



Agenda Colorado State Parks Board

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2003
Board Work Session 1:00 PM – 3:45 PM
Board Meeting: 4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Littleton Office Center
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Thurs, Jan 16, 2003

BOARD WORK SESSION

1:00 - 3:45 PM

~~Front Range Trail Update (5-10)~~
Cherry Creek Basin Open Space (30)
~~PriceWaterhouse Marketing Study (60)~~
Budget Update (60)

Bob Finch
Gene Schmidt/ Doug Robotham
~~Dean Winstanley~~
Lyle Laverty / Tom Kenyon

4:00 – 4:05 PM

BOARD MEETING

(A) – Agenda Amendments, if necessary
(A) – December 5-6, 2002 Parks Board Meeting Minutes
Board Reports
Upcoming Board Events

4:05 – 4:10 PM

PUBLIC COMMENTS

4:10 – 4:15 PM

ITEMS REFERRED FOR DIRECTOR'S ACTION

(A) - Natural Areas Designation
(A) - Jackson Lake BOR Lease

4:15 PM

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(A) = Action Items (I) = Information Items

** APPROVAL OF "ITEMS REFERRED FOR DIRECTOR'S ACTION" BY THE PARKS BOARD IS BASED ON WRITTEN MATERIAL. NO DISCUSSION WILL OCCUR UNLESS THERE ARE QUESTIONS FROM THE PARKS BOARD OR FROM THE PUBLIC.

** PUBLIC COMMENT ON **BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEMS IS WELCOME**. PLEASE SIGN UP ON SPEAKER SIGN-UP SHEET UPON ENTERING THE PARKS BOARD MEETING ROOM.

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Thursday, January 16, 2003

ATTENDANCE

Parks Board Members:

Doug Cole, Secretary
Dr. Tom Ready
Edward Callaway - by phone

Division Staff:

Lyle Lavery, Director
Tom Kenyon, Deputy Director,
Emily Dorman, Program Assistant I
Gene Schmidt, Metro Region Manager

Attorney General's
Office:

Guests: John Vasilakis

Public comments -

John Vasilakis – Homeowner in the Broadmoor Bluffs next to Cheyenne Mountain – has concerns about the closeness of the campgrounds to the subdivision. The neighbors have been trying to get some input into the process. The concerns being, campfires possibly spreading into a major fire, lack of access for fire equipment should there be a fire, smells from the campfires, views from the homes overlooking the campground and seeing RVs, security, and not being involved with the master planning of Cheyenne Mountain State Park.

Lyle responded to Mr. Vasilakis regarding his issues with possible fires escaping from the campgrounds. Lyle explained that fires start in mostly undeveloped campgrounds. Since we have staff on our parks, that possibility is almost non-existent.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Move the public comments earlier on the agenda to accommodate Mr. Vasilakis.

Motion: Dr. Tom Ready
Seconded: Edward Callaway
Vote: Unanimous

UPCOMING BOARD EVENTS

Work Session: February 14, 2002 - Sylvan Lake

ITEMS REFERRED FOR DIRECTOR'S ACTION - Tom Kenyon

Natural Areas Designation

MOTION: I move that the Board accept the two Articles of Designation for the referenced sites.

Lease of BOR Cook Parcel

MOTION: I move that the Board of Parks and Outdoor Recreation authorize the Director to negotiate and consummate an agricultural lease on the Cook Parcel at Jackson Lake State Park, and to renew and enter into new leases based on competitive bid.

Motion: Edward Callaway
Seconded: Dr. Tom Ready
Unanimous: Unanimous

Adjourned

The minutes of the Parks Board meeting are approved by:

Doug Cole, Chair

Dr. Tom Ready

Thursday, January 16, 2003

COLORADO DIVISION OF PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

Natural Area Designations

Ron West

12/10/02

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1. **PURPOSE:** To designate two new Colorado Natural Areas.
2. **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The Natural Areas Program is mandated to identify and protect the finest examples of Colorado’s original and unique landscapes for the benefit of present and future generations. The following sites are being considered:
 - *Brush Creek Fen*, Custer County, 9 acres, private property. This pristine remnant of the Ice Age supports the finest population in Colorado of the imperiled orchid, Yellow Lady’s-Slipper, considered one of the most beautiful flowers in the state. The site also supports two other rare plants, and breeding Lewis’s Woodpeckers, named after Meriwether Lewis on the 1806 expedition.
 - *California Park*, Routt County, 641 acres, State Land Board property. The site contains habitat for three rare animal species -- Colorado River cutthroat trout, boreal toad, and greater sandhill crane. It is also surrounded by a much larger, U.S. Forest Service “Special Interest Area,” also known as California Park.
(See attached Articles of Designation, with maps.)
3. **DISCUSSION AND SUMMARY:** The private owner of Brush Creek Fen contacted the Program in 2001 seeking assistance in management of their unique land. After subsequent evaluations and discussions, the Natural Areas Council approved the Brush Creek Fen Articles of Designation (AOD), and recommended designation to the Parks Board, in September 2002. California Park AODs were similarly recommended in June 2002. Upon the recommendation of the Program, the State Land Board added California Park to its Stewardship Trust in 1998. The State Land Board Commissioners approved California Park AODs in June 2002. The Custer and Routt county Boards of Commissioners were informed of the pending designations and declined to hold public meetings.
4. **DIVISION RECOMMENDATION:** Approve designation of sites as Colorado Natural Areas.
5. **SUGGESTED MOTION:** I move that the Board accept the two Articles of Designation for the referenced sites.

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE PARKS BOARD

DATE

COLORADO DIVISION OF PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATION

Lease of BOR Cook parcel
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Mike Severin
PREPARED BY

December 16, 2002
DATE

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1. **PURPOSE:** To seek Board approval authorizing the Director of Colorado State Parks(CSP) to negotiate and consummate a lease agreement between CSP and successful bidder for the agricultural use of the Cook parcel at Jackson Lake State Park for up to ten years.
2. **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** The 314-acre Cook parcel has been managed for the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) by Colorado State Parks since January 1, 1989. CSP has leased this property for the past ten years for the purpose of raising alfalfa and some marginal grain crops. A center pivot irrigation sprinkler irrigates approximately 100 acres of alfalfa, with another 50 acres flood irrigated and 150 acres of very poor range land. It is the desire of Colorado State Parks to continue leasing the property for this purpose and public access for hunting opportunities.
3. **DISCUSSION AND SUMMARY:** The property is managed by Parks for BOR to meet their requirement that good agricultural and resource conservation practices are abided by, all BOR policies and guidelines are adhered to, and the public allowed access for hunting, fishing and nature viewing opportunities.

Key elements of the lease include:

- Annual rent shall be determined by competitive bid, with the lessee entitled to a credit against the rent for expenses paid by lessee which are typically a landlord expense (e.g. capital improvements or repairs)
- Lease term of one year, automatically renewing for up to nine addition years, unless terminated by either party.
- All aspects of the irrigation system shall be maintained in good repair and operating condition.

* Lessee will be entitled to a credit against rent for resource conservation services provided by lessee on adjacent park lands.

* Average gross revenue since inception of management by Parks has been \$4,000-\$5,000 per year.

4. **DIVISION RECOMMENDATION:** The Director has found leasing of this property to be necessary, suitable or proper for parks and outdoor recreation purposes, at Jackson Lake State Park. Staff recommends the Board give authorization for the Director to negotiate and consummate an agricultural lease with successful bidder and to renew and change future lessees based on competitive bid.
5. **SUGGESTED MOTION:** I move that the Board of Parks and Outdoor Recreation authorize the Director to negotiate and consummate an agricultural lease on the Cook Parcel at Jackson Lake State Park, and to renew and enter into new leases based on competitive bid.

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