

March 16, 2023 – Park Authority Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm at The Washington County Building by Ben Casteel.

Present: Ben Casteel - Chairman, Jennifer Blankenship, Jim Hutton, Claude Worrell, Steven Statzer, & Tony Fetty.

Absent: Joy Allen, Keith Bazyk & Stuart Wright

Public Comment: N/A

Old Business:

1. Marketing Strategy with WCYB & WMEV

WMEV updated their commercial, shorter commercial for \$450 or same length of commercial for \$600 but add it to a sister station.

WCYB – Three different plans. We have budgeted for this in our budget.

A motion to do option one that was presented from WCYB was made by Steven Statzer and seconded by Jim Hutton. The motion passed 5-0-0.

2. Washington County Park Authority name change discussion.

A while ago the board made a motion to change its name from Washington County Park Authority to Washington County Park and Recreation Authority. However, after more discussion, it has been suggest that the boards current name should read Washington County Park and Recreation Facilities Authority.

As the mission statement currently reads, The Park Authority is to survey and look for other opportunities within the county for parks and outdoor recreation opportunity.

After much discussion, the board feels that continuing with moving forward with The Park and Recreation Facilities Authority makes sense.

A motion was made by Steven Statzer to amend the original motion changing Washington County Park and Recreation Authority to Washington County Park and Recreation Facilities Authority. The motion was seconded by Jennifer Blankenship. The motion passed 5-0-0.

New Business:

1. Mowing agreement with Recreation Department –After the Recreation Department lost their lawn mowing contract for Bever Dam, the county decided to give the Park Authority the money in their budget for mowing Bever Dam.

A motion was made by Steven Statzer to authorize the Chair of the Park Authority to sign a letter agreement for the Park Authority to provide personal and equipment to mow Bever Dam for the 2023 season once the agreement is approved by the County Administrator and Seconded by Jennifer Blankenship. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Tony presented a list of mowers to the board. A motion was made by Jennifer Blankenship to buy the Zero Turn John Deer for \$7,546.30 and the W48R walk behind for \$7,811.27. The motion was seconded by Steven Statzer. The motion passed 5-0-0.

2. The Mayor of Glade Spring asked if The Park and Recreation Facilities Authority ever donates passes for non-profit organizations for fundraisers.
3. Steven is going to reach out to Congressman Griffin's office to see if he can make contact with DWR and TVA to try and work on getting the boat launch at Drowning Ford off Rt 58.

Park Authority Manager Report: Tony Fetty

1. The ladies started today at the park.
2. The lights will be scheduled on March 20th for Glade Park.

Recreation Department Report: Joy Allen

N/A

Ben and Jennifer will be making a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, March 28th.

The next scheduled meeting will be March 30, 2023, at 6:30 pm at The Washington County Building. A motion to adjourn by Claude Worrell and seconded by Jennifer Blankenship Statzer. Motion passed 5-0-0.