

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
"To improve the quality of life in Idaho through outdoor recreation and resource stewardship"
Board Meeting
May 20-21, 2014
Jack O'Conner Center
Lewiston ID 83501

Chairman Correll called the Board meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. on May 20, 2014 at the Jack O'Conner Center in Hells Gate Park for Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. The following Board Members were in attendance:

Charlie Correll – Chairman, District 4
Randy Doman – Vice Chairman, District 2
Tom Crimmins – District 1
Susan Buxton – District 3
Jean McDevitt – District 5
Robert Hansen – District 6

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

Nancy Merrill, Director
Robert Wiley, Administrative Assistant
Keith Hobbs, Administrator Operations Division
Anna Canning, Administrator Management Services Division
Kristy Bobish-Thompson, Human Resource Officer
Steve Martin, Fiscal Officer
Kevin Zauha, Management Information Services
Keith Jones, Natural Resources
David White, North Region Manager
Garth Taylor, South Region Manager
Steve Strack, Deputy Attorney General, Natural Resources Division
Tammy Kolsky, Reservation Program Manager
Kathy Muir, Grant Program Manager
Ray Houston, Legislative Services Office
Shelby Kerns, Department Financial Management
Matthew Warnick, Department Financial Management
Keith Reynolds
Dave Kimberly
John Magnuson
Henry & Marilyn Mayer
Jeanne Brocke and John Keller
Harvey & Cheryl Hughett
Bradley Chesnut and Gary & Lois Chesnut
Dan Stellmon
Tom Greene
Mate Maitland
Terri Klanderud
Haden Claiborne
Larry Laxson
Lauren J. Fre
Mary Kalinoski
Howard Ostinbery
Patricia Trautman
Betty Wilsey
Mark Jennings

AGENDA AS POSTED
Tuesday, May 20, 2014

- 8:30 a.m. Call to Order**
 Welcome Guests
 Additions or Deletions to the Printed Agenda
 Public Forum
- 8:45 a.m. Consent Agenda**
- Approval of Minutes
 - Group Use Permits
 - Easement
- 9:00 a.m. Financials – Steve Martin (Separate packet)**
9:45 a.m. Float Home Leases – David White/Steve Strack
9:50 a.m. Public Forum (added after meeting started)
10:30 a.m. Break
10:45 a.m. Grant Approval Requests – Kathy Muir
11:45 p.m. Working Lunch/ Tour Hells Gate
1:30 p.m. Board Policy – Anna Canning
2:00 p.m. Vardis Fisher (Thousand Springs) – Steve Strack
2:30 p.m. Tour Winchester/ Grant Project Downtown Lewiston
6:00 p.m. Dinner and Entertainment under the Stars
Hells Gate State Park
State and local honored guests invited
- 8:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned**
- Wednesday, May 21, 2014**
- 8:30 a.m. Call meeting to order**
8:35 a.m. Keith Jones
9:15 a.m. Strategic Plan – Anna Canning
10:00 a.m. Break
10:15 a.m. Resume: Strategic Plan – Anna Canning
11:00 a.m. Registration Update – Tammy Kolsky
11:45 a.m. Working lunch – Board Discussion: Land Exchange
1:00 p.m. Reports
2:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned

BOARD MOTION: Jean McDevitt made a motion to have a public forum approximately 9:50 a.m. after the Float Home Leases. Randy Doman 2nd the motion. Charlie called for other discussion. Roll call vote taken. Jean McDevitt, Aye; Randy Doman, Aye; Charlie Correll, Aye; Tom Crimmins, Aye; Robert Hansen, Aye. 5 – Ayes; 0 – Nays.

Note: Susan Buxton was driving up this morning and will be arriving around 11:00 A.M.

STAFF ACTION ITEM: None

8:35 a.m. Public Forum:

- Larry Laxson Valley County Park Recreation Manager: Self-identified being on the Registration Task Force. Spoke about Recreation issues including snowmobile issues. Would like to make sure that dedicated recreation funds are not moved into parks funds. Also spoke about how parks and recreation affects the economy of Valley County. Larry is interested to see state parks get involved with city and county park entities.
- Terri Klanderud: Chairman Correll and Board members. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to talk with you. My name is Terri Klanderud and I live in Nampa Idaho. I own an RV and I am a member of the Idaho State Snowmobile Association and the Idaho Recreation Council. Recreation is extremely important to my family and we enjoy it year round. We gladly purchase our stickers for both our RV and snowmobiles, knowing that it is our responsibility to provide the funds to build the infrastructure needed for our sports. I have participated in the writing of grants, asking for a portion of those funds. Even though all the grants have not been successful, I have been confident that they were treated fairly because of the advisory committee's oversight. That

all changed when this board decided unilaterally, without consent from the RV advisory committee, or anyone else for that matter, to take “up to \$1.5M in RV funds for park operation on an ongoing basis” in May of 2013. No matter what justification, no matter how worthy your intent, what you have done is wrong and most certainly violates the intent of the law, if not the actual wording. Idaho Code 67-4223(5) says “to provide financial assistance, IN THE FORM OF GRANTS, to public entities for the acquisition, lease, development, improvement, operations, and maintenance of facilities and services designed to promote the health, safety and enjoyment of recreational vehicle users”. Can these funds be used for operations and maintenance? Yes, but they are to be given out through grants! We, the users, asked to be taxed, but knew that it was essential that there be oversight in place to ensure that our funds were spent appropriately – therefore, the advisory committee. Your decision to take OUR funds indefinitely is an end run around the process, and in doing so, you have violated our trust. If you can decide how RV funds are to be spent, can you not also do the same with my snowmobile funds, OHV, or boating funds? Please, I ask of you to reconsider your decision. Rescind your motion and instead go through the grant process as is defined in the code. Trust the RV advisory committee to determine how the funds from RV’ers should be best used. IDPR has always received a large percentage of those funds and I see no reason why that would not continue. Thank you.

- Hayden Claiborne: founding father of the Idaho UTV association as well as a board member and a past president of that organization. He was a past president of ATV trail riders as well as a member of the Idaho Recreation Council (IRC). Hayden stated his son is the president of the Idaho State ATV association. His family is extremely involved with motor sport activity in Idaho and speaks from that capacity. Members of the IRC understand the problems this Board continues to face since the economic collapse. They understand IDPR does not have that ability to replace General funds. However, they do not believe the answer to this problem is in absorbing any dedicated funds. Hayden mentioned Idaho statutes specifying the use of dedicated funds which employed a competitive grant process. Hayden expressed since 2010 the manner in which the RV fund has been used is discouraging to recreationists to the extent of legislation would be honored. The IRC proposed to increase the out-of-state RVs using the parks. IRC members sat with the governor and discussed the reality of running the RV parks without general funds. Hayden, on behalf of IRC, request IDPR to rescind the \$1.5M movement of RV funds to replace the use of the General funds. Hayden also requests for the Board to utilize the grant process as outlined in the statutes. He states taking no joy in this situation and if the problem is not resolved to the satisfaction of the RV community, they will be forced to seek options which include proposing legislature to eliminate the funds and move the management of the dedicated funds to another agency. Hayden requests the fund to operate in the way it was intended.
- Mate Maitland – Legislative chair Good Sam Club: Handed out a paper informing the Board there is no public knowledge of where the \$2M RV fund came from and he thinks this is one of the things that should happen. Mate clarified to the audience of the Board asking the advisory committee members to use the \$2M in RV funds. Mate stated the advisory committee said yes. But Mate thinks the advisory committee was wrong in doing so. Mate also stated his opinion about the Board going beyond their reach and should be using a grant process. In Mate’s opinion IDPR was expanding instead of maintaining the parks as necessary. Mate suggests putting inserts in every application for a license telling people where the money is going. He believes the insert will increase membership of state park users. Mate identified tourism as the 3rd largest revenue for the state of Idaho. Mate suggested another possibility; larger spaces to accommodate large group campers such as the Good Sam Club as another source of income.
- Director comments: Mr. Chairman and friends, you can see from our agenda today an item under the financial proposals and budget being briefed by Steve Martin. The RV fund will be discussed. At every meeting we have had in the past including today, you can see how the funds are being spent in an open and clear dialogue to show where every dollar is being used. We will be asking for the Board to replace the RV funds with General funds in our proposal FY16 budget.

Charlie Correll opens the floor for anyone to have an opportunity to speak that did not have an opportunity before: No member steps forward to speak.

Director Merrill presents Kevin Zauha a Certificate of Service from the Governor's for 40 years of service with the state of Idaho.

8:45 a.m. Consent Agenda

BOARD MOTION: Tom Crimmins makes a motion to approve the entire consent agenda. Jean McDevitt 2nd the motion. 5 – Ayes; 0 – Nays.

Note: Susan Buxton was not in attendance.

STAFF ACTION: None

8:55 a.m. Financials: Steve Martin presented highlights of the 2014 3rd quarter financial report. 3rd quarter financial statements on page 2 are the typical budget status with nothing noteworthy there. Page 3 shows the park revenues. Tom Crimmins asked about the expenditures consistently exceeding the revenues on the chart. Steve responded with the General funds are not listed as revenue. Good news up about \$215,000 or 3.5%, 0410 revenue is up 6.8% or \$110,000, and 0243 revenue is up \$105,000 or 2.7%. Camping revenues are up 8.2%, reservation fees are up, and MVEF is up about \$150,000 or 16%. All of these positive up-ticks do not include passport revenues. If you include the passport revenue for the year, the 0243 fund is up almost \$976,000 or 25% compared to the prior year. Passport report on page 14 shows last year is up another \$800,000 over the previous year. Passport revenue projections are set for \$1.2 million and we are almost to the penny for this year's projections. Year to date expenditures are also up about 5.5% or \$400,000 which is due to an increase in capital outlay expenditures.

Pages 4-5 reflect North and South Revenue and expenditures are equally distributed. Pages 6-12 reflect cash balances as of the end of the quarter on March 31. All of the cash positions with the exception of the 0247.01 fund are relatively stable over prior years. The 0247.01 fund (Recreational Fuels – Capital Improvement) is down a bit, \$340,000. The only conclusion for lower collection is people are buying less fuel. We expect a possible up-tick in 4th quarter due to stability of this fund. If this fund does not recover, it is not indicative of a long term trend. Page 13 shows our 3rd quarter RV summary and revenue into this fund is up about 5% from previous year. There will be some savings in the park personnel costs. Gross passport: Up about \$820,000 total passport sold up about 6,000 which is a very modest growth of the passport program. Financial statement is concluded.

Discussion: Bob Hansen asked how this is trending compared to Michigan State Passport Program. Jean McDevitt spoke about a study from the University of Idaho targeting where people recreate versus where people spend their money before they go on trips. This information may be a good guide for spending our passport advertising money.

Tom Crimmins asked Steve Martin about penetration rates. Steve responded we are up 7.5%. Randy Doman asked about the 2-year passport sale vs the 1-year passport sale. Does this make a difference? Steve suggests the same number of 2-year sales average 18% to 20% from month to month. There is no evidence of declining 2-year sales versus 1-year sales. Other Question, are we trending to see those who may have bought the first year and not the 2nd year? We are a little premature in requesting this information because we have not completed a full 2-year cycle on the Passport Program. Once we hit that mark, it is an excellent idea to track those trends.

Proceeding to the 2016 Budget proposal; Steve will follow the same format as last year with a quick overview of the fiscal year 2015 appropriation both from the state aspect and how our department hands out appropriations. This slide is the statewide 2015 General Appropriations. The \$2.936B is the second highest state of Idaho General Fund Appropriation ever. Only the 2009 fiscal year had more general funds appropriated. The largest appropriations are Education, Health and Welfare, and Public Safety at 94% of all the General Fund appropriations. The top 12 agencies hold 93% while the remaining 40 agencies compete for the remaining 7%. Natural Resource agencies receive 1% of the General Fund. The good news is \$32.6M is an 11% increase over the prior year. Of the 1% of the Natural Resource fund, Idaho State Parks & Recreation received \$3.5M which is 2.5 times more than last year. We were

very successful with our General Fund requests in this budget year and substantially improved our ability to fund capital improvement projects. That is what the Department of Appropriations for 2015 looks like. Just under \$34M in total divided out between personnel costs and operating expenditures and capital outlay at 9% which is showing as a percentage decrease over the prior year. The reason for the decrease is due to the Farragut sewer project being shifted to capital outlay in 2014. Then reversing that project and putting money back into Trustee and Benefit category in 2015. Essentially they shifted the budget between the two categories. Steve explains where Idaho Department of Parks & Recreation fits in the scope of the \$34M. Off the top of the \$34M is the Trustee and Benefit with \$12M to be used almost exclusively as grant money for local communities and non-profits to do recreation and other improvement projects throughout the state. IDPR doesn't get any benefit in terms of improving its own infrastructure unless we are in the grantee process. In actuality the costs for all of our parks and recreation programs is about \$20M and more than half of that is personnel costs. Randy Doman commented having personnel costs are also in the rec side that comes from this budget. A few other highlights in terms of this year's appropriations personnel costs include the employee compensation and personnel dollars from the sale of the Aqua Life Aquaculture Facility at Vardis Fisher. Cash Flow projections are used in determining the amount of available cash in the 2016 year. The ending free fund balances assumes all capital development carryover encumbered money from prior budget year is spent in the current fiscal year. Jump to page 18 in your book; you can see the 0243 fund has greatly improved from last year's data. Cash balance at the end of the year has remained stable at about \$1M. Revenue projections for 2015 and 2016 include 2% increase each year bases upon trends. This is assuming all cap development projects will be completed according to budget proposal. This fund will also have about \$1M ending reserve balance. The next chart is page 23 in your book. This is the Recreational Fuel Capital Improvement Fund (0247.01) we are assuming all of the capital development funds are being expended in the current year. Currently we have about \$1M remaining in capital projects. In reality a lot of those will roll over and be completed in 2015 creating a stable expense. Again with the 0243 fund assuming everything goes according to plan the 2016 ending balance would be a little over \$1M. Then next Cash Flow slide is on page 33 of the book. Some progress was made for 2016 of accumulation of cash in that fund by allocating one of the budget requests that was received from Heyburn State Park. Half of that balance is attributed to the rentals from the Heyburn State Park. Good portion of that goes to a sinking fund for the sewer and water to deal with future repairs and maintenance. Our appropriations are maxed out for the parks. Due to the extra income we will need to consider funding additional development projects from this fund or consider an appropriation request at a higher level to more supportive to higher level of revenues. That is not something we need to look at this budget cycle but certainly in the next budget cycle. The budget proposal on page 7 shows the following appropriations at \$35,832,600 for 2016, increase 5.6% increase versus the 2015. Personnel costs are assumed static and we don't know are DFM instructions are going to be in terms of benefit cost increase or potential CECs. Jean McDevitt: Page 35 Harriman fund question: balance in the fund keeps dropping and not increasing the revenue. Park is having a hard time sustaining. She is concerned. This is a one-time fund that has been used on different projects throughout the park. They record the revenue from the use of these projects, but it is not enough to sustain this park. This is a perfect example of where public funds are needed to support this park. This is a high maintenance park that does not support itself through fees. Steve Martin stated this is the perfect example of a general fund need. The trust fund does not pay for this park. Randy Doman identifies that Heritage and educational parks that are an important part of who we are, but they do not pay for themselves, but they are just as important as our camping parks. Keith Hobbs points out an allocation shift around 2013 funds were shifted less 0243 funds. Steve Martin concurs, in tight times, going back to 2011 and 2012 budget IDPR relied more heavily and different funds to support current operations with an effort of scaling back. Keith Hobbs stated the reason of Harriman fund drawing down was not because of increasing costs. Moving back to page 7 in the budget proposal tab, the emphasis, staff has prioritized the personnel and operating costs were made a little easier from the proceeds of the sale of Vardis Fisher property. The trustee and benefit level increases over the prior year due to our budget enhancements proposed for 2016. Please remember that budget enhancements are any new capital development projects or additions to the base level funding. For the number one item, staff recommends to submit a request of \$1.5M in General Funds to replace that equivalent amount IDPR is currently spending from the RV Fund on park personnel cost. Those parks are identified in the RV funding schedule in the financial package. That would be the number one priority request to submit to the Governor's office to basically undue the decision that was done back 2011. Steve Martin briefly

explained the remainder projects that are itemized with a description in the names. Tom Crimmins had a question about pages 9 and 10 in the handout identifying program enhancements negative balance on page 9 and a positive balance on page 10. Steve Martin confirmed the finding showing the shift of money from the RV funds to the General fund to cover operation/personnel costs as well as fund upcoming grants. Steve Martin verbalizes that staff recommendation is the Board approve the \$2,078,000.00 in program enhancements and \$3,129,000.00 in repair and replacement items as detailed on pages 7-15 of the Agenda package.

BOARD MOTION: Jean McDevitt made a motion to approve the proposed FY2016 budget and respectfully request the Governor consider replacing the \$1.5M in RV Funds with General fund replacement dollars and that the RV fund be restored to its original intent. Bob Hansen 2nd the motion. 5 – Ayes, 0 – Nays

Board member Tom Crimmins noted that IDPR may need help from the RV community in getting the Governor approval to make sure this transition occurs.

9:30 a.m. BREAK – 5 minutes

9:35 a.m. Float home leases: Steve Strack notes the new lease has a term of 30 years and could terminate earlier if the loan is paid off before the term. The attachments of the lease state, for the Chesnuts, may maintain their two float homes on the existing one float home site until such time as one of those float homes are destroyed. If one float home is destroyed then they will have to rebuild as a single float home. Also they do not have to have a sewer system as long as their drain field requirements are in good condition. If that ever fails then they will have to hook up to the sewer system. Steve Strack said they will have the same lease as everyone else except the additional special attachment. The Eisengers' special attachment stipulates their float home may stay on the shoreline until it is destroyed. Once it is destroyed, Eisengers would have to rebuild a float home that actually floats. We have been working with Mr. Magnuson to come to as much agreement as we can. Since our last Board meeting we have had a temporary permit issued to the Chestnuts that covers their sewer line that goes up the hill to their private property. We have an agreement with Panhandle Health District on a revised sewer management. This agreement notes the addition to the trunk line of the sewer system. A prior obstacle was encroachment permit and now it is no longer needed. Steve Strack will run through the remaining staff recommendations and Mr. Magnuson will get a chance for rebuttal:

- First issue is a request from Tim Green to be allowed to keep his boat garage which has been converted into sleeping quarters. Apparently that happened around 17 years ago. This particular conversion was never approved by park staff. Park staff recommends we do not allow this to remain in place because there is no evidence of approval therefore it is in violation.
- Lease section 4.3 which allows the rental rate to return to 5%. As discussed earlier the rental rate historically it was at 4%. From there, several challenges from the leasees, then it went to court, and then to the Board. After looking through a number of historical economic documents at what an appropriate lease rate would be, the Board set it at 5%. It was reduced to 3.5% in 2010 due to the economic conditions there and that rate was intended to be temporary. By keeping 4.3 in place we ensure the rate will return back to 5% in 2020 if the Board does not take action. Staff recommendation is that we keep section 4.3 as it is to return the rental rate to 5% in 2020.
- Lease section 8.2.2 which set a construction mile stone. The leasees have requested flexibility on the completion dates. We all know that when we have a timeline, things sometimes slip. Staff recommendation is to keep it as it is because we already have that provision in there. If there are situation where they don't meet the construction deadline the leasees need to request additional time by coming to the Board for considered adjustment and Board approval. Again the flexibility is already built in so we don't see a need for additional language. They did request at one point that the breach of lease moves to the Board. They have since withdrawn that request and will stay with the Director which is consistent with all other leases.
- In section 11 the leasees have requested that they be given sixty days to cure lease violations. All other contracts and concession contracts, grazing leases, farm leases, and cabin owners all have 30 days to cure a lease violation. Staff recommendation is to stay with the 30 days unless there are extenuating circumstances.

- Section 16 shows we have changed the lease provision. The old lease allowed for \$500,000.00 home owners insurance. Risk Management has set guidelines and the new recommendation is \$1M coverage. All of the state agencies, not just Parks and Recreation leases are moving to the \$1M coverage. If the Board would like to entertain any number other than \$1M, Steve Strack suggest sitting down with Risk Management and get an analysis of what that entails.

These are all of Steve Strack's and Staff recommendations.

Discussion: Randy: What happens if the sewer system fails, where would we move Chesnuts and Greens additional structure? David White stated other areas where they can be moved if this did occur. Randy Doman requests to have contingent plan so people do not become comfortable and then need to move again. Everyone should have a long term plan that addresses all of these issues. Randy would like to see that if the drain field fails they will only be able to move one structure.

I am Dave Kimberly and I want to thank you for a chance to talk with you. I will take a slight side track here and give you a little update on what is going on with our float home then turn it over to John. We have had a lot of progress, and thanks for helping us along. DEQ has finalized their loan approval. Mr. Crimmins gave some great ideas for that. We received a grant to get the design work for the sewer. I think we are on track for all that. We think construction will start on a sewer line out there. You want us to move and we get some extra shoreline, it is a win-win situation. We get to stay and you will get some monies far into the future from us to aid in the Park profits. There have been some challenges in the past on timelines before because a construction company went bankrupt and we are just looking for a little latitude if those same kinds of things happen to us. At the end of the construction the Park will own the sewer line and us float home users will have paid for it. Float home users will essentially double their costs for the next 30 years. Our lease, plus an addition \$150 to \$200 thousand dollars due to this sewer line project. One of the questions we have before you is to maintain a 3.75% interest lease rate. We are looking to save about \$300 a year and in return for that extra percent off, we are paying into \$1M construction loan. So we are looking for some stability in our lease rate costs. We don't think it is unfair to have a slightly reduced lease rate because of the cost of the sewer line. On this item we are looking to help in keeping our cost down. Now on the actual lease, please be aware that what you vote on could possibly set precedence between the Chestnuts, Eisengers, and the Greens. With that I will turn it over to Mr. Magnuson.

John Magnuson: Mr. Chairman and members of the Board and Director Merrill, I have had the privilege to address you formerly and informally on the float home leases before. I always feel like the last guy to the party because this has been an issue that I appreciate that has occupied a considerable amount of your Boards agenda and packets. I appreciate your observation to delete or resolve some disputes going forward so that future Board meetings there might be more time on the recreational aspect rather than dealing with the float home leases. Tom Crimmins directed us to DEQ and through this odyssey we have been to DEQ and a side detour to the legislature. Only in Idaho do we work collaboratively enough to get needed legislation. Drafted, adopted, presented, and passed in about two weeks, which is a modern miracle Washington D.C. could take note of that. We sit here today and as Mr. Strack has indicated we have gone through numerous times. When we left last time there were six points of disagreement on our part and that we would ask that you consider. We withdrew one point leaving only 5 points. I am here with good news we are withdrawing one more so we can narrow it down and say we are really making progress. We talked about asking that the period of time within which a default could be cured be extended to sixty days for other than default based on nonpayment. That was under lease section 11. We withdraw that based on what Mr. Strack has indicated of being consistent provision of other leases. I do want to focus on my friend Mr. Green's plight. The lease, as prepared, authorizes two exceptions to the single float home and the single boat garage. And you are aware that we have talked about the Chestnuts and the Eisengers. Now the Chesnuts have corrected me on a couple of statements that I made were a little bit in error. The Chesnuts converted float home does not have any water or creature comforts that are referred to. It is a converted boat garage that has no improvements or family use. The other matter they corrected me on was the structure was there for 39 years not 37 years. Mr. Green in 1997 converted the boat garage by essentially covering over the cut out for the boat. It has been indicated that was a use not

permitted under the prior lease. And I am not here to tell you today we have some piece of paper that says prior agent of the department or the Board saying that it is ok. Mr. Green you might ask why he would do that, I think as I started out, what a strange trip this has been, I think you need to look back a little bit before. There was a time that the float home leasees were not a welcome party in the neighborhood. And there was a time when it was definitely believed that there would be no chance to get the leases extended. So Mr. Green in anticipation of the possibility he would have to relocate elsewhere, made some improvements in that nature that exist. Now I say that there was not an intentional violation of any rule or regulation that leaves the situation for all intents and purposes, as it sits there today indistinguishable from the Chestnuts. As I envisioned it I thought, if somebody wants to sleep in the boat garage, a guy could put up a piece of 2X4 and some plywood over temporary for the night somebody could sleep there. Somebody could sleep in the boat in there. Really he hasn't done anything with the boat garage that has created a living environment other than some place a couple of kids could sleep or you could store your kayaks. I think it is indistinguishable from the Chestnuts and I would ask that you consider the lease be amended and the proposed lease in section to allow Mr. Green boat garage remain in that condition. We also have a request to leave the lease rate at 3.75%. While it is in line to go up to 5% at the initial turn of 2020, I respectfully request that the float home lease not be treated like the land-based cabin. Because unlike the land-based cabin these folks are paying their own weight with the sewer and the land-based cabins didn't. I think you have to take into consideration, unlike what Mr. Kimberly said, as the course of this lease progresses today's rate is determined at a fair market value. I think it is reasonable to conclude with the sewer structure in place, the certainty of the lease, the fact we had this ability to resolve these problems, inject some stability in the community, I fully suspect the value of the float homes would go up. We would suggest for this situation, improvements that are assessed less than \$50K seems somewhat Draconian to require \$1M on something that does not have that particular value. I think those are matters that are within your discretion. You can see where these folks are coming from and I think you will make the right decision. We put that in your lap and trust you to do that. The last thing I'd ask, we have the lease provision at 8.2.2 and that gives the Board the ability to declare and default if any milestone is not met with the construction contract with the sewer. All I ask with that is the actual language of 8.2.2 says "failure to achieve a construction milestone is deemed to be a breach of this lease and shall be cause for issuance of a notice of a violation." I just thought that was a little harsh in the sense that you've got a \$1.2M loan, you've got everybody coming together prorated out, you've got a construction project going, and if anyone has ever seen a construction project of that magnitude hit every deadline on time you have probably seen something I haven't seen. I am just saying at some point there is going to be a bump in the road and it is not going to be anybody's fault and we just ask some ability to have some flexibility and some latitude to deal with it. We don't intend, these folks want nothing more than to have that sewer completed and everything put in place with the lease and they want to be good neighbors. Hopefully all this will leave this Board to other projects. They do not want to go out and create a default. Sometimes those things happen so we ask for some leeway and flexibility. With that, those are the four changes requested. One for Mr. Green, one on base rate on the rent from 5% to 3.75%, one on the insurance \$1M to \$500K, and lastly one on mandatory language on declaration of default failure to meet the construction deadline. I appreciate the opportunity to be here, if you have any questions I'd be happy to answer them.

Discussion: Chairman Correll opened discussion taking one item at a time. First discussion included when the lease was to expire and the Board has extended the lease. Bob Hansen went through the history with two 10-year leases that was not part of the history of the float homes.. Randy Doman iterated the need for all of the float homes following the same rules despite no historical documentation. It seems there are separate rules for different float homes. If they utilize the entire 30 years for the loan then they need to have the same rules. Jean McDevitt stated that her only problem is over the years several rules get pushed to the side and the Board has to tell a park manager that these guys must follow the rules. It doesn't just apply to the float homes, it applies to everything.

BOARD MOTION: Tom Crimmins made a motion to accept Staff recommendation on item number one Lease section 2. Jean McDevitt 2nd the motion. Chairman called for other discussion. Roll call vote: Jean – Aye, Randy – Nay, Charlie – Aye, Tom – Aye, Bob – Nay. 3 –Ayes, 2 – Nay

STAFF ACTION ITEM: None

BOARD MOTION: Randy Doman made a motion to accept Staff recommendation of item number 2 Staff recommendation on Section 4.3. Tom Crimmins 2nd the motion. Chairman called for other discussion. Roll call vote: Jean – Aye, Randy – Aye, Charlie – Aye, Tom – Aye, Bob – Aye. 5 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.

STAFF ACTION ITEM: None

BOARD MOTION: Randy Doman made a motion to accept Staff recommendation of item 3 in section 8.2.2 with an opportunity to adjust as needed when and if the time or situation requires. Bob Hansen 2nd the motion. Chair called for other discussion. Tom Crimmins stated that the current Board has been very supportive during this process and there is flexibility built into the statement. Randy Doman pointed out the float homes would not be here if the Board was not flexible. Chairman called for roll call vote: Jean – Aye, Randy – Aye, Charlie – Aye, Tom – Aye, Bob – Aye. 5 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.

STAFF ACTION ITEM: None

BOARD MOTION: Randy Doman made a motion to accept Staff recommendation of item number 6 in section 16. Tom Crimmins 2nd the motion. Chair called for other discussion. Bob Hansen stated we are increasing the liability by putting in the sewer system but we don't want to decrease the liability insurance to take care of contingencies. Randy Doman piggy backed off of Bob Hansen's statement. It is not about replacement of the homes. This is about dealing with any other issue or risk and the risk is significant to exceed the cost of the insurance. We need to protect Parks and Recreation. Chairman called for roll call vote: Jean – Aye, Randy – Aye, Charlie – Aye, Tom – Aye, Bob – Aye. 5 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.

STAFF ACTION ITEM: None

BOARD MOTION: Bob Hansen made a motion to accept the lease as a whole. Tom Crimmins 2nd the motion. Chairman called for other discussion. Chairman called for roll call vote: Jean – Aye, Randy – Aye, Charlie – Aye, Tom – Aye, Bob – Aye. 5 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.

STAFF ACTION ITEM: Prepare and deliver lease

10:40 a.m. BREAK – 5 minutes

10:45 a.m. Grant Approvals: Presented by Kathy Muir (presentation is on the H drive). We do several workshops throughout the state. We added a workshop for the Forest Service because they were less successful at attaining grants. Applications were up slightly with 218 applications. Of those applications 27 are for Waterways Improvement Fund. First topic is the RV fund. We funded the Benewah and the Shoreline stabilization at Cascade Lake. RV committee has a couple of appointments up this year. District 2 needs a new member due to possibility of incumbent moving out of state. District 6's incumbent is eligible for reappointment but he sold his RV and has declined to take a reappointment. Jean brought up a concern of grant selection having low scores for being the top grant. The main concern is not a big enough gap in the scores between selected grants and non-selected grants. Kathy Muir would not speculate on the grant committee actions but did point out that some scores happen in that fashion. Also for clarification, the blue line on the grants selected shows where the money runs out and we have not hit that line for the RV program. Staff recommends that the Board approve the priority ranking list which will be used to fund projects in rank order. Should any of the applicants with a higher rate of project withdraw their application or if additional monies become available, staff will notify grant applicants further down the list. Additionally the committee recommends not funding below a score of 50.

BOARD MOTION: Jean made a motion to have the Board approve the priority ranking list as presented to the Board which will be used to fund grants in the ranked order by the RV advisory committee. Should any of the applicants of the higher ranked projects withdraw their application or if monies become available the next qualified grant or grants will be awarded in order but not funded below the score of 50 without Board approval. Tom Crimmins 2nd the motion. Chairman called for other discussion. Chairman called for vote: Jean – Aye, Randy – Aye, Charlie – Aye, Tom – Aye, Bob – Aye. 5 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.

STAFF ACTION ITEM: Award grants as directed

Waterways Improvement Fund: The list of applicants with scores is available upon request. The WIF committee has one position up for selection.

BOARD MOTION: Jean made a motion to have the Board approve the priority ranking list as presented to the Board which will be used to fund grants in the ranked order by the Waterway Improvement Fund Advisory Committee. Should any of the applicants of the higher ranked projects withdraw their application or if monies become available the next qualified grant or grants will be awarded in order. Bob Hansen 2nd the motion. Chairman called for other discussion. Chairman called for vote: Jean – Aye, Randy – Aye, Charlie – Aye, Tom – Aye, Bob – Aye. 5 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.

STAFF ACTION ITEM: Award grants as directed

Cutthroat grant: This program comes from the sale of license plates with the cutthroat trout on the plate. In the last couple of years there has not been any competition in this program. Please encourage any and all sites to apply. Ryder Park in Idaho Falls was given money a couple of years ago. The WIF committee rates these projects. Bob Hansen asked what the criteria are to get this fund. Kathy informed Bob Hansen of which is the construction and maintenance of non-motorized boating access facilities for anglers. Typically a ramp for access as long as it is for non-motorized.

BOARD MOTION: Jean made a motion to have the Board approve the project that is ranked by the Cutthroat Grant Committee (a.k.a. WIF committee). Tom Crimmins 2nd the motion. Chairman called for other discussion. Chairman called for vote: Jean – Aye, Randy – Aye, Charlie – Aye, Tom – Aye, Bob – Aye. 5 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.

STAFF ACTION ITEM: Award grants as directed

Road and Bridge Fund: Road and Bridge is gas tax money. Staff rated the projects this year.

BOARD MOTION: Jean made a motion to have the Board approve the priority ranking list as presented to the Board which will be used to fund the projects in the ranked order by the Road and Bridge Advisory Committee. Should any of the applicants of the higher ranked projects withdraw their application or if additional monies become available the next qualified grant or grants will be awarded in order of the ranking. Tom Crimmins 2nd the motion. Chairman called for other discussion. Chairman called for vote: Jean – Aye, Randy – Aye, Charlie – Aye, Tom – Aye, Bob – Aye. 5 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.

STAFF ACTION ITEM: Award grants as directed

Off Road Motor Vehicle Fund: ORMV Committee has one member whose term is expiring from District 1. He is eligible and interested in reappointment.

BOARD MOTION: Jean made a motion to have the Board approve the priority ranking list as presented to the Board which will be used to fund the projects in the ranked order by the Off Road Motor Vehicle Advisory Committee. Should any of the applicants of the higher ranked projects withdraw their application or if additional monies become available the next qualified grant or grants

will be awarded in order of the ranking. Tom Crimmins 2nd the motion. Chairman called for other discussion. Chairman called for vote: Jean – Aye, Randy – Aye, Charlie – Aye, Tom – Aye, Bob – Aye. 5 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.

STAFF ACTION ITEM: Award grants as directed

Motorbike Fund: This money comes from registrations. The three ORMV representatives are motorbike, UTV, and ATV. The ORMV committee rates these projects. Randy Doman is interested in a super list of all the grant winners. Not by district but combined from a couple of years to look at ability of depressed parts of the states getting a fair share. Kathy Muir suggested the statistics later in the report and Randy Doman is interested in viewing the actual list when made available. A new discussion evolved to determine the reasoning of using Motorbike Funds compared to the larger money maker ORMV Funds. Steve Martin emphasized the records of the ORMV Funds supports the allocation whereas the Motorbike Fund does not.

BOARD MOTION: Jean made a motion to have the Board approve the priority ranking list as presented to the Board which will be used to fund the projects in the ranked order by the Motorbike Advisory Committee. Should any of the applicants of the higher ranked projects withdraw their application or if additional monies become available the next qualified grant or grants will be awarded in order of the ranking. Bob Hansen 2nd the motion. Chairman called for other discussion. Chairman called for vote: Jean – Aye, Randy – Aye, Charlie – Aye, Tom – Aye, Bob – Aye. 5 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.

STAFF ACTION ITEM: Award grants as directed and prepare a list of all past grant winners

Recreation Trails Program: The RTP Advisory Committee has an opening due to one of the incumbent's terms expiring. This is a state wide committee not regional. When looking for this candidate we need to make sure a balance of representation and not too heavy from one district.

BOARD MOTION: Jean made a motion for the Board to approve the priority ranking list as presented to the board which will be used to fund projects in the ranked order by the Recreation Trails advisory committee. Should any of the applicants of the higher ranked projects withdraw their application or if additional monies become available the next qualified grant or grants will be awarded in order of ranking. Bob Hansen 2nd the Motion. Chairman called for other discussion. Chairman called for vote: Jean – Aye, Randy – Aye, Charlie – Aye, Tom – Aye, Bob – Aye. 5 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.

STAFF ACTION ITEM: Award grants as directed

11:50 a.m. Working Lunch: Tour of Hells Gate State Park

Note: Susan Buxton arrived for the Board meeting at approximately 11:55 a.m.

1:30 p.m. Board Policy presented by Anna Canning. With regard to the Road and Bridge Advisory Committee, Anna Canning presents existing statutes, IDAPA Rules, and Board Policies to enable the R&B committee for use of funds. Anna presented 4 options (in the Board Book), tab 6, page 4 and 5. Jean discussed how the statute and the rules were established. Originally this was created to build and maintain roads to and within the state parks. She believes there are other places counties and cities can go to get money for their roads within their jurisdictions. Tom Crimmins disagrees and stated as he reads the statutes he believes the money needs to go to recreation areas also. Susan Buxton understands the statute as not just for parks. Susan Buxton used the example of the Marsing parking lot that never qualifies. We are narrowly tailoring this to the federal gov't. Steve Martin explained WIF grants are also fuel tax, as well as other funds. Randy Doman doesn't think internal or external use is important, but too many small communities are going through the pain of applying and never getting the money. We are getting a black eye over this. Susan Buxton stated the need to let smaller communities know there is not a lot of money in the pot. There is a need to make it very clear who can qualify and how much money we have to award so there are no surprises. Kathy

Muir ensures that during the grant workshops applicants has information on how much money is available. Randy Doman observed some of our applicants never get a grant and continue applying. We need to come up with something that makes it fairer. Anna Canning questions the board as to which direction they want to go. Tom Crimmins thinks maybe cap grants are needed. Bob Hansen asks how it would look if the board rated these grants instead of the Advisory Committee . Jean McDevitt stated the cost would still be the same amount as the advisory committee to do this.

BOARD MOTION: Susan Buxton made a motion to table this until the next meeting to further discuss all the parameters of this issue. Randy Doman 2nd the motion. Chairman called for other discussion. Chairman called for a vote: Jean – Aye, Randy – Aye, Charlie – Aye, Tom – Aye, Susan – Aye, Bob – Aye. 6 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.

STAFF ACTION ITEM: None

Discussion after the vote: Steve Martin explained that the Road and Bridge funds can be used in the parks. They can submit and award these funds. The fifty-fifty split was a prior Board decision. Jean McDevitt summarized that this is not a big pot of money and we need to be very flexible. We need to go back to the beginning. Tom Crimmins wants to know if the money that goes into the park side does this also go into roads. The staff responds with a “yes” it does go into roads.

1:50 p.m. RTP Advisory Committee (Board Policy): Anna Canning presented revisions in the Advisory Committee selection process. Anna Canning asked if there were any questions regarding the changes and a small discussion started about providing sole responsibility to the Board for selecting Advisory Committee members.

BOARD MOTION: Susan Buxton made a motion to approve Staff recommendations as provided in the packet. Bob Hansen 2nd the motion. Chair called for other discussion. Chair called for a vote: Jean – Aye, Randy – Aye, Charlie – Aye, Tom – Aye, Susan – Aye, Bob – Aye. 6 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.

STAFF ACTION ITEM: Make changes to the Board Policy

2:15 p.m. Adjourn to tour of Lewiston Skate Park and Winchester State Park then move to Dinner at Hells Gate.

6:00 p.m. Dinner: Hells Gate Visitor Center. Dinner under the stars included invited state and local honored guests as well as music.

8:00 p.m. RECESS

Wednesday, May 21, 2014

8:30 a.m. Reconvene

Chairman Charles Correll reconvened the Board meeting at 8:30 am on May 21, 2014 at the Jack O’Conner Center in Hells Gate Park for Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. Due to time constraints the last agenda item on May 20, 2014 (Vardis Fisher) was moved to today’s first agenda item.

8:35 a.m. Vardis Fisher: Presented by Steve Strack

We are on track to convey the Vardis Fisher property to the Water Board by end of this month as long as we get the surveys done. This resolution is to confirm the Chairman has authority to sign the Deed on behalf of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation Board.

Staff recommendation: Approve the attached Resolution of the Idaho Park and Recreation Board Authorizing the Conveyance of the Aqua Life Aquaculture Facility and Associated Water Rights to the Idaho Water Resource Board.

BOARD MOTION: Susan Buxton made a motion to approve the attached Resolution of the Idaho Park and Recreation Board Authorizing the Conveyance of the Aqua Life Aquaculture Facility and Associated Water Rights to the Idaho Water Resource Board. Tom Crimmins 2nd the motion. Chairman called for other discussion. Chairman called for vote: 6 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.

STAFF ACTOIN ITEM: None

8:45 a.m. Natural Resources: Presented by Keith Jones.

Keith Hobbs interrupted the presentation to acknowledged Keith Jones and presents a certificate for 15 years of service at Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation. Keith Jones began to elaborate on three questions that came up at the last Board meeting. The first issue is Tammany Creek restoration. We are moving forward on removing blackberries along the creek. The focus is on visual areas to make a dent in noxious weeds. Tammany Creek is Hells Gate attempt at eradicating noxious weeds. A big opportunity exists with user groups to identify and eradicate noxious weeds. This helps free up park staff for different functions. Eliminating noxious weeds is not a one-time try, it is an ongoing treatment. We will cut and spray them in the fall so weeds will pull back in the spray to aid in further systemic kill. We also spray in the spring when the weed is stressed and weak to help eliminate the plant. Final thought is to eliminate weeds it is a journey of removal and restoration. Red card certification is not something Parks and Recreation are not interested in. The main reason for this action; fire season is also Park season. When we need people, Red card certified people will not be in the parks but out fighting fires. Just that scenario is not cost effective. An alternative to Red Card certification is a free refresher (9 hour course) to keep the park people in the know without having to attend the entire course.

9:15 a.m. Strategic Plan: Presentation by Anna Canning

Anna Canning explains the process of creating a Strategic Plan. She used the last 6 months of discussion and any goal oriented product to develop a theme for this administrative tool. Themes that popped out are: Experience, Access, and Stewardship. In addition Anna Canning is looking for feedback as to what would be acceptable to the Board. The following are the goals and objectives to be reviewed:

- Goal 1, Access – Protect and improve public access to outdoor recreation statewide.
 1. Preserve outdoor recreation opportunities associated with facilities within Idaho State Parks.
 2. Protect access to valuable recreational trails and boating facilities throughout the state.

Susan Buxton suggests keeping the idea to a broad view of the first goal of Access. Do not limit Access to just physical access. Tom Crimmins likes the idea of the term Access. Susan Buxton referred to Nancy's term of this document as a 5 year plan but Susan does not see a plan. Nancy informed Susan this document was vetted through the executive staff. Susan asked, for the minutes, who is on the executive staff. Nancy identified the current leadership to the Board. Randy Doman brought up a subject of access relating to motorized access in this state is mind blowing due to the amount of trail closures in the last 10 years. Randy Doman recalled Dave Claycomb is supposed to have a report showing the trail closures. Randy Doman thinks one of the 5 year goals needs to be about increasing motorized trail access. Anna Canning will work on the vagueness of the recreational opportunities. Anna will also incorporate a collaborative effort within Parks and Parks partners.

Anna moves on to the next goal:

- Goal 2, Experience – Foster experiences that renew the human spirit and promote community vitality.
 1. Provide different and unique outdoor experiences.

Tom Crimmins interjects with a question about this statement being open with things that are not compatible with the park environment. Should there be a limit indicating those activities that we want to attract and enhance the park environment as opposed to something less desirable. Anna Canning will add, "Be consistent with IDPR mission." Randy Doman suggested tracking the trends that will eventually get to us. We need to be proactive in the search of new ideas before they come to our door. Susan Buxton suggested to not having action items in the plan. The term "selection" is not appropriate but the term "identify" would work very well. Anna Canning spoke about a long range technology plan in the parks and would like some thoughts, suggestions, or conversation concerning technology. Conversation should include interpretive as well as operational side of technology.

Anna Canning moves on to the next goal:

- Goal 3, Stewardship – Be responsible stewards of the natural resources and funds entrusted to Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.
 1. Be good stewards of the natural resources entrusted to IDPR.
 2. Be good stewards of the funds entrusted to IDPR.
 3. Promote and enhance our compensation package to recruit and retain top talent.

Discussion: This discussion gravitated to identifying who left the park and who do we want in the parks and finding a way to get them in the parks. Anna Canning focused on the fire stewardship with the ability to work with partnerships throughout the state. Susan Buxton requested information that would focus more specifically on a plan and not so much on specific programs. Several performance targets were discussed and it was agreed between staff and Board members for updated performance targets. New discussion pulled in the Passport Program for measurement of its success. Anna Canning reported that the Passport Program is new and measurable metrics are not available. Chairman Correll calls for a break.

10:00 a.m. BREAK

Anna Canning starts with the next topic of performance measure, "Identify corporate sponsorship opportunities that will help offset operating expenses (uniforms, supplies, utilities, and equipment). Board recognizes this measure needs to be broader in scope. The next performance measure to evaluate is, "Improve IDPR wages comparable to other state agencies". Feedback includes quality of life, job satisfaction, and total compensation package. After all goals, objectives, and performance targets were discuss Anna Canning moved to cover the implementation schedule table that summarizes the performance target, responsible parties, and the timeframe to be completed. Anna Canning will make changes as necessary and present to the next teleconference.

BOARD MOTION: Bob Hansen made a motion to have the Strategic Plan updated and brought back to the Board at the next teleconference. Susan Buxton 2nd the motion. Chairman call for other discussion. Chairman called for vote: 6 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.

STAFF ACTION ITEM: Anna Canning will update Strategic Plan and present to the Board at the next teleconference.

11:00 a.m. Registration presented by Tammy Kolsky

Tammy Kolsky is here to speak about two items relating to recreational and registration program. The first topic is to update the Board about Modernization of IDPR Recreational and Registration unit. The main focus is to inform the Board about the teams effort in getting the program where it needs to be. Similar updates will come to you either monthly or quarterly. Tammy Kolsky will stand for questions.

This next agenda item is a Board action item. During the last legislative session the users took forward statutory changes to change terminology as associated with registration. Based on House Bill 492 this fix is solely to replace terms. The term, "registration" was changed to about 6 different terms. That legislation went through statute and those changes go in effect July 1, 2014. This legislative change impacts several chapters of IDAPA. Located in your book you will find where the

term, "registration" was swapped with the intended term in each and every chapter due to this legislation. This is a house keeping measure to get our books up to date with legislation's new terminology. Tammy Kolsky will stand for questions.

BOARD MOTION: Susan Buxton made a motion to approve the all draft rules presented in the packet, solely for the purpose to come into compliance based on HB 492 as approved by legislator and signed into law by the Governor. With the understanding that another look at the rules will occur in the future. Tom Crimmins 2nd the motion. Chairman calls for other discussion. Chairman calls for vote: 6 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.

11:45 a.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. Land Exchange

Board Discussion – Director Merrill opens the discussion with three pieces of property. First of the three is the gravel pit in Eastern Idaho from the Idaho Falls area. Ongoing discussions with several ITD personnel lead us to a possible 99-year lease for the gravel pit. Director Merrill is looking for Board direction on how to proceed with piece of property. Second property is Horse Thief in Cascade Idaho. And the third property is Billingsly Creek. Director Merrill turns the floor over to Bob Hansen. Bob Hansen describes physical characteristics of the gravel pit and some possibilities of income from building a park. Board discussed pro's and con's and what kind of cost will be realized trying to build a park. Another factor brought up, what is the list of criteria for acquiring potential property. One idea is to secure 99-year lease with no downside and either sell the gravel out or trade the gravel for another form of payment.

BOARD MOTION: Tom Crimmins made a motion to look over the draft 99-year lease from ITD for the gravel pit subject to the clauses that have been discussed to include the cost analysis. Susan Buxton 2nd the motion. Chairman calls for other discussion. Chairman calls for vote: 6 – Ayes, 0 – Nays.

STAFF ACTION: Update Board on Horse Thief and conduct cost analysis for gravel pit.

Board discussion: A possibility exists to acquire about 80 acres to increase the size of Billingsley Creek area. Ideas brought up about what to do with the park include: Mt. biking, equestrian site, camp sites, and hiking trails. The Board is in agreement with a visit with American West for ideas to enhance Billingsly Creek.

Director Merrill brought up Horse Thief Reservoir as an additional opportunity property that is owned by Fish and Game. It has 106 campsites and fully developed with beautiful lake with docks and beautiful landscape. Just up the road about 2 miles is the new YMCA campground. The problem is if it was built with Dingle Johnson money and it is Fish and Game land, they are not charging fees. The problem is IDPR would need to charge fees.

1:00 p.m. REPORTS

Keith Hobbs - Presents the informal executive summary of an economic impact study from the University of Idaho and points out some highlights.

Dave White – completed RMSPEC and it turned out to be a great conference. The north is geared up for the summer.

Garth Taylor – Henry's Lake will not finish before Memorial weekend.

Steve Martin – I have nothing extra from my original report.

Anna Canning – Opportunity to watch the Director at work. With the new House Bill that just passed we will no longer be prorating boats. We should see an increase \$50K. And Makenzie Stone changed decals and saved \$25K in costs.

Kristy Bobish-Thompson – We have hired a new planner. North region did hire a manager assistant. One quick addition, we were approved through DFM to implement our pay plan which will be effective on the July 3rd paycheck.

Kevin Zauha – Will stand for questions. Director Merrill commends Kevin and his staff of three to do it all. XP windows expired for the state and in the midst of HQ under a facelift and while parks are gearing up Kevin and his staff are on top of it.

Tammy Kolsky – You have my report and I will stand for questions.

Director Merrill – The rest of the staff is not present but you have the written reports. Director Merrill gives a Power Point presentation on “Where we’ve been and where we are.”

Chairman opens the floor for any new discussions.

Board Reports

Susan Buxton – Drove by Massacre of Rocks last week and had a wonderful time meeting the manager and the staff. She thought there were over 100 kids scaring snakes. As soon as the kids got on the bus to drive away a bunch rabbits came out from hiding. Susan Buxton was very encouraged to talk to the Mayor because of the funding afforded the town for upgrading some areas below the dam.

Charlie Correll – I just want to say as I travel through the year and continue through the parks, I am amazed at the nice facilities and the impact that has on communities.

Randy Doman – I am amazed at how efficient our staff is. I had my wife reserve a picnic shelter for Mother’s Day here at Hells Gate. They ran my wife’s credit card number and saw my name on it and reimbursed us. The staff told her that he is on the Board so you can't pay. We tried to sneak it through and they would not allow payment. I was totally impressed at how they treated us. What I would like to say in the basin collaborative we have been struggling with a name for the trail. One day one of the ladies who takes notes said, “Why don’t we call it G.E.M trails?” Great Experience Motorized trails. We are looking at getting funding through a feasibility study from the Salmon River to Avery. We will try to put a trail in close to old town Clearwater. I work at the courthouse and I am amazed at the amount of people that say, “I am going to buy the passport that is really a bargain.”

Next Board meeting will be sent out by Doodle.com to Board members to determine the next best date. Place will be announced at a later time.

2:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned



Charles Correll, Chair

Idaho Park and Recreation Board

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