



Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

September 29, 2009

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Business Meeting
Oregon Parks and Recreation
725 Summer St NE, Suite C
Salem, OR 97301

Teleconference Meeting Minutes
Business Meeting
2:00 p.m. Room 237

The September 29th, 2009 meeting of the Commission was conducted by teleconference. Commission Chair Parr opened the meeting and requested the Commission Assistant take roll call of the Commission:

Chair Parr, present
Commissioner Chalfant, present
Commissioner Graves – absent at roll call; later joined the meeting
Commissioner Musser, present
Commissioner Brown – absent
Commissioner Rudi, present
Commissioner Risley, present

Commission Chair Parr asked staff to identify themselves:

Chris Havel, Associate Director of Communications
Richard Walkoski, Recreation Programs Manager
Marilyn Borgelt, Reservations Northwest Manager
Joyce Merritt, Rules Coordinator
Kyleen Stone, Asst. Director Recreation Programs & Planning
John Potter, Asst. Director Operations
Lisa VanLannen, Asst. Director Administration
Vanessa DeMoe, Commission Assistant
Tim Wood, Director
Steve Shipsey, AAG

Chair Parr reminded all participants that the Oregon Parks and Recreation headquarters office in Salem had been designated as the location for anyone that wished to listen in on the meeting. He also stated that the meeting location and agenda had been posted to the agency web site as notice prior to the meeting.

Commission Chair Parr asked members of the public and press to identify themselves; there were no press or members of the public present.

1. Commission Business

- a) Approval of Agenda (Action)

Commissioner Rudi moved to approve the agenda for the September 29, 2009 teleconference meeting. Commissioner Musser seconded.

2. Adoption of division 15 rules to increase park fees (increase to park user fees) (Action)

The period for public comment on changes to this rule closed on September 23, 2009. No further public comment was accepted by the Commission prior to action on this item.

Mr. Walkoski stated that over 2,000 comments were received on this item. As a result, staff recommends two amendments to the proposed rule fee structure; reduction of the tent fee from a \$4.00 increase to a \$3.00 increase and a reduction of primitive camping from a \$2.00 increase to a \$1.00 increase. He said that other than the two recommendations public comment was in overwhelmingly in support of the fee increase. Mr. Walkoski added that the majority of the amendments would go into affect when filed September 30th, the day-use fee would be in effect on January 1, 2010, and the camping fees will be effective May 1st.

Commissioner Graves asked if the increase of the reservation fee was going to be addressed in the agenda. Mr. Walkoski explained that it is addressed within the rule and that if adopted would change from \$6.00 per transaction to \$8.00 per transaction.

Commissioner Musser moved to approve adoption of division 15 rules to increase park fees. Commissioner Risley seconded. The motion was passed unanimously, 6-0.

3. Possible consideration of lease or sale of Juniper Wayside property (Action)

Director Wood said that this request is asking for Commission approval to delegate authority to the director of the agency, (Tim Wood) to enter in into a lease or sale with COID as discussed at the September 18, 2009 Commission meeting. Director Wood said that he had spoken with the Director of COID and he was fully aware that an agreement had not yet been reached. Director Wood and the Director of COID will meet on September 30th; Director Wood stated that his effort will be to bring this issue to resolution.

Director Wood stated that he appreciated the Commission's perseverance and understood the direction from the Commission from the September 17th and will use that direction to shape the conversations regarding lease or sale. He said that the goal is to make this happen but also to ensure that a method for future similar transactions is established.

Director Wood asked for Commission approval to delegate authority to him. He said that he would like to make the delegation specific to this transaction; the COID property of interest.

Commissioner Rudi commented that State Representative Stiegler called her to reiterate how important this was to their area. She stated that she referred her to Director Wood.

Commissioner Risley said that she had also heard from Representative Stiegler and referred her

to Director Wood or Chair Parr.

Commissioner Musser stated that she did not have any contact and was very confident in Director Wood's ability to handle this

Commissioner Chalfant stated that he did have a conversation with Senator Telfer. He said that he made it clear that the Commission is looking to Director Wood to bring a workable solution forward that meets the needs of both COID and the department; but also to ensure that the interests of the department and the citizens of Oregon are protected and that fair value is received in return for what is being given up. He said that Senator Telfer understood and reiterated the need to make this happen.

Director Wood said that he had spoken with Senator Telfer as well. He said that she was comfortable that there was a plan to move forward and wanted to ensure that it was moving forward.

Commissioner Graves said that he had spoken with Senator Telfer and had encouraged her to talk with Director Wood as well.

Chair Parr asked for any other comments.

Commissioner Graves moved to approve the delegation of authority to Director Tim Wood for the COID transaction. Commissioner Chalfant seconded. The motion was passed unanimously, 6-0.

Director Wood said that he will keep the Commission posted as the negotiations move forward and will provide an update at the November Commission meeting in the Director's report.

Teleconference adjourned 2:36 p.m.

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