



LAGRANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD
MINUTES
February 13, 2020
7:00PM

PRESENT: John Egli, Mark Thompson, Paul Yoder, Bob Arnold, & Ardala Hepler

ALSO PRESENT: Thom Miller, Leslie Arnold, Richard Muntz, Jama Keaffaber (LCCF)

MINUTES: Ardala Hepler moved and Paul Yoder seconded a motion to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Jama Keaffaber spoke regarding a possible donation for the Park Department from the "End of Life Fund." There are various options to be considered. She explained these options.

OLD BUSINESS:

USFWS Fen Project- Ready for signatures. Richard Muntz has looked it all over and said it is ready except for a possible price change.

Duff Lake LWCF - We are still waiting on federal approval.

Rogers' fence: If we had installed a fence, the cost would have been \$.58/foot for woven wire.

\$256.00/200' –theirs; \$190.00/330' – ours

Tabled until next meeting.

SOGL Grant Application – Blue Heron sent the application in on 2/11/20. They have \$173,000 matching funds, applied for \$145,000 from grant.

Board Meeting dates: Richard Muntz will check on this so that bills can be paid on time. Board meetings remain on the 4th Thursday of the month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Talk to Friends of the parks regarding their opinion of an endowment.

Hawpatch Trail still being worked on regarding money and permission for trail areas. A letter to support the Hawpatch Trail to be written.

Goals for 2020- Thom gave a list to consider.

Sweetgum fees – Dallas Lake – This shelter is not used a great deal. Possible solution: charge for Sweetgum Monday-Thursday \$100; Friday-Sunday \$150 with no gate fee.

Mark Thompson moved and Bob Arnold seconded motion to change fees for Sweetgum with no gate fee. Motion carried.

Other- Scott Beam wants to go to NAI conference. Cost \$90 + \$150. Board to deny request due to not being currently job related.

Attwood beach- suggestion was to sell this beach and not remove all problems existing there. We need to get county to declare this beach surplus and get it appraised to sell.

Bob Arnold moved and Paul Yoder seconded a motion to the above. Motion carried.

Claims-Bob Arnold moved and Mark Thompson seconded motion to approve the claims as presented, except for the one to Melvin Troyer for the cost of the fence. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ardala Hepler

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