

COBB-HIGHLAND RECREATION COMMISSION

Minutes from August 14, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Al Kosharek, Al Linscheid, Bret Barr, Gail Richgels, Gerry Riley, Jeremy Simplot, Laura Anderson, Mary Foley, Tom Jenks

MEMBERS ABSENT: Dan Baker

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Welsh, Park Manager
Tom Michek, Assistant Park Manager
Helen Laufenberg
Ron Benish
Don Leix

LCC MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Bierke, Kevin Butteris, Bob Bunker, Dan Nankee, Rod Anding, Dave Gollon, and Katie Abbott

The meeting notice was legally posted.

The meeting was called to order by Al Kosharek at 6:03 p.m.

Minutes from the July 2019 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Al Linscheid, seconded by Bret Barr to approve the minutes of the July 2019 meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Public Input: Members from the Iowa County Land Conservation Committee were present for the annual report and further discussion (Reported under New Business).

The Treasurer's reports for July 2019 were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Al Linscheid, seconded by Bret Barr to approve the July 2019 financial reports. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

New Business:

- Cobb-Highland Blackhawk Lake Commission Annual Report – Dan presented the 2108 Annual Report. The audit has been completed with no substantial findings. New purchases made during the 2108 year included electrical upgrade to sites 28E through 92E, purchase of a new Kubota industrial mower, and a new truck. A pontoon was donated in memory of Camy Nelson and has been added to the fleet.
- Discussion of BHL Recreation Area management and permit challenges – Dan expressed the need for a contact person at DNR in order to process permit requests and other requests in a timely manner. Dave Gollon from LCC suggested applying for all permits at one time during the slow time. Clarification of permits required would also be helpful. Dave Gollon will work with Dan to get this information provided.
- Discussion of BHL dams' maintenance – Dave Gollon, LCC, discussed the issues with the dams in the event something happens in the future. He stated the need for a long-term agreement and funding as board members continually change and Blackhawk Lake needs to be protected. Following further discussion, it was the consensus of members present that a group of Commission members, LCC members, and DNR representatives need to meet before talking about funding. It was also suggested that the Wisconsin Senate and House representatives for this area be invited.
- Discussion of goals and updating BHL Operations Agreement – Larry Bierke, Iowa County Administrator reported that a 1986 Operations Agreement had been updated in 2015. The 2015 agreement was approved by the Blackhawk Lake Commission and the Land Conservation Committee; however, the County Board has not signed the agreement. Larry further discussed a proposal brought before the Commission in April, 2019 to update the Operations Agreement. Commission members are in approval of the 2015 Operations

Agreement as it presently reads with no updates at this time. LCC will move forward with the County Board for approval the 2015 Operations Agreement as is.

- Determine strategy for moving forward – As a recap of the information discussed above, if Blackhawk Lake fails and goes back to the state – who has the liability? Is the County responsible? Plans need to be in place including an updated Operations Agreement along with possible funding outlined and in reserve. A joint meeting with LCC, Blackhawk Lake Commission members, DNR, and state representatives will attempt to address these issues.

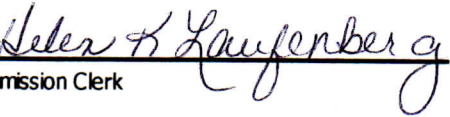
The next scheduled meeting for the Blackhawk Lake Recreation Area Commission will be September 11, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the park office.

A motion was made by Jeremy Simplot, seconded by Laura Anderson to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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Commission Secretary

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Commission Clerk