

# IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

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

## Board Teleconference

IDPR Headquarters

October 8, 2020

Boise, Idaho

### ▪ Thursday, October 8, 2020

- Call to Order – Chairman Black called the meeting to order at 12:02 P.M. The Chairman asked Ms. Mills to conduct a roll call.
  - Roll Call
  - Board Member Black - Present
  - Board Member Fatkin- Present
  - Board Member Beckley- Present
  - Board Member Doman - 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 – Interim Director

Betty Mills – Management Assistant to the Director

Keith Hobbs – Operations Administrator

Anna Canning – Management Services Administrator

David White – North Region Manager

Garth Taylor – South/East Region Manager

Steve Martin – Fiscal Officer

Adam Zaragoza – Development Bureau Chief

Tammy Kolsky – R&R Program Manager

Craig Quintana – Public Information Officer

Dave Claycomb – Recreation Bureau Chief

Steve Strack – Deputy Attorney General

Rob Sepich – Budget & Policy Analyst

Matt Reiber – Division of Financial Management

Nate Fisher – Governor’s Office

LeAnn Stephens – Department of Human Resources

David Claiborne – President, Idaho State ATV Association

- **CARES Act Development Projects Authorization – Action Item** – Adam Zaragoza, Anna Canning
- Director Buxton reported there was a unanimous vote as well as approval from the Lt. Governor, to approve the allotment of \$1.1 million to IDPR for additional costs that occurred in

our parks, due to COVID19. The Director stated that IDPR has until December 30, 2020 to spend the CARES Act funds. Board approval is needed today to approve spending these funds.

- Mr. Zaragoza reported that IDPR received emergency authorization from the Governor's office to proceed with the three parking improvement projects at Priest Lake Lionhead campground, Farragut Eagle Cove and Thousand Springs Box Canyon, without going through the usual approval process. He will be meeting with the contractors today to proceed with the parking expansion projects at Lionshead and Farragut.
  
- **Ms. Roach moved to approve the proposed staff recommendation. Motion was seconded by Mr. Doman. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none, the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**
  
- **Interim Director Update - Susan Buxton**  
The Director reported on the following items:
  - An all staff ZOOM teleconference was held today to introduce Ms. Buxton as the Interim Director.
  - Craig Quintana was asked to provide an update on Communications. Mr. Quintana reported there have been 24 user testing sessions conducted for the new website and it will be cleaner and more user friendly going forward. The new website is Americans with Disability Act compliant now and is more mobile device friendly. Mother Earth Brewing has made a Forgotten Trail Ale to help support IDPR's Non-Motorized Trail efforts throughout the state.
  - Tammy Kolsky shared that snowmobile users will be receiving an individualized letter explaining the new registration system and will provide helpful information on how to navigate through the system for the first time. Ms. Kolsky stated that in a normal year, we issue between 8,600-8,900 boating registrations and as of now, IDPR has already issued 8,900 registrations.
  - Keith Hobbs announced that he and Ms. Kolsky will be retiring at the end of October. They will be moving out of state and are looking forward to new adventures in their lives. Ms. Kolsky thanked the department and Board for her time here at IDPR.
  - David White reported that campgrounds in parks up North are filling up by Wednesday or Thursday through the weekend. The Boat ramp at Farragut is closing by 10:00 A.M. each day, due to parking lots being full. Park staff are continuing to do a great job considering all that is being asked of them during these times.
  
- **Mr. Fatkin moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Eastwood. Meeting was adjourned at 1:12 P.M.**



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Pete Black, Chairman  
Idaho Park and Recreation Board



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Susan E. Buxton, Interim Director  
Ex-Officio Member of the Board

