

COBB-HIGHLAND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes from May 14, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Kosharek, John Kreul, Gail Richgels, Laura Anderson, Bret Barr, Tom Jenks – arrived at 6:37 p.m., and Steve Holmes

MEMBERS ABSENT: Al Linscheid, Dan Baker and Ryan Shemak

ALSO PRESENT: Tom Michek, Park Manager
Morgan Shemak, Assistant 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 Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

Public Input – Al Kosharek commented that he has had multiple people ask about having fireworks at the park again, in the future. Some of the other members agreed they had been asked also. Tom Michek stated that we would need to plan at least a year in advance. The last fireworks event was in 2022 and it was discussed at that time to consider having another event in 5 or 10 years. Will look at the possibility of holding the event in 2027. It was mentioned that the Lion's Club Fisheree may not continue, due to lack of volunteers and lesser attendance.

Tom Jenks arrived.

Board Member/Manager Discussion – Not for Action

None

Review and Approve Minutes – Minutes from the April 9, 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 – A motion was made by Bret Barr, seconded by Laura Anderson to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Johnson Block Engagement Letter for Accounting Assistance – A motion was made by Bret Barr, seconded by Tom Jenks to approve the engagement letter for accounting assistance with Johnson Block to assist with bank 2024 reconciliations and software conversion reconciliation issues. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discuss/Approve Electrical Service Issues at Office – As a part of maintenance work being done last week replacing the wooden back boards of the electrical panels (one by the cabins and the other by the main office), an electrical issue was discovered. Tom Michek contacted Pilling Electric to assess the situation. Once Pilling Electric opened the box and meter service at the office area, it was discovered that all the power that comes from that 100AMP meter service powers the office, the wood shed, the new shop, and all of the cabins. This is a severe overload. We have been fortunate to not experience too many damages to any electronics or other equipment to date. Pilling Electric, Blackhawk Lake, and Alliant Energy assessed the issue and have recently come up with a plan to string new wire from the office all the way to the wood shed and putting a new transformer there that would mount to the wood shed. The new service on the woodshed would run to the new shed and cabins. Those wires would not need to be replaced as the wire is of sufficient size. Alliant Energy will procure any permits needed.

The approximate total cost of the project for Alliant Energy and Pilling Electric will be between \$21,000 and \$24,000. Unfortunately, this is not a project we can put off another month as this is not only a risk to our equipment, but a safety issue to all employees. A motion was made by Steve Holmes, seconded by Gail Richgels to approve the necessary improvements needed and proceed with resolving the electrical service issues discussed. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Maintenance/Equipment –

- Tom Michek reported that the beach roof and siding pavilion work is completed by Tri-Brothers Construction. He is very satisfied with the outcome of the project.
- Tom worked with Kevin Wienkes on the bank erosion project. They finished hauling dirt today and the posts are set. Campsite G1 will be just about level after hauling the dirt to that site.
- The start of the camping season and using the park is about two weeks ahead of schedule this year.
- Tom also informed the Commission that the little tractor is getting tired and need to be replaced. He will look into some options and also inquire about municipal lease financing.

Next Meeting Date – The next meeting date will be June 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. Steve Holmes stated he will not be in attendance at this meeting.

Adjournment - A motion was made by Bret Barr, seconded by John Kreul, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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Commission Secretary

Posted by County Clerk's Office on 6/9/2025, Barbara Weinbrenner