



BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD
SUMMARY MINUTES

March 12, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center
Kennewick, WA

Board Members Present

Donna Raines, Secretary/Treasurer
Robin Emmingham, Member
Yessica Rosas, Member

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall
Cami McKenzie

Board Members Absent

Diana Ruff, Chair
Laauli Faamausili, Vice-Chair
Richard Nordness, Member

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Roll Call

Donna Raines called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call was taken.

Review & Approval of Agenda

The agenda was rearranged to wait and see if other board members would arrive for the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of the Minutes of February 2019 were postponed to the next meeting.

Staff Report Update

Adam added to his written report as follows:

- Weather conditions affected work at the Parks, so Mark and Rich continued to assist at the Justice Center and Fairgrounds. However, the parks did see some use with folks snow shoeing and walking dogs, etc.

Rattlesnake Ridge Riders - Annual Report

Linda Smith presented her annual report in the form of a detailed written report regarding the history of Hover Park.

Rattlesnake Mountain Shooting Facility - Master Plan Revision

Adam said he was looking for comments and expected the final revision to be done next week and for the Board to approve it next month.

Candy Mountain Interpretive Loop

David Comstock, Friends of Badger Mountain, gave a presentation on the proposed Candy Mountain Interpretive Loop and discussed the following:

- Using the existing trail loop
- Kiosk poster
- Native plants/grasses and flowering plants - marked with signs (25-26) that include a guide and QR code links
- Ice Age Flood signs
- Hanford History Monuments

Bruce Bjorhstad said he had studied the ice age floods for over 40 years. He discussed the following:

- Focus information at a few locations: the trailhead and three larger boulders adjacent to the trail
- Existing marker for the maximum elevation of Lake Lewis (at the top of Candy Mountain)

- Ice Age Flood Features - erratic boulders that were left on Candy Mountain and Badger Mountain

The Board expressed its support of this interpretive loop and indicated it was in favor of moving forward.

Badger/Candy Mountain - Geologic Mapping

Mickie Chamness discussed the geologic mapping project they were working on. She said they had a student that would be taking their hand-drawn maps and converting them to professional drawings as part of her master's degree.

The goal was to have professional maps for Candy Mountain and Badger Mountain for the kiosks. Additionally, they were working on a written report and hoped to have the maps and report linked to the County website.

Comments from Guests/Poll of the Board/Adjournment

Guests and Board members gave closing comments as follows:

- Linda Smith said that chili feed was cancelled, as well as the "litter" pickup due to the weather. She said the organization was very appreciative of the County's support through the years.
- Mickie Chamness said their field trips were postponed but would send information to Adam for the website for future wildflower field trips.
- George Hager said the range had been closed for two weeks due to the weather, and they were trying to let the snow melt naturally as opposed to using equipment.
- The Board members each expressed their interest and excitement in the interpretive loop project.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

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