

IDAHO PARK AND RECREATION BOARD TELECONFERENCE MEETING

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

October 3, 2013

Originating at IDPR Headquarters

Conference Dial-in Number: (424) 203-8400

Participant Code 1076643#

AGENDA

Thursday, October 3, 2013

8:35 a.m. MDT Call to Order
Welcome guests
Additions or deletions to the printed agenda

Old Business

Hidden Lake Float Homes *IO
Idaho State Parks Passport * IO

New Business

Park Closures Due to Federal Shutdown *IO
Letters: *IO

- RV Fund Moffat Thomas File No. 25576.0002
- Risk Management Program Claim No. 2014-0087-001

Request Yurt Fee Increases *AI
Director's Report *IO

Board Chair Correll called the October 3, 2013 Teleconference Board meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. MDT with the following Board members in attendance:

Susan Buxton, Boise
Charles Correll, Jerome
Jean McDevitt, Pocatello
Bob Hansen, Menan
Tom Crimmins, Hayden Lake
Randy Doman, Cottonwood (Called in at 8:40 a.m.)

Also present during all or a portion of the meeting were the following individuals:

Nancy Merrill, Director
Jan Johns, Executive Administrator
Anna Canning, Management Services Administrator
Keith Hobbs, Operations Manager
Tammy Kolsky, Reservation Manager

8:37 a.m. Hidden Lake Float Homes

Director Merrill reviewed the motions from the July 2013 IDPR Board Meeting regarding the Float Homes.

1. Board directs staff to work with Float Home Association and their consultant Welch Comer to create a plan that will consolidate the float homes in such a configuration as to allow for the connectivity to sewer and development of the park property that includes at least 500 feet open shoreline to accommodate additional recreational interests for the public within Heyburn State Park.
2. Board directs the Attorney General to work with staff to develop a lease to include the milestones and associated dates, a term length conducive to obtaining a loan, future utility adjustments, strict lease term and park rule adherence, and the new rental rate for Board approval this fall.
3. Board directs staff to bring back a consolidation plan back to the November 2013 Board meeting.

4. The Board moved to table all issues regarding the Chestnut lease and sewer system until the November 2013 Board meeting.

Director Merrill asked for clarification on the intent of motion #1 to create a plan that will consolidate the float homes in such a configuration as to allow for the connectivity to sewer and development of the park property that includes at least 500 feet of open shoreline to accommodate additional recreational interests for the public within Heyburn State Park.

Director Merrill asked if the intent was to consolidate the three (3) float homes located on the northwest shoreline with the remaining float homes along the southwest shoreline, or to reconfigure all of the float homes to accommodate the three (3) identified along the shoreline as visited by the Board during their visit.

The Board responded that it was the intent, with the exception of the Chestnut float home, to move the three (3) as identified on the map. The Board said that the motion intended that the consolidation be accomplished without moving any of the other float homes except the three (3) on the northwest shoreline, if possible, to create approximately 500 feet of public access.

The Board asked Director Merrill to have staff map out 500 feet of northwest shoreline in order to determine the amount of shoreline remaining and if it would be enough to accommodate the three (3) float homes.

The Board discussed the float home belonging to the Chestnut family. Mr. Crimmins asked that Mr. White review the status of the Chestnut's sewer line with the Panhandle Health District making sure it meets all standards. Mr. Doman said that if the Chestnut's sewer line fails to meet standards, then the Board will need to consider an optional plan as the Chestnut's sewer line runs through park land.

8:50 a.m. Idaho State Park Passport Update

Director Merrill reviewed the Passport Program to date. IDPR has collected a little more than \$1 million since the beginning sales. Staff is planning to market the Passport Program once again in both northern and southern parts of the state. Mr. Hansen asked how the Agency compared to the state of Michigan who originated the program. Ms. Kolsky said that Michigan State took two (2) years to reach the current volume but she was not sure that was their projected volume. IDPR is in its first year and running at about 10% of passport sales projected which is very optimistic. The Idaho State Parks Passport Program should reach its goals within three (3) years.

8:55 a.m. Park Closures Due to Federal Shutdown

Director Merrill discussed the effects of the federal government shut down on parks and park business. City of Rocks National Reserve is partially closed and staff that is paid by the Federal Government and are on furlough. Payments from ICOE and BOR are being held.

8:57 a.m. Review of Letters

Mr. Strack addressed the letter from Moffatt Thomas regarding RV funding and said he would be sending a response letter promptly and had already talked with Norman Semanko, attorney for IRC and author of the letter. Mr. Strack disagrees with the Moffatt Thomas letter and believes the Board has the power to act in the manner they have regarding the RV funds

The second letter which is from Risk Management regarding State File 2014-0087-001, Mr. Strack said that claimants have two (2) years from now to hire legal council should they want to pursue this further. The claim has been denied by Risk Management.

9:01 a.m. Request Yurt Fee Increases

Ms. Kolsky asked that the Board approve the increase of Idaho City Back Country Yurt Fees as follows:

Recommended Rates

Raise summer weekday rates from \$55 to \$65

Raise summer weekend and holiday rates from \$65 to \$75

Raise winter weekday rates from \$75 to \$85

Raise winter weekend and holiday rates from \$90 to \$100

Mr. Hansen so moved. Ms. McDevitt seconded the motion. The Chair asked for any discussion. Hearing none, the Chair asked for the vote. Crimmins-aye, Doman-nay, Buxton-aye, McDevitt-aye, Hansen-aye, Chair-aye. The motion was approved.

9:05 a.m. Directors Report

Director Merrill discussed the following:

- Idaho Law Enforcement Position paper on RV Registration
- Email received from Sandra Mitchell to appeal/object to the Panhandle Forest Plan
- South Region Managers' Meeting
- LSO Eastern Idaho Tour

Discussion followed regarding the appeal/objection to the Panhandle Forest plan decision to restrict motorized use and mechanized use (bicycles) in recommended wilderness areas. The recommended wilderness areas are as follows:

Mallard Larkins	80,200 acres
Salmo-Priest	18,600 acres
Scotchman Peaks	25,900 acres
Selkirk	36,700 acres

The Mallard Larkins are expanded from the old plan and will shut down some summer motorized recreation opportunities (motorcycle trails). The Selkirks are a premium destination for high-mountain snowmobiling in north Idaho. The mountains represent the only place where this type of activity occurs in north Idaho.

IDPR is eligible to object because it did comment on the USFS's Draft Plan and was involved with the planning effort since the start in 2002.

Staff was directed by the Board to find out how many days after the decision IDPR has to appeal/object.

The Board authorized the Director to work with the Governor's office as well as with Jeff Cook, Recreational Planner, and to schedule a Board meeting as soon as possible for further discussion.

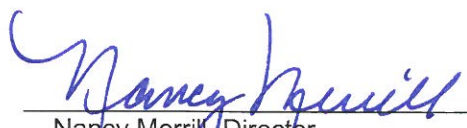
Director Merrill introduced Anna Canning, new Management Services Administrator and Keith Hobbs, new Operations Manager. They will both be working out of IDPR headquarters.

9:16 a.m. Mr. Doman moved to adjourn. Ms. Buxton seconded the motion. Chair asked for vote. Motion passed unanimously.

9:16 a.m. Meeting adjourned.



Charles Correll, Chairman
Idaho Park and Recreation Board



Nancy Merrill, Director
and Ex-Officio Member of the Board

