



NATRONA COUNTY PARKS BOARD AGENDA

Roy Buck, Chairman
Dave North, Vice-Chairman
Jim Miller, Secretary
Stuart Hill, Member
Tina Kruse, Member

Thursday, October 8, 2020 5:30 p.m.
Natrona County Courthouse, 200 North Center, Casper, Wyoming
2nd Floor, Old District Courtroom #1

Functions as an Advisory Board to the County Commissioners, makes recommendations on Projects, Programs and Policies

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. APPROVAL of the September 10, 2020 Minutes

V. REPORTS - Parks Director

A. MOUNTAIN PARKS UPDATE:

- 1. Mountain well/water system:** The water system is still turned off. 609 Consulting (Barry Venn) filed a Water Quality Application with the DEQ on 9/4/20 that will allow the repairs to be made to our existing well. The permit falls under the Chapter 3 Permit guidelines and will still need to be approved by DEQ. In conjunction with this permit we were awaiting the results of our perk test that was performed on land adjacent to the Casper Mountain Fire Stations leach field. This test came back good and so we are now in the design phase for the leach field. Once this is approved by the Health Department the work will start on the new leach field. Here again the County is required to relocate the existing leach field in order to be in compliance with the setback distance from our existing water well.
- 2. Ponderosa Park Shelter:** The Ponderosa shelter was completed on September 28, 2020 and is awaiting a final inspection. The Snow Gypsies restored an old potbellied stove and installed it in the new shelter and they also refurbished an old potbellied stove at the Powder House shelter. (Pictures Attached)
- 3. Signage:** Jeff Sun, GIS Instructor for Casper College has reported that his students are actively collecting data on trails in Rotary Park, Nordic Ski Trails and the Archery Range. Our GIS Department has been working to plot some of the data and I have attached a map that shows the areas being surveyed. The final step will be to generate a master plan that will project potential signage that may be needed.

4. **Trail Center:** The Board of County Commissioners made a decision at their regularly scheduled work session September 1st to have the Trail Center taken down and removed. Power is now turned off at the site and the asbestos testing of the building came back as negative. The demolition contractor anticipates being on site within two weeks. Lyle Mertha was awarded the contract to design the new Lodge and work is already underway to organize getting the public input that is needed prior to starting the actual designing of the new structure.

The new temporary structure, equipped with two ADA compliant toilets and a gathering room with counter space is on ordered and is scheduled to be on site in late October.

5. **Beartrap Meadow Shelters:** The three shelters will also be taken down after the Lodge has been taken down. The demolition contractor will be removing the structures and the foundations. The three new shelters will also be redesigned by Lyle Mertha and will follow the same process as the Lodge by having public input prior to finalizing a design. It is intended that the new structures model the selected design of the new Lodge.
6. **Rotary Park Bridal Trail Construction:** A Notice to Proceed was issued to 383 Construction on June 29, 2020 the project was started on September 1, 2020 but was delayed due to the fire on September 6, 2020. The good news is the trail is completed and is awaiting the Engineers final inspection. The bid was \$81,500.00 and the Engineering & Construction Management was \$21,400.00. (Pictures Attached)

B. PATHFINDER/ALCOVA UPDATE:

1. **Road Maintenance:** A contract was signed between the County and WLC on 11/5/19 for design and bidding out the drainage improvements and gravelling of roads in the Cabin area, Black Beach and Cottonwood Beach. A pre bid meeting was held on 9/8/2020 and bids were opened on 9/22/20. The low bidder was 71 Construction Company at \$755,007.10 and the high bid was from Knife River at \$1,021,483.20. The bid was awarded to 71 Construction on 10/6/20 and they will be providing their work schedule and start date soon.
2. **Site Modification Process and Guidelines:** The BOR provided their draft of the Site Modification Process and Guidelines for Alcova and Pathfinder Reservoirs, dealing with the leaseholders and any proposed modifications to property. I delivered the DRAFT to the Parks Board for review and I received comments from Mr. Hill. The guidelines were returned to the BOR for their final approval and upon their final approval the guidelines will be distributed to all Lessee's.

3. **Full Hookup Bath House:** Haass Construction has completed the walls, roof and paving on the site and is working on the final plumbing installations. He is also working to install the two new picnic shelters in the Cabin areas. The project appears to be on schedule for completion in late October however; the small shelters are on a late delivery at this time.
4. **Water/Sewer System:** The system has been functioning normally and we still plan of turning the water off on October 15 as scheduled.
5. **Lowering of Alcova Lake:** In accommodating the BOR's work on the Dam and the Spillway, Alcova Lake has dropped over 5' since October 1, 2020. It is anticipated that the lake will drop approximately 38' in total over the next few days.

VI. Informational:

Central Wyoming Trails Association: On September 26, 2020 the CWTA held a trail cleanup where they pruned the east side of Eadesville trail and the upper part of N40 trail, removed face-whipper branches up to 6 feet high on trees and shrubs. They also fell trees in the N40 and fixed log rolls by packing soil in between the logs. This made the log rolls safer and easier to roll over. The wood from the felled trees was stacked in 6 foot lengths off to the side of the trail. They fixed two major washout areas on the east Eadesville trail and packed in dirt and flatter rocks for a safer trail.

Nordic Club: On September 26, 2020 in conjunction with the CWTA club cleaned up all the Nordic ski trails. They cut down unsafe trees and they cut and split the logs in the maze and stacked them in the Martin's Hut. They also put a new door knob on the hut's entry door and fixed the frame. Jacobson's warming hut was cleaned and made ready for winter use. Overhanging willows were cut on Strube Loop road. There were 20 volunteers, high school and middle school skiers and coaches, club members, horse riders and community volunteers.

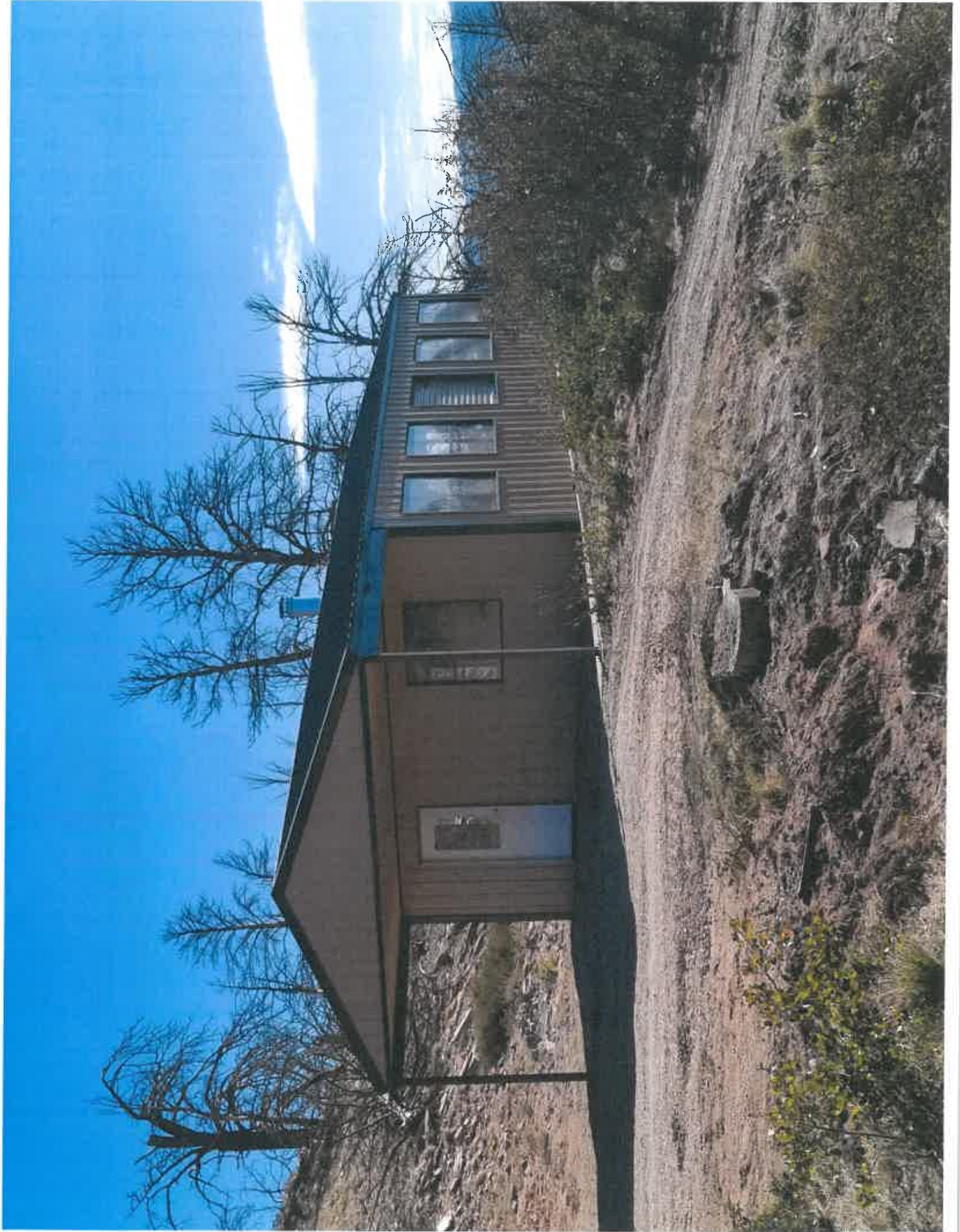
At the end of the day there was a Barbecue at the Lodge area for everyone to attend compliments of Visit Casper.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The agenda is subject to amendment







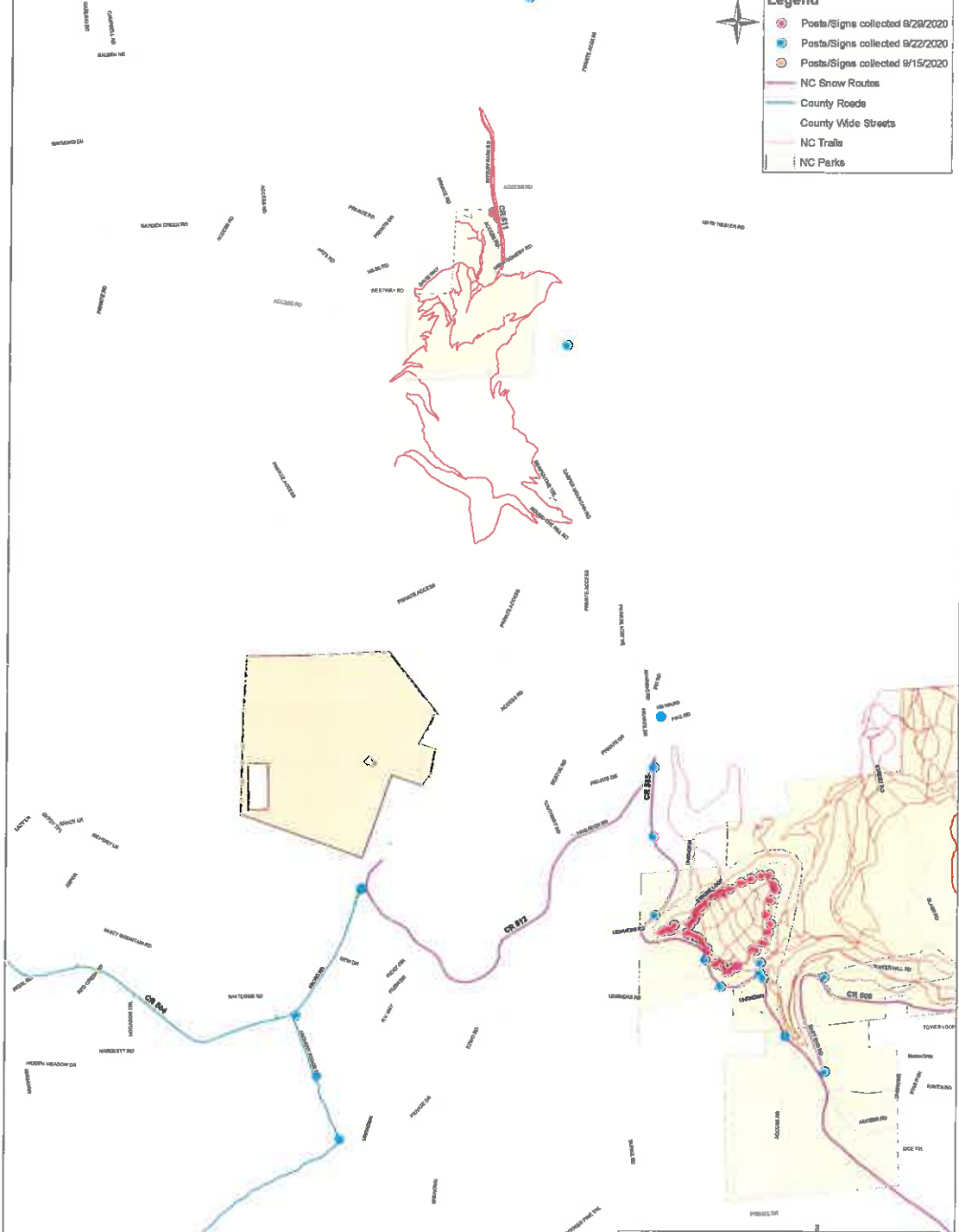




Park Sign Collection Project



Legend	
	Posts/Signs collected 8/24/2020
	Posts/Signs collected 8/22/2020
	Posts/Signs collected 8/15/2020
	NC Snow Routes
	County Roads
	County Wide Streets
	NC Trails
	NC Parks



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