

# **DOUGLAS COUNTY PARK ADVISORY BOARD**

## **Minutes of Meeting on December 20, 2007**

10:00 a.m.

Douglas County Park Department Office

**PRESENT:** Dennis Acton, Dale Christiansen, Lonnie Ferber, Jon Hill, Don Larson, Bill Swift, and Jim Dowd

**ABSENT:** Dick Swartzlender

**GUESTS:** Charles Pickett, Kim Bradford

Ferber called the meeting to order.

**MINUTES:** Christiansen moved for approval of the November 15, 2007 minutes and Hill seconded. Motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. Park Advisory Board 2008 Appointees** – Dowd congratulated Dennis Acton, Lonnie Ferber, Bill Swift and Jon Hill for being reappointed to the Park Board for another four year term.
- 2. Scottsburg Swimming & Fishing Petition** – The public meeting to discuss the feasibility of developing a swimming and fishing location in Scottsburg was cancelled due to a landslide that blocked Highway 38. A new meeting date has not been determined.
- 3. Canyonville Park Name Change Update** – Dowd reported that public input was sought regarding the request to rename Canyonville Park to Pickett Park. The name change fits the criteria outlined in the Park Policy Manual. Most of the feedback was positive toward the name change.

Charles Pickett spoke to the board regarding his family history of the land and that it was their desire to have the park named after the Pickett family. Kim Bradford also spoke on behalf of the family in support of the name change and noted that the expenses to change the signs would be paid for by the family.

**MOTION:** Christiansen moved and Acton seconded to recommend to the Board of Commissioners to change the name of Canyonville Park to Pickett Park. After some discussion, motion carried unanimously.

- 4. Oregon Cultural Trust Tax Credits** – Dowd reported to the board regarding how tax credits were applied through the Oregon Cultural Trust. The thought was that the Douglas County Parks Foundation or Kanipe Park may benefit in some way from the application of tax credits to prospective foundation donors. Dowd will look into the possibility of whether the trust would be of value to the Park Department. Jon Hill gave a brief description on the way the program works. If you donate money to a Cultural Trust, you will receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit off the amount you owe when filing your Oregon tax return. The limit is up to \$500 for individuals, \$1,000 for couples filing jointly or \$2,500 for Oregon corporations.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Oregon Marine Board Grant Request for a Floating Restroom** – Staff is considering a grant request to the Oregon State Marine Board for a floating restroom to be placed in Galesville Reservoir. The restroom would provide boaters a convenient and environmentally sound location to use. The grant would be 100% funded through the Clean Vessel Act and State Boating Dollars. The Marine Board would purchase and deliver the restroom and help staff to place the facility. Ongoing maintenance costs would be borne by the department.

Questions arised regarding vandalism, and additional fish cleaning facilities. Dowd will talk to Salmon Harbor regarding fish cleaning facilities.

**MOTION:** Hill moved and Swift seconded to move ahead with the application for the grant with the Oregon State Marine Board for a floating restroom. Motion passed unanimously.

**OFF AGENDA:**

1. McLeod Property – The Marine Board has reviewed the property and is willing to do a Topography survey, at no cost to the county, to see if it would be a feasible boat launch facility. The Board of Commissioners approved to have the survey done.
2. Parks Foundation – It is expected that the Board of Commissioners will approve Gary Gray from Premier West Bank to be on the Douglas County Parks Foundation board.
3. Kanipe Buggy update – The Talburts have begun restoration on the wood portion of the Kanipe buggy and Todd Woodward from Oakland will do the upholstery work. It is expected to be finished by April 2008.

**GOOD TO THE ORDER:**

The Park Policy Manual was passed out and it was discussed to add a table of contents, a concessionaire policy and a memorial policy in the near future.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Park Board meeting will be January 17, 2008, 10:00 a.m. at Park Headquarters.

A motion to adjourn was made by Swift and seconded by Christiansen. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristi Wilson, Office Manager  
Douglas County Park Department