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BENTON COUNTY NATURAL AREAS & PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

January 13, 2021

GOTO MEETING

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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 Ellen Tappon.

Guest: Shane Hetzler, Trout Mountain Forestry

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

II. BUSINESS

A. Approval of December Minutes

Dave moved to accept the minutes as written and Travis seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Action Items: Voting of Chair and Vice-Chair; Revised By-Laws; Incoming new members

Laurie advised that she received one nomination for David Smith for Chair and Leanna shared that she got one nomination for Ellen Tappon for Chair. Ellen advised that her term ends in July so that it would be a short tenure should she be elected. Phil asked for any other nominations. Laurie proposed that Jackie Hastings would be a good candidate for the Chair position, David Smith would be a great vice-chair and Suzanne could be the liaison for AFRANA. Ellen moved to approve Laurie's suggestion, Suzanne seconded. Congratulations to all three!

C. 2040 Thriving Communities - Department Goals

This item has been deferred until the next meeting. Laurie asked that the committee review what was emailed to everyone and bring back ideas to the next meeting.

D. Forest Stewardship Plan Update - Adam

Adam started with an overview presentation that will also be provided in the 1/26/21 recorded online public outreach presentation. He then thanked Shane Hetzler for taking the lead on the project with Trout Mountain. He then thanked David Smith for his help with the project as well as the review of the site and project ideas. The goal is to have a balance of all of the properties individual management goals. He then went over the presentation. Once done he asked the board if they had any questions regarding the overview that was given. There was great feedback from the board regarding the presentation. From there he talked about the harvest schedule and went over where we are at on the timeline right now. On the 26th there is going to be a live web conference that will be posted live on the website and social media, it will be recorded, Shane will hopefully be available for that conference to help answer questions. February 9th will be the cutoff and then everything will go through final approval.

E. Updates from AFRANA

This topic was deferred to the next meeting and will be added as a regular topic to each Park Board Agenda now.

F. Miscellaneous & Park Project Updates

The Bellfountain Park project is moving forward, approx. 11 trees will be removed. The playground project is still on tract as well.

G. Revised By-Laws

The committee approved the last set of bylaws but the commissioners had a few revisions. Laurie sent that redlined version out to everyone earlier today. Janine wanted to add the word "open spaces" to the diverse eco systems. Dan recommended in the first paragraph to add "for all" at the end. Laurie advised that she will revise the paragraph and add "for all" at the end. Travis voted to accept the Bylaws as amended and Janine seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

H. Other New Members

Laurie advised that we have three new members that will be appointed next week and will join us at the next meeting in February. She then thanked Janine and Phil for all the years that they have been part of this board.

III. MEETING ADJOURNMENT ~ 8:15pm

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