

COBB-HIGHLAND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes from March 12, 2025

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Bret Barr, Laura Anderson 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 Friday, March 7, 2025.

Public Input - None

Board Member/Manager Discussion – Not for Action

Tom Michek reported that he is working on gathering information and creating a board/employee policy, as previously discussed.

Review and Approve Minutes – Minutes from the December 11, 2024 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Al Linscheid, seconded by Steve Holmes to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote. There were no January or February (meeting cancelled due to inclement weather) minutes, due to no meetings being held.

Treasurer's Report – Reviewed financial reports. Bookkeeper Lisa Riley stated she talked with Travis from Johnson Block a couple of weeks ago, and he is currently busy with audit season and stated he would connect as soon as possible with his current schedule. The bank reconciliations are still a work in progress. A motion was made by Al Linscheid, seconded by John Kreul to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Access Ability Event – A request was received from Access Ability Wisconsin, a local nonprofit organization "whose mission is to provide opportunities for individuals with mobility challenges to access nature and outdoor recreational experiences with minimal environmental impact while promoting values". The group is interested in using Blackhawk Lake on Saturday, September 13, 2025 for a fundraiser event that they would host. They will be raffling off one of their outdoor wheelchairs and they will draw the winner of the raffle at this event. The group will be selling the raffle tickets from March until the day of the event. It is a family friendly, accessible event. All ages and all abilities will be welcome. "The planned activities of the event will include hiking with their outdoor wheelchairs, shore fishing with AR3 Certified Anglers teaching fishing fundamentals, 50/50 raffle, silent auction, art sessions by the lake, bean bag tournament, demonstrations of adaptive kayaking and hand cycling (depending on weather, AAW staffing/volunteer resources, including lifeguards)." This group started looking into this event at the 2024. Discussion followed regarding what would be required from Blackhawk Lake: (1) they would need to provide proof of insurance, probably naming Blackhawk Lake as additional insured, (2) providing free admission to the park for the day, similar to the Fisheree, (3) having additional handicap portable toilets available for the event, and (4) providing areas for potential food trucks. Morgan Shemak stated that the event would probably run similar to the Concrete Canoe Event. Food trucks typically provide their own generators. Access Ability is willing to cover the expense for additional portable toilets. The group could set up in the beach pavilion for their raffle. The event would definitely provide publicity for Blackhawk Lake. A motion

was made by Steve Holmes, seconded by Gail Richgels to approve allowing use of the park for the Access Ability Event and waive the admission fee for the day of the event. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Maintenance/Equipment –

- **Review/Approve Bids for Beach Shelter House Improvements** – Only one bid was received for the beach shelter roof project from Tri-Brothers Construction for \$19,400. A motion was made by Steve Holmes, seconded by Tom Jenks to approve and accept the bid from Tri-Brothers Construction. Motion carried by unanimous vote. The steel has been ordered, due to the potential impending price increase. The roof will be green with tan siding and brown trim.
- **Review/Approve Bids for Bank Shaping Project at Boat Landing Mooring Sites** – One bid was received from Kevin Wienkes Construction for \$17,900 to excavate the west bank by the pontoons. A motion was made by Al Linscheid, seconded by Steve Holmes to accept the bid from Kevin Wienkes Construction for this project. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Tom Michek reported that he has purchased the posts for this project. He also stated that there may be some additional costs for some tree/brush removal.
- **Discuss/Approve Rental Pontoon Improvements** – Tom Michek updated the Commission on the improvements to the 1984 gray 8-person pontoon. He purchased a pair of toons out of Pewaukee for \$2,550. The potential cost will be approximately \$2,800 to complete the project. If this project goes well, Tom may look at updating/improving another pontoon.
- **Other Information** – Tom Michek informed the Commission on a few other items
 - G1 site will potentially be closed for most of the season
 - Sand at the beach has been delivered, just needs to be pushed around
 - Already picked up the new Kubota mower. Tom told the Commission he was able to get \$8,500 on trade so he did not put it for sale on the auction site
 - Dock damages are minimal after the ice
 - Cabin Updates
 - Grills on posts have been removed and replaced with charcoal grills
 - Cabin 4 – removed some locust trees
 - Cabin 5 – has electric baseboard heat and some units need to be replaced. Due to the age of them, need to replace all baseboard units.
 - An email was received regarding well testing changes. The five wells are tested once a year. This process has been farmed out to Lafayette County, from Iowa County. Lafayette County will need to send someone out to pull the samples now.
 - Reservation Day suggestion was to occasionally have something like a one-man band at the beach shelter house as an activity for people at the campground and/or bring additional folks to the park.

Next Meeting Date – The next meeting date will be April 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment - A motion was made by Al Linscheid, seconded by Tom Jenks, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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Commission Secretary

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Commission Clerk