna Raines.

- With no other nominations or discussion, Donna Raines was unanimously approved to the office of Secretary/Treasurer.

Mr. Fyall said the new officers would begin their terms with the March meeting.

Geologic Mapping

The expected guest was not in attendance. Adam talked a little bit about the project and shared a visual and the item was moved to the March agenda.

Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility - Master Plan Revision

Mark Verwest discussed projects from the 2016 Master Plan that were completed, leading into further discussion about things TCSA would like to add/revise. Adam closed with some comments about timeline and process.

Annual Reports to the Board

- Purple Sage Riders - Cindy Faith played a video and gave her annual report to the Board.

Comments from Guests/Poll of the Board/Adjournment

Guests and Board members gave closing comments as follows:

- Dick McGrew introduced Scott Page as the new treasurer for the Miniature Aircraft Association. He then talked about the club's upcoming schedule.
- Scott Page talked about how the lack of revenue from food service at their events was an existential threat to the club. They were currently looking for some workarounds to help generate funds as they looked toward construction of a new building.
- Laauli Faamausili thanked his fellow Board members for their trust and vote of confidence.
- Yessica Rosas said she enjoyed the Purple Sage Riders video which was great background into the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington.
- Richard Nordness said he also enjoyed the video.

- Donna Raines thanked the Board for the vote for Secretary/Treasurer and extended further thanks to the partners.
- Robin Emmingham thanked the Board for his two terms as Chair. Additionally, he noted that things like the video shown tonight were great for folks like him who had zero contact with the horse community before joining the Park Board. Additionally, he said that having groups like those represented in the room were vital for supporting the many recreational interests in the community and was proud that the County supported such groups.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:38 p.m.

The next regular meeting will be held on the second Tuesday in March at the Justice Center.