



**COUNTY PARKS BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 12, 2020**

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Natrona County Parks Board brought to order at 5:30p.m. By Chairman Roy Buck. This meeting was held via Zoom.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Those in attendance were Parks Board Members Roy Buck, Dave North, Jim Miller, Stuart Hill and Tina Kruse. Parks Director Mike Haigler and Commissioner Brook Kaufman (Liaison)
- III. APPROVAL:** Stuart Hill motioned for approval of the October 08, 2020 minutes. Dave North seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- IV. REPORTS- Park Director:** Roy Buck approved the Directors Report as written with no objections.

**A. MOUNTAIN PARKS UPDATE:**

**1. Mountain well/water system:**

Parks Director Mike Haigler reported Barry Vinn got in touch with DEQ. Mr. Ellis is the new person in charge and he will see what he can do with the permit. Karen Farley is now retired. The Lodge is down and they are now moving on to demo the shelters.

**4. Trail Center:**

Mike Haigler reported that he spoke with 71 Construction. They are going to go up there and look at the steps along with some other work that is needed on some cable and some posts that they installed above the falls.

**B. PATHFINDER/ALCOVA UPDATE:**

**Road Maintenance Project:**

Mike Haigler reported that he had said they were going to start on Black Beach but they started on Cottonwood. They are running a little behind schedule from what they had originally purposed.

## **2. Full Hookup Bath House:**

Mike Haigler reported that the concrete for the bathhouse is being poured for the sidewalks and handicap steps.

## **4. A Clean Up at Alcova Lake:**

Mike Haigler reported that it sounds like everyone is going to participate in the cleanup. They expect some high winds but he believes it will be a productive event. They have a trailer out there with a heater in it. People will be signed in at the trailer and they will sign waivers, they will be dispersed from there. Mike reported that there have been many people stuck out there that were doing things on their own so he hopes that doesn't happen.

Dave North asked where they were at in the process of building the boathouse.

Mike Haigler replied that he had talked with Brad Legler and he is submitting the plans to Mike then it will go to the Bureau of Reclamation. It has already gone through planning.

Dave North explained that he just wasn't sure if they were going to be able to do anything with the water being down right now or not.

Mike Haigler replied that even when it's brought up in December it will still be 10 feet lower than normal so they would be able to work where they want to work. He doesn't know how long it will take the Bureau to review it but maybe it will be expedited.

Roy Buck asked what the timetable was on the lake refilling.

Mike Haigler reported early December. He reported that it looks like they are on schedule as long as they are not hit with weather they should be able to stay on schedule.

Stuart Hill commented that he thought the Alcova cleanup was a great idea and he might come out and staff a table. He reported that the Boat Club would be there to help. He asked if there was some sort of meeting held for the Trails Center on the 27<sup>th</sup> and asked if anyone was invited or if it was something for the public.

Mike Haigler responded that Lyle Mertha contacted the people and there were 25 or so people there from different user groups. They listened to their comments and looked at multiple drawings of different types of buildings and structures for the Bear Trap area. Lyle is going to put some material together based on that input. Mike believes there will probably be opportunity for reviewing all that material.

Roy Buck replied that he wasn't sure how Lyle chose the people but they went through and selectively sent invitations to various people in various groups. Roy stated that both he and Mike were there and they did what he thought was a well run process and design elements; gathering general information on what people wanted. Roy stated that there was a lot of good input and they did a good job. He believes they will take the information and put together a drawing or 3D model and then conduct another process of evaluation and they seemed to be ready to move quickly.

Jim Miller replied that he thought that was a good summary. He said that he knows Mike has had contact with the people in Montana with the temporary building and was wonder if Mike new when that would be arriving.

Mike Haigler replied that he wished he did but he had called them and he didn't get an answer from the person here in town but has left him a couple messages. Mike reported that he did speak to the Gentleman from Montana yesterday. He said he was going to be in Casper but Mike was going to be at the lake and could not meet with him on such short notice. The person from Montana was supposed to get a definitive answer from the person in Casper to see what the paperwork hold up was to get it certified. Mike informed him he was having this Parks Board Meeting but he hasn't answered.

Dave North suggested that he swing by there tomorrow.

Mike Haigler replied that he could do that but the person did say they were meeting. Mike reported that their building is built and it was ready to come two weeks ago but they have ran into an issue with a commercial certification versus the residential certification. The original building was a residential type structure but with the bathrooms and the ADA compliance stuff; the inspector upon shipping didn't agree with it having commercial type operations. Mike reported that he doesn't understand why it wouldn't be under our zoning because Jason Gutierrez looked at all that before they moved on it and it was ok.

Roy Buck asked if Mike thought it would be helpful to have Jason contact their building inspection department.

Mike Haigler replied that he could ask him but as far as he understands it, it's a state inspector that looks at it before it goes down the road.

Dave North confirmed that and said that they fall under HUD and some other requirements, and it's actually a Federal requirement and if it doesn't meet their requirements they are not going to ship it out. Dave stated that it wouldn't make a difference if Jason called them or not, they are still going to follow what their current standards are.

Roy Buck asked if Mike was getting any answers from them.

Mike Haigler replied no that he hasn't heard anything back.

Dave North reported that he is kind of in and out because he goes on many deliveries.

Jim Miller asked Mike if while they are waiting if they should go ahead and work on the plumbing and the electrical.

Mike Haigler responded that yes he intends to do that, the building has 200amp services in it but it all needs to be looked at by an electrician to bring all that back on line.

Jim Miller asked Mike if he sends someone out there or how does that happen.

Mike Haigler replied that Parks will have to do it.

Jim Miller stated that he was looking at having something in place prior to the building getting here.

Mike Haigler replied that what he envisions is a temporary pole with a disconnect box on it. Whatever is ran out of that will have to go back into that foundation and back up the building wherever it sits. However, he's a bit premature until the electrician can see what

the building exactly has. He can get someone lined up but until the building is there he won't know what they need to do to hook it up.

Jim Miller reported that he knows Joe went up there prior to demolition and cut wires so he was wondering if Joe had been back to see if they are ok from where he cut it or did the operator pull more then what was needed.

Mike Haigler responded that he understood that he cut the wires that serviced their lift station but he doesn't know if the wires were cut or pulled up that went to the two buildings, he stated that that's the dilemma if there is one. He reported that he could set something up for someone to go look at it but he will still have to get the service set up and get the power company to turn it back on.

Jim Miller stated that he is just trying to hurry up the process. He stated that he sent Mike a picture yesterday of where the water was to get service to it if it's still on.

Mike Haigler responded that that all looks good. The power will be the issue in getting it reestablished but it shouldn't be a big deal to get a box set there and a pole.

Jim Miller asked Mike if the webcam was able to go back somewhere.

Mike Haigler replied that yes he intends on doing that as soon as they get the new building established and IT is aware of that.

Stuart Hill replied that they need power, internet and a place to put all that stuff. That once the building is there he would think they could set all that up.

Roy Buck asked the Board if there were any other questions about the Trail Center.

Dave North commented that if there is another meeting like that that he would like to see all the Parks Board Members all invited because then they can all ask questions. He would like everyone to have that opportunity.

Tina Kruse stated that she agreed with Dave.

Roy Buck responded that the process was not in their hands. That was handled by Lyle Murtha but he believes they can do internal communication but he thinks that in the next month there will be another meeting to assess the preliminary design.

Roy Buck asked what the timetable looks like on the water system once the DEQ approves to put the well into service.

Mike Haigler responded that it would be a number of days because he has to pull the pump and reestablish the casing, which will have to be raised 17 inches and they have to put a pump house up there with a bladder tank in it to feed the lodge. Mike reported that he is not able to do any of that without a permit. The person that was handling that retired but hopefully the new person will expedite that for permitting.

Roy Buck asked if there is any part of the project that can't be done during winter months.

Mike Haigler responded that once permitted there should be a problem getting it done during winter months. Karen Farley thought they could still do it under maintenance but he doesn't have anything in writing on that.

Roy Buck asked the Board if they had any further questions for the Parks Director.

#### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mike Haigler informed the Board that he doesn't have any public in attendance.

Roy Buck informed the public that the agenda items should be available if you go to the County Website and look them up by date. You can read the agenda items, if they are curious about printing off the agenda for one of the meetings you can do that from the website. Google County Parks or County Parks Advisory Board and you will see all the meeting notes and upcoming agendas.

#### **VII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

The Board congratulated Dave and Brook on their Election wins. They thanked Mike for all his hard work on the projects over the last six to eight months. Mike Haigler thanked IT

for all their help stating that they are doing an amazing job with all the projects they are assisting with. He also thanked Jim Miller for being a good contact and informing him of things on the mountain that he might not see. Dave thanked the Board for their service's stating that he has enjoyed his time on the board and please know that being a commissioner doesn't change who he is it just changes what he can do. Commissioner Kaufman congratulated Dave North. She mentioned Chairman Roy Buck is coming up on his term and there will be a vacancy that will need to be filled and asked the Board to be thinking of that.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Parks Board, Chairman Roy Buck adjourned the meeting at 6:05p.m.