

COBB-HIGHLAND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes from August 13, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Kosharek, Al Linscheid, John Kreul, Gail Richgels, Laura Anderson, Bret Barr, Tom Jenks, and Dan Baker (arrived at 6:40 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Steve Holmes and Ryan Shemak

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

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

Meeting notice was legally posted on Monday, August 11, 2025.

Public Input – Laura Anderson questioned if we are seeing an uptick in electric cars needing to be charged while at the lake. She has been seeing some electric vehicles while camping. Currently, the pedestals are marked “no charging of electric vehicles”. She wanted to mention it as there may be questions in the future for electric vehicle charging needs.

Board Member/Manager Discussion – Not for Action

Al Kosharek stated that we still working on updating some policies and will bring to a future meeting for review/approval. He commented that Morgan Shemak has some ideas in regards to these updates.

Review and Approve Minutes – Minutes from the July 9, 2025 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Laura Anderson, seconded by Gail Richgels to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Dan Baker arrived.

Treasurer’s Report – Reviewed financial reports. A motion was made by Al Linscheid, seconded by John Kreul to approve the Treasurer’s Report as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion/Approval for Check Signing Procedures, Clerk Stipend – Discussion regarding compensation for special trips made by Tom and Morgan (outside the normal work day), along with commission members for signing checks. Al Kosharek stated he felt that people should be compensated for making extra trips down to the lake, but not sure what a fair payment would be. Discussed potential options such as online banking for paying vendors and direct deposit for payroll. The Commission asked that Tom and Morgan keep track of the number of times they make a special trip for a month. It was suggested to look into possible options of compensation at other places. Tom stated that the current rangers now take care of a lot of major issues so he is not having to make as many trips down. It was suggested to keep track of how many times major issues are being taken care of by the rangers. Gather information and bring back to the next meeting.

Maintenance/Equipment –

- We have not received the new tractor yet. They are waiting on parts to complete the project. The brand new Mule has been at Farmers Implement Store for about a month waiting for parts that were needed when doing the service hours work.
- The aluminum loop handles at the boat landing were broken. Tom has ordered two new ones.
- Pat Benish came down to look at the shower house sinks/countertops and looked at ideas for updates.

- Ross DeWitt is the new DNR forester. Tom talked with him regarding getting into the DNR Forestry Program.
- Questions regarding fish stocking for the year. Justin talked to Tom during the crappie episode about stocking 2,200 walleye every year and that the Commission is willing to pay for the stocking, if DNR is not able to budget for it.
- NRCS people came to visit last week – Mike Dreischmeier (federal) and Tony (County) about exercising the valves at the dams. Tom said they have never moved them in the duration of the dams.
- Tom built 10 new picnic tables. We need about 30 more updated.
- Tom updated the Commission on an issue regarding a Service dog on the beach and in the water. After meeting with DNR Al Erickson, the parameters of a service dog were clarified. We are extremely limited on what we can ask, per ADA regulations.
- Since we are not meeting jointly with the County this month, Tom will be attending the LCC Meeting at 1:00 p.m. on August 27th. Let Tom know if you need anything brought up at the meeting. Al Kosharek said he could attend the meeting with Tom.

Next Meeting Date – The next meeting date is scheduled for September 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment - A motion was made by Bret Barr, seconded by Laura Anderson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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Commission Secretary

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Commission Clerk

Posted by County Clerk's Office on 9/9/2025, Barbara Weinbrenner