

# IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

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

## Board Teleconference

IDPR Headquarters

December 10, 2020

Boise, Idaho

### ▪ AGENDA

#### ▪ Thursday, December 10, 2020

- Call to Order – Chairman Beckley called the meeting to order at 12:05 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

David White – Interim Operation Administrator

Anna Canning – Management Services Administrator

Garth Taylor – East Region Manager

Adam Zaragoza – Development Bureau Chief

Craig Quintana – Public Information Officer

Steve Strack – Deputy Attorney General Natural Resources

LeAnn Stephens – Division of Human Resources

#### • **Interim Director Update** – Susan Buxton

Ms. Buxton announced that today is the launch of IDPR's New Reservation System. It appears to be working well and the volume of reservations being placed on the new system as well as incoming calls are as busy as was expected.

Ms. Buxton provided an overview of the recent Employee Survey results. 145 employees responded to the survey, which included some part-time seasonal staff. Ms. Buxton feels this year's survey is comparable to the responses we received last year. Top results from this survey reflect staff requests for better compensation, better communication between Headquarter staff and field staff, and additional staff training. The employee sentiment was positive, they like their jobs and desire more resources to provide to IDPR customers.

Project Updates – Ms. Buxton wrote a letter of support to Fish and Game, for a grant application by the Idaho State Bowhunters, for a feasibility study on the proposed archery range at Eagle Island State Park. Any feasibility study will need to be coordinated with the IDPR staff to determine the proposal meets the needs of the Park's Master Plan. This will require IDPR Board review and approval in the future.

Ms. Buxton and IDPR staff are working with Eagle Sewer District regarding Eagle Island. Eagle Sewer District agreed to allow IDPR to have our own Lift Station at the park, at a Commercial fee, which would lower the cost of having a full system. An agreement will be drawn up for Board review in the future.

**Veterans Park Contract – Anna Canning**

Ms. Canning reported that in June of 1997, IDPR entered into an agreement with the City of Boise that the city would lease and manage Idaho Veterans Memorial Park. That lease is due to expire on June 3, 2021. The existing lease allows for an extension if both agencies concur. The City wishes to sign a new lease with IDPR for an additional 25 years. Ms. Canning worked with Mr. Strack on a new proposed lease, which included a few additional add ins. Ms. Canning is requesting approval from the Board and stood for questions.

**Mr. Fatkin moved to approve the motion as presented to the Board, to have staff work with the City of Boise staff, on renewing the Idaho Veterans Memorial Park Lease. Motion was seconded by Ms. Roach. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none, the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

- **Mr. Doman moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fatkin. Meeting was adjourned at 1:01 P.M.**



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Brian Beckley, Chairman  
Idaho Park and Recreation Board



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