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**DOUGLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD**

**Minutes of Meeting – August 21, 2015**

9:00 a.m.

Conference Room 310

**PRESENT:** Lonnie Ferber, Jim Peterson, Greg Logan, Dennis Acton, Richard Patten (via phone), Don Larson

**ABSENT:** Bill Swift (excused)

**GUESTS:** Stuart Cowie, Diana Wales, MA Hansen, Midge McGinnis, Norma Talburt, Landa Bailey, Deb Gray, Phyllis Dever

Lonnie Ferber called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

**MINUTES:**

Peterson motioned for approval of June 19, 2015 minutes. Logan seconded. Minutes were approved.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION (Agenda Items only):**

None

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

None

**ADDED AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Whistler's Bend Update**

All the campsites and road work is done. The restroom construction started last week, and should be complete by the end of September.

**Stouts Fire**

Miwaleta Park was evacuated during the Stouts fire, but they were allowed back in after just a couple of days. There have been quite a few cancellations due to the smoke. We will be tracking the lost revenue possibly get reimbursement for the loss of revenue.

**Dick Swartzlender**

Ferber updated the PAB regarding Dick's current health. Dick is currently in rehabilitation and will not be returning home. Money has been collected and we need to decide what should be done with the funds donated by the PAB. Board has decided to put together a collage and letter from the BOC.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Parks Master Plan**

Stuart Cowie, Douglas County Planning Department introduced the process to develop the Parks Master Plan as outlined in the attached memo.

Master plans typically are updated as needed; there is not a standard time frame for amendment.

The board has requested a monthly update to be announced at each PAB meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Crab Dock Survey Update**

A survey for the Crab Dock was completed at the end of July; they did an evaluation both above and below the water. The report indicates there is a lot wrong with it, but much of the structure is still sound. There are two

places where pilings are completely missing and the end of the dock is unstable. The end portion to repair will be just over \$600k and the 800' pier will be approx. \$300k.

Three items need to be repaired immediately. The missing pilings need to be replaced; this section will be fenced off immediately. The end is currently fenced off, however, people still go out, and therefore, wings will be installed. Ladders and life rings will be installed as required. Gary has sent a request to the Marine Board regarding the life rings.

**Parking Fee Update**

These started July 1<sup>st</sup>, currently have 18 pay stations installed, and will have a total of 25 by the end of September. The first month we collect \$25,000 in parking fees. We only budgeted \$80,000 for this current fiscal year. The camp host places a reminder slip on cars that do not have a permit in the window. Approximately 800 passes have been sold to date. The month of July did not include many of the parks that currently have pay stations.

**Swiftwater Fire**

The middle of July we signed the purchase agreement for the sale of Swiftwater, then the beginning of August the fire started. Approximately 38 acres of the property was burned.

**Hestness Boat Ramp Update**

The repair of the boat ramp toe has been complete. The boat ramp will be re-opened next week.

ROUND TABLE:

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next park board meeting will be September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
Location: Court House Conference Room #310

A motion to adjourn was made by Acton, Swift seconds the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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