

IDAHO PARK AND RECREATION BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING
"To improve the quality of life in Idaho through outdoor recreation and resource stewardship."

Teleconference Board Meeting

March 26, 2015

10:00 AM Mountain / 9:00 AM Pacific

Originating at Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Headquarters
Boise, Idaho

Telephone Number: (208)-514-2259 Ext: 7412

AGENDA

Thursday March 26, 2015

10:00 a.m. Call to Order

10:05 a.m. Roll Call

10:10 a.m. Consent Agenda *CA

- January 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes
- Group Use Permit for Eagle Island Experience—Eagle Island State Park
- Ashton Tetonia Trail Easement—Harriman State Park

Resolution on Non-motorized Funding *AI

Grazing Leases Update *IO

Sponsorship Legislation Update *IO

- Tracking
- Rulemaking

Draft April Agenda *IO

- *Billingsley Creek*
- *Budget*
- *Grants*
- *Registration Modernization Update*
- *Idaho State Snowmobile Association presentation—Sandra Mitchell*
- *Development Projects Update*
- *American West Living History Tour*
- *Equestrian Center Considerations for Billingsley Creek—Gary Brown*
- *Updates:*
 - *Horsethief Reservoir*
 - *Market Lake*

• *Nature Conservancy Presentation—Lou Lunte*

• *Roundtable Discussion on Parks*

• *Executive Session*

Board Meeting Dates *IO

- Teleconference Dates
- August Meeting Location

Director's Report *IO

Executive Session

10:00 AM Chairman Correll called the Idaho Park and Recreation Teleconference Board Meeting to order at 10:00 AM MST, March 26, 2015. Chairman directed a roll call. Board Members and staff in attendance and via phone:

Tom Crimmins, District 1
Randy Doman, Board Vice Chairman, District 2
Susan Buxton, District 3 – present at HQ during meeting

Charlie Correll, Board Chairman, District 4
Jean McDevitt, District 5
Robert Hansen, District 6 – present at HQ during meeting

Also present during the meeting were the following individuals:

David Langhorst, Director
Keith Hobbs, Operations Administrator
Anne Eberlin, Holland and Hart LLP representing Crique Cheene Partners, LLC
Garth Taylor, South/East Region Manager – via phone
Nadine Curtis, Development Bureau Administrative Assistant

10:05 AM Consent Agenda – Chairman Correll

Tom Crimmins asked if the fees charged for the Ashton Tetonia Trail Easement were in line with the policy used in Northern Idaho. Nadine Curtis explained that fees were based on fair market value and the Region Manager was usually responsible for obtaining that information. Susan Buxton expressed concern that the board did not have the actual written easement to review prior to this vote. Garth Taylor and Keith Hobbs were invited to join the meeting. Garth Taylor explained that the usual process involves Board approval in concept first, and then staff proceeds with the work of defining the legal description and valuing the property, followed by Deputy Attorney General (DAG) Strack writing the easement. Susan Buxton made a motion to remove this item off the Consent Agenda until the easement is written and can be reviewed by the Board so they can vote on it at the next Board Meeting. Tom Crimmins 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10:15 AM January 22, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Chairman made a motion to remove this item from the Consent Agenda and present at April Board Meeting. Jean McDevitt 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10:40 AM Group Use Permit for Eagle Island Experience – Chairman Correll

Chairman Correll moved to approve the permit, Jean McDevitt 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

10:50 AM Resolution on Non-motorized Funding – Director Langhorst

Randy Doman called for approval of the proposed resolution. Tom Crimmins 2nd the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NOTE: Randy Doman informed Chairman Correll and Board Members he would be leaving the meeting shortly.

10:55 AM Grazing Leases Update – Director Langhorst

Director Langhorst gave the update on the Harriman leases. IDPR has been using a sealed bid process for some time, which is different than the Dept. of Lands and which allows only one chance to offer a bid. This has resulted in concern among some cattle operators, who believe that an open, public auction would produce higher revenues for the park by allowing bidders to continue to bid even higher than competitors until a market ceiling was reached. Staff members were concerned that a change in process could hurt park revenues; if only one bidder shows up at a public auction they could bid practically nothing and still win. After several weeks of investigating the grazing market in Eastern Idaho, Director Langhorst has instructed staff to use a new process at Harriman. Park management will use open, public auctions with a specified minimum opening bid. This would guarantee a minimum revenue amount for the park, but open the door to even higher revenues by giving bidders the freedom to raise their bids.

10:58 AM Sponsorship Legislation Update – Director Langhorst

Director Langhorst shared that the amended version of S1098 was in the first reading calendar of the house, and he predicts it will be through the process by Monday, March 30th. It will then move to the Senate for concurrence and on to the Governor for approval. Susan Buxton expressed concerns over the amended language. She asked DAG Strack to look at the amendment to make sure that if the bill becomes law its value to the agency is not diminished.

11:04 AM Draft April Agenda – Chairman Charlie Correll

After discussion of the agenda for the April Board meeting, the Board discussed upcoming Board meeting dates: 4th Thursdays for Teleconference meetings. April's meeting will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, April 22-23rd and possibly Friday, April 24th. Susan Buxton will not be available to make the first day of the Board meeting so she will call in for that first day. Chairman inquired about travel and arrangements. Director Langhorst stated Anna Canning would take care of those details. Director Langhorst asked the Board for a suggestion for the August Board meeting. Randy Doman recommended McCall and everyone concurred.

11:07 AM Director's Report

Director Langhorst spoke briefly on the annual conference, the first in several years. It was a wonderful, inspiring event, and the Director expressed the desire to better involve board members in future conferences.

The Passport program is doing very well. March sales were up 30% over last year.

Director Langhorst and Randy Doman attended the Idaho Forest Restoration Partnership. The Director has also met with all of the Idaho Forest supervisors and one on one with the Region 4 Forester. Region 4 has filled a new Regional Partnership Coordinator position, and Director Langhorst and staff have begun discussing ways to streamline permitting processes across multiple forests and ranger districts.

Craters of the Moon National Monument is being discussed at the Federal level and State House level. Some proponents want to change the name to Craters of the Moon National Park. Director Langhorst talked with Steven Goodson who said the Governor's office is in favor of this name change as long as it doesn't change the management of the park. Director Langhorst asked the Board if they also approve of this as long as it doesn't change the management of the park. The Board was in agreement. Director Langhorst asked Bob Hansen from the region to share information about this desired change and how it came about. Bob read an article from Eastern Idaho. By changing the name, it will change the status with hopes of bringing more people into Arco and Mackay. Board Member Hansen feels this is "light weight" and does not have any substance. More information may be available in a month.

Director Langhorst has asked Dave Ricks to do a financial analysis on Market Lake and present this during the April Board meeting.

Director Langhorst toured the Horsethief Reservoir with Theresa Parry and met with the Department of Fish and Game, a deputy from the Valley County Sheriff's office, and with the CEO of the YMCA. Theresa Perry did a SWOT analysis and a presentation will be provided during the April Board Meeting.

Director Langhorst provided a report on Eagle Island. It has been a frustrating experience for everyone to pursue this as a sole source arrangement. The Director feels that even though the agency was advised that this is legal under purchasing statutes, this is why we do RFPs. Like any good business person, the vendor is trying every angle to get the best deal, but with no competition there seems to be no incentive for him to meet some of the park's needs. This subject is being reviewed by the Board because the vendor has expressed his belief that the Board would agree to better terms for him. Tom Crimmins made the comment that he does not think the Board should get in the middle of this. Chairman Correll stated that he is in favor of turning this over to Director Langhorst to make a decision, and if he decides to go with an RFP, we can vote on that during the April Board meeting.

11:15 AM Roll Call/Executive Session

Chairman Correll called roll for the Executive Session:

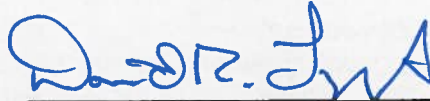
Tom Crimmins, District 1
Susan Buxton, District 3
Charlie Correll, Board Chairman, District 4
Jean McDevitt, District 5

Robert Hansen, District 6
David Langhorst, Director

11:59 AM Board Motion: Tom Crimmins made a motion to adjourn. Robert Hansen 2nd the motion. Chairman Correll called for a vote: 4 – Ayes, 1 – Nay (Doman).



Charles Correll, Chair
Idaho Park and Recreation Board



David Langhorst, Director
and Ex-Officio Member of the Board

- * IO Information Only
- * AI Action Item

Please Note: Discussion times for agenda items are approximate. The Board reserves the right to move agenda items and adjust time schedule as needed.

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