

**IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION**

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

**June Board Meeting**

**July 6, 2023**

**IDPR Headquarters**

**5657 Warm Springs Ave**

**Boise, ID 83714**

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**MINUTES**

**Monday, July 6, 2023**

IDPR Headquarters

MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 10:35 am, July 6, 2023.

**Thursday, July 6, 2023**

Call to Order - Chairman Beckley called the meeting to order and requested a roll call.

- Chairman Beckley - Present
- Board Member Cooke - Present
- Board Member Fatkin - Absent
- Board Member Manning - Present
- Board Member Roach - Present
- Board Member Roady - Present

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

Susan Buxton, Director

Troy Elmore, Operations Division Administrator

Craig Quintana, Public Information Officer, Senior

Melanie Schuster, Development Bureau Chief

Joanna Hiller, Management Assistant

Jennifer Quinno-Miller, Human Resources Officer

Seth Hobbs, Registration & Reservation Program Manager

Garrett Hensley, Legal Intern

Lisa Herriot, Financial Management Analyst, Division Financial Management

Darren Damon, Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor

## Welcome and Introductions / Chairman Beckley and Director Buxton

Chairman Beckley and Director Buxton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes May 4, 2023, and June 12, 2023

**Ms. Manning moved to approve the minutes after the change is made to the May 4, 2023, minutes regarding page 3 grant approvals section where the seconded motion be changed to Mr. Roady and the change be made to the June 12, 2023, minutes regarding Ms. Manning to present on the roll call instead of absent. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roach. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none, the Chairman called for a vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

## Directors Proposed Legislative Ideas

Director Buxton reported on the following legislative topic:

- **First Responders**

This legislation will designate park rangers and park managers as first responders in Idaho Statute 72-451, making them eligible to receive workers compensation for Post-Traumatic Stress Injuries (PTSI) occurred while performing their job duties. Park Rangers and Park Managers provide education and information services for park visitors; maintains park facilities and grounds areas; ensures compliance with park rules and regulations; promotes public safety; patrols the park to protect and preserve park resources from vandalism and abuse; and performs other related work. Idaho State Parks are secluded in nature and can have over a thousand patrons at each park every day. Park Rangers and Park Managers are the first responders to every incident that occurs in Idaho State Parks. While conducting their duties of public safety and compliance with park rules, they encounter theft, vandalism, drunk and disorderly patrons, domestic violence situations, suicides, and casualty recoveries and other first responder situations. Like other first responders in Idaho, Park Rangers and Park Managers are subjected to these incidents that can cause Post Traumatic Stress Injuries. This legislation is intended to correct the omission of Park Rangers and Park Managers from the first responders list.

**Ms. Manning motioned to support and moved forward the First Responders legislation making Park Rangers and Park Managers first responders in Idaho Statute 72-451, making them eligible to receive workers compensation for Post Traumatic Stress Injuries incurred while performing their job duties. Motion was seconded by Mr. Roady carried unanimously.**

## ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:35 AM.



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Chairman Brian Beckley  
Idaho Park and Recreation Board



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