

COBB-HIGHLAND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes from September 11, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Kosharek, Al Linscheid, John Kreul, Gail Richgels, Bret Barr, Tom Jenks, and Steve Holmes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Laura Anderson, Dan Baker and Ryan Shemak

ALSO PRESENT: Tom Michek, Park Manager
Lisa Riley, Bookkeeper
Don Leix, Iowa County Board Representative

Meeting was called to order by Al Kosharek at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting notice was legally posted on Monday, September 9, 2024

Public Input – Al Linscheid wanted to bring the amount of the invoice to the Commission's attention paid to Iowa County for the audit and additional services for \$9,000. Lisa reminded the Commission that this also included the usual share of the audit, paying Johnson Block for services to input the fixed assets into their software system to keep the fixed assets current and up to date accurately as approved by the Commission, along with the extra assistance with the struggles of the two new computer software systems – CampLife and QuickBooks Online.

Discussed the possible need of removing some pine trees by the boat mooring, as some of the limbs are broken off. Limbs and pine needles fall on pontoons, which will happen with pine trees, but would like to get some of the trees cleaned up. There are pine trees behind the beach area that need to be removed before the roof gets replaced on the shelter.

Review and Approve Minutes – Minutes from the August 21, 2024 meeting were reviewed. Don Leix stated there should be a correction in the minutes from NRCS (federal) to Iowa County Land Conservation Committee. A motion was made by Al Linscheid, seconded by Bret Barr to approve the meeting minutes with the amendment. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa Riley provided the first quarter financials, and an update with the progress with Johnson Block. It is still a work in progress, but happy to be able to get the first quarter tied out. A motion was made by Al Linscheid, seconded by Tom Jenks to approve the reports, as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The Commission requested a statement from Iowa County showing both the Blackhawk Lake and Iowa County contributions and totals for the dam fund.

Bookkeeper Lisa Riley stated a Resolution needed to be adopted by the Commission to join the LGIP. A motion was made by Steve Holmes, seconded by Tom Jenks to approve the Resolution for Blackhawk Lake Recreation-Cobb Highland Recreation Commission participate in the State of Wisconsin's Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP). Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Maintenance/Equipment – walleye stocking is now available. The Commission discussed the need to budget more money for continuing to re-stock walleyes. Two years ago, the Commission paid \$5,000 for approximately 2,200 fish (got 2,600) at the cost of \$1.80+/fish. Tom Michek talked with Justin from the DNR and he will try to get as much funding monies that the State can provide. The State used to provide funds for re-stocking every other year, but funds aren't as available through the State. The Commission wants to continue to re-stock walleyes, even if no funding comes from the DNR. Walleyes will be going in sometime yet this fall.

- **Review UTV Prices** – Tom Michek has been looking into options for replacing the 2007 Mule. He is getting prices for a 2-seater versus 4-seater UTV, which is \$5,000 difference in price. The Super Cab pickup holds four people and a two-seater UTV has a bigger box, which would be beneficial. The cost would be approximately \$14,000-\$17,000 to boot for a new Kubota. We would have to sell the Mule outright, as they will not take it in for trade. The approximate value of the Mule is \$3,400.
- Replacing the Kubota mower with the same style mower would be \$12,000-\$15,000 net.
- The tractor will also need to be replaced in the near future. Current estimate would be about \$45,000 net.
- Sealcoating – Scott won't bid a project until at least April for next year's work
- The Commission asked Tom Michek to get bids on roof replacement now
- **2025 Rates** – January 11, 2025 will be opening reservation day for in-person reservations. January 14th & 15th for phone reservations and online reservations will be opened sometime in February, to be sure all systems are working properly following the start of the 2025 reservations coming in on reservation day. Tom Michek reported that the New Customer list is through the roof. The Commission suggested getting rates from other areas to see how Blackhawk Lake compares and put on the next agenda for review. The current dumping station is challenging at checkout time. Concerns with campers waiting in line on the hill. One solution mentioned is to give a 2-5% discount for staying an extra night (4th night) to help alleviate some of the traffic when everyone is trying to check out from the weekend.

Board Member/Manager Discussion – Not for Action

Al Kosharek led the discussion to explain that this agenda item has been added and on how Commission members should bring items to the attention of the park manager and/or assistant manager, or managers addressing the Commission. The goal is to be supportive of things happening at Blackhawk Lake. Al also reminded the Commission that they should not be addressing employees directly and any concerns with staff is to be handled by Tom or Morgan only. The Commission should not be creating conflict with employees for the management team. If a Commission member receives a complaint or concern, it should be given to management staff to address. It was discussed that a written policy/protocol should be established to handle concerns/complaints. Tom Michek stated he prefers to deal with matters in transparency. As he stated, only the managers deal with employees.

Next Meeting Date – The next meeting date will be October 9, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment - A motion was made by Steve Holmes, seconded by Gail Richgels, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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Commission Secretary

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Commission Clerk