

SUMMARY MINUTES

BENTON COUNTY PARK BOARD

September 8, 2009, 6:30 p.m.
Benton County Justice Center
Kennewick, WA

Board Members Present

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

Benton County Employees

Adam Fyall
Cami McKenzie
Commissioner Jim Beaver

Board Members Absent

Marilyn Hyde, Member
Skip Gest, Vice Chair

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 August 2009 Minutes were approved.

Reports to the Board

Chair Report

Bert added to his written report that he had located the east end termination of the Horse Heaven Rim Trail and rode Barker Canal and looked at the construction.

Horse Heaven Vista - Project Update and Telescope Discussion

Mr. Fyall reported the construction project was near completion: the paving was done and the restroom looked great. He indicated that he would email photos of the project to the Board. Mr. Fyall stated the winter project would be refurbishment of the sign and Dennis Rockwell would be working on that.

Adam said there was a proposal to relocate the Rattlesnake Mountain Observatory telescope to Horse Heaven Vista. He indicated that Deb Heintz, PEDDA, was taking the lead on this possibility and he would be meeting with Ms. Heintz this week to discuss it further.

The Board discussed the options for locating the telescope on different areas of the property. The Board agreed to pursue the idea, without commitment, and that it was 100% in favor of the concept.

Horn Rapids Canal Discussion

Mr. Fyall stated that Barker Ranch was taking the Horn Rapids Canal and putting it into pipe and had agreed to make the canal and remaining easement available for permanent trail use for authorized users only. He said the County now had a few more miles connecting Horn Rapids Park to Horn Rapids Development.

He indicated Benton City was supportive of trail use through the city area and there were two final pieces to connect Horn Rapids to Benton City on the other side.

Chair Lake said there was some hesitancy about horse use on the Barker Ranch piece but they would work on educating them about the issue.

Adjournment

The guests and board members gave closing comments and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.