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## BENTON COUNTY NATURAL AREAS & PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

### MINUTES

December 9, 2020

#### GOTO MEETING

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/646744165>

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**360 SW Avery Ave., Corvallis**

**6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Committee Members Present: Phil Hays, Dan Rosenberg, Janine Salwasser, David Smith, Jackie Hastings, Suzanne Lazaro, and Travis Obermire.

Committee Members Absent: Ellen Tappon.

County Staff Present: Laurie Starha, Natural Areas & Parks Director; Lynn McKee, Fairgrounds Manager; and Leanna Buck, Recorder.

## II. BUSINESS

### A. Approval of November Minutes

Suzanne moved to accept the minutes with the revisions submitted by Dan and Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### B. Action Items - BOC meeting December 15, 2020 (By-Laws)

Laurie sent the final draft to everyone to review. The by-laws will go before the Board of Commissioners on the January 15<sup>th</sup> for approval. Members whose term expired will remain on the committee until June of next year or when an appointment has occurred. The committee name will stay the same even though the name of the department will change. Lynn talked about a joint meeting with the Fair Board so that everyone can meet each other and exchange ideas about the progress of the department but assured everyone that the two boards will remain separate.

### C. 2021-2023 CIP List

Laurie emailed a revised list to everyone and highlighted the ones the Department will be asking for funding. She then went through some of them with the group. There was a concern that the Jackson-Frazier Board Walk wasn't rated on the list and a discussion about adding more money to the Jackson-Frazier Board Walk project under design instead of construction was discussed. Suzanne moved to accept the CIP list as amended for the Jackson-Frazier boardwalk. Janine seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### D. New Department Name -Discussion

Laurie shared that there are six different name suggestions for the new department and wanted input from the Board. The Board of Commissioners values the Park Board's input and ideas. Lots of ideas were shared about names. Parks Events and Natural Areas was the popular vote/pick for the new name.

### E. Joint Natural Areas & Parks Board and Fair Board Meeting

Laurie shared that the next park board meeting is January 13 and Adam has requested that the majority of the meeting is used to discuss the Forest Stewardship plan. Laurie proposed that a second meeting take place just after the regular Park Board meeting with the Fair Board so that everyone can meet each other and discuss ideas on how we are going to move forward from here. [Lynne will send out a Doodle Poll to see what will work best for everyone.](#)

### F. Miscellaneous & Park Project Updates

Laurie talked about the two projects staff is working on. One is the Forest Stewardship Plan, which will be discussed at the next meeting. Adam will send everyone an update and schedule before the next meeting so that everyone has a chance to look at everything before the discussion at the meeting.

She also talked about the Bellfountain project. A contractor has been chosen to take out 11 of the trees, she will make sure that the group gets the link to the update on this project.

### G. Other

David reported on the progress of the two sub committees determined from the joint parks meeting. Congestion and Volunteer were the two committees that were discussed. [Phil asked David to write up the proposal/charges of the sub-committees and email it out to everyone for review. Then the board will approve the sub-committees at the January Board meeting.](#)

Suzanne requested an agenda item discussion about ODOT funds to help with trail connections in the future.

Phil shared that he finally finished the history of the Park Board. He will send it out to everyone for review.

## III. MEETING ADJOURNMENT ~ 7:40pm

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