

March 30, 2023 – Park Authority Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:50 pm at The Washington County Building by Ben Casteel and zoom.

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

Absent: Keith Bazyk, Jim Hutton, Joy Allen

Public Comment:

Discussion about the article in the paper regarding The Mendota Trail and Washington County.

Park Authority Manager Report:

1. The Easter Egg Hunt is coming up this weekend.
2. Fish Habitat
3. Started mowing all three locations.
4. Bought the demo mower from Meade Tractor.
5. Came across a grant for trails that we might qualify for and it is due by May 9th This is something being working on.
6. We are having some staffing issues. The ladies have asked to find someone to cover 1-2 shifts a week. We also need another maintenance person. I would like to ask about bringing on a seasonal Park Superintendent that can help do some of the maintenance task that I have been doing so I can work on the paperwork side of things, reservation system and growing the Authority.

A motion was made to hire a seasonal Park Superintendent by Stuart Wright and seconded by Steven Statzer. The motion passed 5-0-0.

Recreation Department Report: Joy Allen N/A

A motion to approve the February 23, 2023, minutes with the amended with a change on New Business: 1. To state: There are 331 rentals already for the season, was made by Steven Statzer and seconded by Claude Worrell. Motion passed 5-0-0.

A motion to approve the March 16, 2023 minutes was made by Steven Statzer and seconded by Stuart Wright. The motion passed 5-0-0.

A motion was made to approve the March payroll and the February Financial Report by Jennifer Blankenship and seconded by Steven Statzer. Motion passed 5-0-0.

Old Business:

1. Direction and vision of The Park Authority

Board Member Action Items:

- a. Ben Casteel - I'll contact DEQ and DCR to keep our potential boat launch at Drowning Ford.
- b. Jim Hutton – N/A
- c. Jennifer Blankenship – Contacted BOS to find a time to host an event at Glade Park for the Switch the Lights on.
- d. Keith Bazyk- N/A
- e. Claude Worrell –
- f. Steven Statzer - Will contact the Corner Stone Christian Academy Baseball Team
- g. Stuart Wright - Very interested in the Kayak Launch Ramp and the Mendota Trail potential.

Next scheduled meeting is April 27, 2023, at 6:30 pm at The Washington County Building.

A motion to adjourn by Jennifer Blankenship and seconded by Claude Worrell.
Motion passed 5-0-0.