

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

"To improve the quality of life in Idaho through outdoor recreation and resource stewardship."

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2017

10:00 A.M. Mountain / 9:00 A.M. Pacific

5657 Warm Springs Ave.

Boise, Idaho

Minutes – Thursday, January 26, 2017

Call to Order – Chairman Doman

Chairman Doman called the Board teleconference to order at 10:03 A.M. MT, January 26, 2017. The Chairman directed a roll call. Board Members in attendance via the phone were:

Chairman Doman – Present
Board Member Crimmins – Present
Board Member Black – Present
Board Member Bob Hansen – Present
Board Member Boren – Present
Board Member Gordy Hansen – Present

Also present or on the phone during all or portions of the teleconference were the following individuals:

David Langhorst – Director
Betty Mills – Management Assistant to the Director
Keith Hobbs – Operations Administrator
Anna Canning – Management Services Administrator
Steve Martin – Financial Officer
David White – North Region Manager
Garth Tayler – South/East Region Manager
Jim Thomas - Development Bureau Chief
Tammy Kolsky – Reservation/Registration Unit Program Manager
Jamie Little – Experience/Education Coordinator
Katrine Franks – Special Assistant to Governor Otter

Update on Winter Visitation to Parks – Garth Taylor/David White

Mr. Taylor reported that this winter has been more severe than ones in the past. Bear Lake had some difficulties grooming due to the amount of snow they received. Lake Walcott and Massacre Rocks do not see much visitation this time of year. Eagle Island could be impacted by flooding where the testing for the sewer system for the new camp ground is going in. Mr. Hobbs stated that our Yurts could be in danger due to the amount of snow they have received in the burn area. Lake Cascade has done twice as much snow plowing this year. Mr. White reported that this winter is serving the parks up North well. Recreation use is up as well as the Fat Bike use. Only one park had to be closed due to the high amount of snow. Mr. White also stated that the North Region offices sewer line froze which was caused unexpected cost for repairs. Board and staff discussion followed.

Update on Winter Maintenance Costs – Jim Thomas

Mr. Thomas provided a brief update on our winter maintenance costs for this year. He stated that he will not know the total maintenance cost for headquarters until this spring when all expenses have been submitted. Monitoring wells are being installed at Eagle Island for a sewage treatment plan for the new campground and with the snow pack and heavy precipitation, this may cause some issues. DEQ will be conduction tests for the additional sewer for the new campground at Eagle Island and if the test fails due to issues caused by the weather this winter, it would highly impact implementation of the new campground. Board and staff discussion followed.

Update on IDPR Staff attending National Meetings in 2017 – Director Langhorst

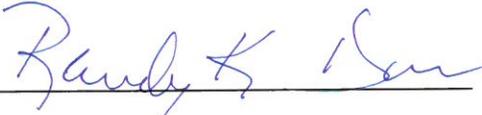
Director Langhorst emailed the Board a list of national meetings IDPR staff will be attending in 2017. There are 31 trips planned this year. Mr. Martin stated IDPR is trending down on these costs over the past few years. The total cost for IDPR staff traveling to national meetings in 2016 was 29% lower than in 2012. Director Langhorst stated that the REC Bureau pays for a good portion of their meeting travel costs out of the sales from the sticker fund. Mr. Crimmins commented that having staff attend these meetings is beneficial, it allows staff to see what other agencies are doing and obtain knowledge that could be valuable to IDPR. Board and staff discussion followed.

February 7-8, 2017 Agenda – Chairman Doman/Director Langhorst/Betty Mills

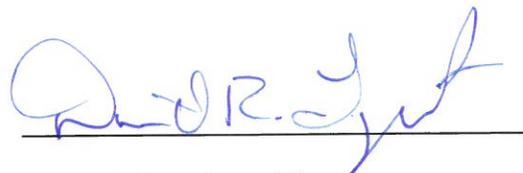
The Board provided additional topics for our February 2017 Board meeting agenda. Director Langhorst reported that he had a discussion with Steve Strack, Office of the Attorney General, regarding Executive Sessions being held during each Board meeting. Mr. Strack told the Director that Idaho Code is very specific regarding entering into Executive Session, and that it is not normal to have them on every meeting agenda “just in case”. Mr. Strack also told the Director that the agenda must give the reason and the specific provision of law authorizing the Executive Session. Board and staff discussion followed.

Director Langhorst asked the Board for their preference on receiving the staff program reports in writing or verbal presentations during our Board meetings. Mr. Boren stated he prefers the written reports. Mr. Crimmins supports the written reports as well and stated if the Board has any questions on a specific report, they can provide their questions prior to the meeting so staff are prepared to answer them during the Board meeting. Board and staff discussion followed.

Mr. Crimmins moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bob Hansen seconded the motion. The Chair called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 10:50 A.M.



Randy Doman, Chairman
Idaho Park and Recreation Board



David R. Langhorst Director
Ex-Officio Member of the Board