

COBB-HIGHLAND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes from July 9, 2025

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Baker and Ryan Shemak

ALSO PRESENT: Tom Michek, Park Manager
Darrell Kreul, Iowa County Board Representative
Lisa Riley, Bookkeeper

Meeting was called to order by Al Kosharek at 6:31 p.m.

Meeting notice was legally posted on Monday, July 7, 2025.

Public Input - None

Board Member/Manager Discussion – Not for Action

None

Review and Approve Minutes – Minutes from the June 18, 2025 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Bret Barr, seconded by Laura Anderson to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report – Reviewed financial reports. A motion was made by Steve Holmes, seconded by Al Linscheid to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, including the purchase made for the new Kawasaki Mule. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Maintenance/Equipment –

- Tom reported the electrical upgrade/repairs have been completed.
- Lafayette County Health and Human Services are now doing the water testing.
- No serious inquiries have been received for the Camp Host position. Bret Barr stated he did post the flyer at Moundview RV, in hopes of sparking interest.
- Tom stated he is still waiting to receive information from Ritchie's for a new tractor. The Commission suggested possibly contacting another vendor for a quote.
- Tom Michek and the Commission commented on how nice the bank job looked that was done by Kevin Wienkes Construction. The project made a great improvement to the area.
- Overall, the long holiday weekend went well. It was very busy. The overflow of garbage needed to be handled, so Tom took care of that on Sunday.
- DNR staff Al Erickson and Joe Frost visited the park over the holiday weekend and expressed appreciation for the relationship with Blackhawk Lake.
- Tom mentioned that he may be putting orange flashing lights/strobe on the UTVs so people are aware the units are operating for park use, not recreational use and to aid in safety.
- Tom and Morgan took a drive around the park to see what upcoming projects may need to be done going forward:
 - Main Campground – epoxy floors in the bathroom, old Formica countertops are looking pretty tough, sink replacement, and a couple mirrors are missing.
 - Low Numbers Loop – countertops should be replaced
 - The Commission approved getting estimates for re-doing the epoxy floor, new sinks and countertops as mentioned.

- Tom reported there had been vandalism done in the new beach bathrooms. Someone hung on the 70 pound partition door and bent it, along with breaking the door closure. Tom has made the repairs.
- Gail Richgels asked about campsites without trees and if we could add something to these sites for shade. Tom stated he would reach out to DNR to see if we can get a list of some approved trees or transplant from within the park. Laura Anderson commented that Karen Forbes had offered to donate money for trees when it was previously discussed and thought Karen was still interested in donating. Tom will check with Travis Anderson to see if there are any monies available to purchase trees.
- Darrell Kreul informed the Commission that the dams are going to be inspected soon.
- The Commission questioned if anything has been said about fish stocking this year and if DNR is planning on doing it or not. It was suggested to talk with Dave Gollon to see what options may be available-DNR stocking or Blackhawk Lake potentially doing it.

Next Meeting Date – The next meeting date is tentatively scheduled for August 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. unless a Joint Meeting with Iowa County may change the date/time. Tom Michek will reach out to Katie at Iowa County Land Conservation to see if they want to meet jointly again this year.

Adjournment - A motion was made by Al Linscheid, seconded by Tom Jenks, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

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Commission Secretary

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Commission Clerk

Posted by County Clerk's Office on 8/11/2025, Barbara Weinbrenner