

# **DOUGLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD**

Minutes of Meeting on July 20, 2006  
10:00 a.m.  
Park Headquarters

**PRESENT:** Lonnie Ferber, Dennis Acton, Jon Hill, Jack Reilly, Bill Swift, Jim Dowd and Rob Stevens

**ABSENT:** Dick Swartzlender (excused, called in), Tom Ryan

**GUESTS:** Jim Lee, Soil and Conservation and Patty Hilt, BOC Secretary

**MINUTES:** of the board meeting of May 18, 2006  
Jack Reilly moved for approval of the minutes. Dennis Acton seconded. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Project Up Date**

Jim Dowd introduced Jim Lee. Lee has been involved in improvements at Kanipe and talked about Title II money which will be used to replace the existing culvert. He also talked about new machinery that was tested for blackberry and hawthorn removal. More money has been set aside for these projects by ODF&W. Wolf Creek Job Corp will help work on both of these projects.

Douglas County was awarded grant money from the Federal Government for fire ponds throughout the county. These ponds will be 30' deep, 10' x 20' and use as much as one and two acres. Lonnie suggested that we contact the Kanipe Trust before we go forward. These projects could be completed by Douglas Soil & Conservation District with help from the Wolf Creek Job Corp and Parole & Probation. This is only a suggestion and Dowd plans to discuss it with the Board of Commissioners.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ATV Campground**

We did not get any bidders on the Request for Proposal for the ATV Campground. Contractors were leery because of the uneven ground and the price of copper has skyrocketed. We have hired a contractor to come in and grub out the sites. We will be able to open the campground for DuneFest on August 1, 2006, however, it will be very rustic. As of August this year, we have spent \$200,000 on this project. The restroom have been ordered and will be installed soon. Jack asked the amount of the entire project and Jim told him approximately \$800,000 when complete.

Discussion ensued about the removal of the Crab Dock restroom which should be removed in the near future. There were some problems finding the water lines. Eventually, the new shop building will be on that site.

## Emile

Discussion ensued about Emile Park. This will be a day-use only park. We are purchasing a new vault toilet for that park. We acquired Emile Park approximately July 4, 2006.

## Camp Miwaleta

We need to get the trees out and the culvert in before we can move forward.

## Windy B

We have hired an architect to do the restroom. The restroom should be completed before January 2, 2007.

## Pitchford

We will start the process for the Master Plan for the Pitchford Ranch. There will be two public meetings to allow the public to voice their opinion.

## Policy Manual

Jim distributed a rough draft of a policy manual that he is working on. He asked Board Members to review this document for the next meeting.

## Naming of the Sand Camp

Presently, the park has been referred to as the Sand Camp. A suggestion was made to name this park after Dan Van Slyke. There are several suggestions and a decision needs to be made soon.

## Pass Creek

The property where the Curtin truck stop used to be may be available for purchase. The Park Department has been asked if the county would be interested in the property. Jim explained that the ground is contaminated and trying to build this site into something that would benefit the Department could be very costly.

**MOTION:** Jack made a motion to agree with the suggestion made by staff that the Park Department does not pursue the acquisition of the property near Pass Creek Park, formerly referred to as Midway Truck Stop in Curtin, Oregon. Bill seconded. Approved. Unanimous.

**NEXT MEETING** – August 17 or 24, 2006, Jim will let us know.

Jon Hill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bill Swift.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Hammons, Office Manager  
Douglas County Park Department