

## IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

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### Special Meeting

Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Board

5657 Warm Springs Ave

Boise, ID 83716

December 22, 2022

10:00 A.M. MT, 9:00 A.M. PT

Zoom Meeting Link:

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### MINUTES

**Thursday, December 22, 2022**

Call to Order - Chairman Beckley called the meeting to order at 10:03am and requested a roll call.

- Chairman Beckley - Present
- Board Member Fatkin - Absent
- Board Member Black - Present
- Board Member Roach - Present
- Board Member Eastwood - Present

Also present during all or portions of the meeting either in person or on the phone were the following individuals:

- Susan Buxton, Director
- David White, North Region Bureau Chief
- Seth Hobbs, R & R Program Manager
- Joy Vega, Deputy Attorney General
- Craig Quintana, Public Information Officer
- Adam Zaragoza, Management Services Administrator
- Troy Elmore, Operations Division Administrator
- Tami Iasonides, Management Assistant
- Steve Martin, Financial Officer
- Steve Hacker, Chief Operating Officer - College of Natural Resources, University of Idaho

### Welcome and Introductions

Chairman Beckley and Director Buxton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### Additions or Deletions to the Printed Agenda

The Chairman asked for any additions or deletions to the printed agenda, hearing none, he moved forward to the next agenda item.

### Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes November 9-10, 2022.

**Mr. Eastwood moved to approve the minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried.**

University of Idaho Agreement for Faculty Position – Director Buxton gave an overview of the Agreement and explained that it would provide a full-time employee who would be working for both Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation and University of Idaho. The agencies each pay 50 percent of the salary. Steve Hacker, Chief Operating Officer of the College of Natural Resources at University of Idaho was available for any questions.

**Mr. Eastwood moved to proceed with the Agreement and authorize the Director to sign. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roach. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none, he called for a roll call vote.**

- Chairman Beckley - Yes
- Board Member Fatkin - Absent
- Board Member Black - Yes
- Board Member Roach - Yes
- Board Member Eastwood - Yes

**Motion carried.**

#### **Accept Executed Deed and Agreement for Sheridan Property at Castle Rocks State Park**

Director Buxton gave a brief overview of the area, the property and its popularity for climbers.

**Mr. Black moved to accept the signed and recorded Warranty Deed. Motion was seconded by Eastwood. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing non, he called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried.**

#### **Dworshak Lease Negotiation**

Director Buxton gave an update on the lease negotiations and the concern with some of the standard clauses in the Agreement. We are making good progress with the Army Corp of Engineers for a mutually beneficial and fair lease.

#### **Director Update**

Director Buxton gave the following updates:

- We will be acquiring a new unit at Land of the Yankee Fork – Challis Hot Springs. The owner has provided appraisal documents as required, and we should have acquisition documents in the next month or two.
- An employee engagement survey was conducted – Results should be compiled within the next 2-3 weeks.
- Legislature – There are many new legislators. We have been reaching out to JFAC committee members to request meetings and provide them with any information they may need. The IDPR budget will not be announced until the Governor’s State of the State on January 9, 2023. We have a new liaison at the Governor’s office, Darren Damon. Hopefully, he will be able to attend the February Board meeting.
- State Parks Leadership School – Gave a brief overview of the school and the classes she is teaching.
- Ashton Visitor Center – met with the Mayor of Ashton and are working on a partnership with the City of Ashton (owner) on an Economic Development Grant to improve the Ashton-Tetonia trail/trailhead.

- Met with the Mayor of Tetonian to discuss possible joint plans for the trailhead.

**There being no further business, Mr. Roach moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:31am.**



Chairman Brian Beckley  
Idaho Park and Recreation Board



Susan E. Buxton, Director  
Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation