

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

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

Special Board Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2024

IDPR Headquarters

5657 Warm Springs Avenue

Boise, ID 83716

Friday, March 8, 2024

9:00 A.M. (MST) 8:00 A.M. (PTD)

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

- Chairman Beckley – Zoom
- Board Member Cooke - Zoom
- Board Member Manning - Zoom
- Board Member Roach - Present
- Board Member Roady - Zoom

Also present or on Zoom 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
Adam Zaragoza, Management Services Administrator
Craig Quintana, Public Information Officer
Joanna Hiller, Management Assistant
Joy Vega, Deputy Attorney General
Andrew Stokes, Park Manager
Rex Payne, Bear Lake County Commissioner
Teri Eynon, Realtor
Brett Rich, Property Owner
David Cottle, Neighbor to the new property
Roy Anderson

Welcome and Introductions - Chairman Beckley and Director Buxton

Chairman Beckley and Director Buxton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Bear Lake County Property Acquisition

Mr. Zaragoza presented the Bear Lake County Property Acquisition which has been in the works for about a year. IDPR has been working with the County Commissioners and local staff. The property is A 28-acre parcel on the west side of Bear Lake. Of the 28 acres includes just shy of 1300 lineal feet of beach frontage, of the 28 acres 18 acres are developable and the other portions of the land are under the high watermark. In working with the Realtor and the owners the agency has come upon the agreeable price of \$2.5 million dollars for the purchase and in addition we reached an agreement that the Director mentioned an in-lieu fee agreement with Bear Lake County. There are two motions to be put in front of the board. One is to sign the purchase and sale agreement and the second is to authorize the Director to sign the in-lieu fee agreement with Bear Lake County. Zaragoza said he is happy to stand for any questions.

Chairman Beckley asked Bear Lake County Commissioner Payne if he could describe what it means to the county. Commissioner Payne said thank you for allowing them to work with everyone involved with the much-needed asset for Bear Lake County, this is the last public access on the west side. The Idaho side has 21 miles according to their map. Commissioner Payne explained how popular Bear Lake has become and the growth. Many homes are now occupied year-round. They are anticipating 500k visitors to Bear Lake. Payne said they are happy for this new addition and thanked Director Buxton and Andy Stokes for all of their hard work on this.

Chairman Beckley asked if there were any questions from anyone. Having no questions Chairman Beckley wanted Andrew Stokes to discuss the project. Mr. Stokes said that there are areas of marsh, but most of the property has been farmed. The park will follow all wetland requirements while having ample area for public use. The Park expects to work with ITD so people can enter and exit the state highway safely. Chairman Beckley thanked Mr. Stokes. Director Buxton thanked the County Commissioners. Brett Rich was given the time to speak regarding his concerns, which were, the safety in the area and the impact it will have on farming his property which immediately to the North.

Motion 1

Ms. Manning moved to motion to approve and authorize the Director to sign the Purchase and Sale Agreement and upon the receipt of an executed warranty Deed acceptable to IDPR, that parcels RP15S43E357500 AND RP15S43E365700 are real property owned and managed withing the Idaho Department and Parks and Recreation System. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roach. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none, the Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion.

- Chairman Beckley – Yes
- Board Member Cooke - Yes
- Board Member Roach - Yes
- Board Member Roady – Yes
- Board Member Manning – Yes

Motion carried.

Motion 2

Ms. Manning moved to motion to accept the property and authorize the Director to sign the in-Lieu Fee Agreement to Bear Lake County as stipulated one-time payment of \$55,780.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooke. The Chairman asked for further discussion, hearing none, the Chairman called for a roll call vote on the motion.

- Chairman Beckley – Yes
- Board Member Cooke - Yes
- Board Member Roach - Yes
- Board Member Roady – Yes
- Board Member Manning – Yes

Motion carried.

Board Comments

Board Member Huges talked about the Idaho Trails Association workshops.

Old/New Business

Chairman Beckley said that Mr. Rich said what a good job Andy Stokes did on this project.

Public Comments

Mr. Rich thanked the Chairman for reaching out and for keeping him in the loop on this project.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 A.M.



Chairman Brian Beckley
Idaho Park and Recreation Board



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