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Minutes

Natrona County Parks Board
January 18, 2018

The Natrona County Parks Board met at the Roads, Bridges and Parks Dept. office. Members in attendance were Brian Stack, Roy Buck, Jim Miller and Steph Connolly. Matt Buhler, Travis Wesnitzer, Joe Gillingham and Glenna Nash from Parks Department attended. John Harlin and Bart Olson represented the Sheriff's office. Eric Aune and Tia Leschin also attended.

Call Meeting to Order

- Brian called the meeting to order. Steph noted some corrections to the work session minutes. Roy made a motion to accept the minutes, Steph seconded. Motion carried.

Administration Items

- Parks Board Elections – Nomination of officers for the year are President – Roy Buck, Vice President – Stuart Hill, Secretary – Jim Miller. Steph made a motion to accept the slate of officers, Roy seconded. Motion carried.
- Updating Natrona County Parks Rules discussion – The Sheriff's Department reviewed the current rules and made recommendations for changes to insure they are enforceable and in keeping with State Statute. Some issues were not around when the rules were updated last, such as drones. Trespass is something that needs a legal clarification because of the wording in State Statute. SO will update the Board when they get that clarification. E bikes are another new thing that will need to be addressed, do they qualify as motorized? Tia from the Crazy Pedaler said that as long they have to be pedaled that they are not considered motorized. John Harlin said there is not a good definition in State Statute. Firearm use in the Biathlon area is another one of those new issues that was not addressed in the last rules. Matt said we also need to coordinate our rules with what is in other agencies rules like BLM, Bureau of Rec, Game & Fish, etc. since there is some cross over. Trail use, domestic pets/livestock, dates and times/signage that parks are open, day use, ADA sites, sanitation were all talked about. A variety of changes and suggestions were noted in a draft document that will be submitted to the County Legal Department. After their review the document will be open for Public Comment and then forwarded to The BOCC for their determination. Approximately half of the rules were discussed, the remaining will be discussed at the next meeting.

Lake Update – Postponed until next meeting.

Mountain Update – Postponed until next meeting.

Other Business

- Eric Aune asked the Board to address commercial use at County boat launches. Fishing is not covered with an outfitters permit. Commercial users that launch on BLM owned lands must have a permit. County does not require a permit so they are launching at Grey Reef. He is hoping we can have a permit process for commercial outfitters use. Matt said BOR owns Grey Reef and they would need to authorize the permit .The Board will consider at the next meeting.

Next Meeting Date – TBA

Adjournment

- There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.