



Colorado State Parks

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 19, 2009
 Location: Colorado Municipal League
 1144 Sherman Street
 Denver, CO 80203

Thursday, February 19, 2009 - AGENDA

- 10:00 am Call to Order Bill Kane, Chairman**
- (A) Agenda Amendments, if necessary
 - (A) Approval of January 22 and 23, 2009 Parks Board Meeting Minutes
 - (I) Board Member Updates
 - (A) Appointment of Board Member to Natural Areas Council
- 10:15 am (I) Board Governance**
- Updated Expanded Matrix Gary Thorson
 - Draft MOU Gary Thorson
- 11:00 am (I) Strategic Planning Scott Babcock**
- 12:00 pm (I) Legislative Update Ken Brink**
- 12:15 pm Working lunch followed by Break for Board Member Confirmation Hearings at State Capitol**
- 2:45 pm Meeting Reconvenes Bill Kane**
- 2:50 pm (I) Legal Report Tim Monahan**
- 3:30 pm Adjournment**

In attendance

Parks Board Members:	
Lenna Watson	Gary Butterworth
Jim Pribyl	Laurie Mathews
Division Staff	
Dean Winstanley, Director	Tim Monahan, First Assistant Attorney General
Gary Thorson, Deputy Director	Ken Brink, Acting Field Operations Manager
Steve Cassin, Chief Financial Officer	Maria Yslas-Brandt, Program Assistant
Dave Giger, High Plains Region Manager	Kurt Mill, Rocky Mountain Region Manager
Heather Dugan, Southeast Region Manager	Rick Storm, Chief of Law Enforcement
Deb Frazier, Communications Manager	Scott Babcock, Strategic Planning

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order by acting chairman, Lenna Watson, at 10:10 a.m.

Agenda Amendments

- Updated ANS Regulations were given to the board members for review before tomorrow's meeting.
- Dean Winstanley indicated that State Parks is expecting public comment regarding a proposed trails use plan at Lake Pueblo. Heather Dugan, Acting Southeast Region Manager, provided background information on the issue at the board's request.

Minutes Approval

Motion to approve minutes of January 22 and 23, 2009

Moved: Gary Butterworth
Second: Laurie Mathews
Result: Motion Passed

Board Member Updates

- Jim Pribyl reported on a meeting regarding the Burial Tree property, which could be a potential addition to Ridgway State Park. The current owner would like State Parks to purchase the property. Pribyl also met with Sens. Mark Udall and Michael Bennet on how the senators could support Colorado State Parks.

Natural Areas Council Appointment

Motion to appoint Lenna Watson as Natural Areas Council representative to serve through February, 2012

Moved: Jim Pribyl
Second: Gary Butterworth
Result: Motion Passed

Board Governance: Gary Thorson

- Review of the "Updated Expanded Matrix" with the board.
- The draft MOU between Colorado State Parks, The Parks Board and the Colorado Department of Natural Resources was presented and explained. Tim Monahan and Dean Winstanley will work with DNR representatives to refine the language. The final draft will be approved by the board at the April meeting.
- Gary Butterworth distributed the revised draft "Expectations of Board Members." The document outlines general expectations for board members and special assignments where individual board members will take the lead.

Strategic Planning: Scott Babcock

- PowerPoint presentation regarding the strategic planning process.
- Highlighted the differences in the Horizons documents, which were parks' guiding documents through 2004.
- The current Colorado State Parks Strategic Plan which has been in place since 2005.
- Distribution of a proposed timeline.
- The Board gave direction to proceed with updating our strategic plan by the end of 2009. The plan is to be simplified from the previous 5-year plan and will include participation and input from field staff.

Legislative Update: Ken Brink

- SB 18 – To create a \$10 million fund for beetle mitigation. The bill was amended to use severance tax funding for this program. If passed, the bill could impact ANS funding for Colorado State Parks.
- HB 1071 – Search and Rescue – Rick Storm testified at the legislature and clarified that our signs and printed materials would not have to be updated until they were out of stock or ready for replacement.
- SB-182 – Concerning the free use of Colorado State Parks for search and rescue training. There was concern that these events could interfere with public use of the parks. There are also no

assurances that park natural resources would be protected. The bill went to the Senate Ag Committee Feb. 19.

Meeting recessed at 1:00 p.m. for Board member approval hearings at Capitol

Meeting reconvened at 2:40 p.m. by acting chairman, Lenna Watson

Legal Report: Tim Monahan

- Bonny situation remains the same. Annual payment for O & M was made and state park's portion was roughly \$42K.
 - Pribyl suggested an aggressive information campaign for potential users to let them know about the conditions. This would also prepare the public for possible future closure of the park.
 - Mathews said that a temporary closure would be in order until conditions improve. The temporary closure would also minimize costs.
 - Butterworth asked about the financial picture.
 - Dugan said Bonny brought in about \$90K in revenue against \$400K in operating costs, including four FTE. Dugan and Winstanley have spoken about seasonal closures.
 - Winstanley reported that as part of our budget cutting exercise, the southeast region has given him several possible scenarios for a reduction in operations at Bonny.
 - Dugan said the several options under considered included doing nothing, closing the park, seasonal closures, weekday closures and keeping only part of the park open to the public.
 - Winstanley said he will be visiting the park in a few weeks with the southeast region managers to assess the situation.
- Barr Lake negotiations with the oil and gas companies in the area have continued. A resolution may occur in the next two months. Monahan said that a similar situation may occur at St. Vrain. Parks received a copy of the notice to mineral holders of the company's proposal to drill.
- Concessionaire contracts have become an issue because of the current economic situation.
 - The concessionaire at North Sterling has discontinued operations.
 - The issues to be resolved include disposal of any materials left behind by the concessionaire.
 - Winstanley said the situations also present a challenge because the public still expects the product and services that were provided by the concessionaires.
 - The concessionaire at Steamboat has offered to sell us his cabin operation and is concerned about the marina operation due to the beetle kill and campground closures.
- The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has determined that we should post financial assurance regarding our wastewater system at Rifle. As a state agency, State Parks is self-insured through risk management and face no financial risk.
 - Does the proposed closure of the Rifle correctional facility have an impact on us?
Monahan provided background on the relationship:
 - A correctional facility was built on public recreation property.
 - A similar situation existed in Delta and that situation was corrected by selling the property to the Colorado Department of Corrections.
 - We are negotiating the sale of the Rifle property now.
 - State Parks has water rights on the property. Paul Flack is working on that issue and will coordinate with Monahan.
- A legal opinion on the Lottery funds was issued and distributed to the JBC. No response has been received.

Motion to adjourn

Moved: Gary Butterworth
Second: Jim Pribyl
Result: Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm by acting Chairman, Lenna Watson



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Friday, February 20, 2009 - AGENDA

- 8:30 am Call to Order Bill Kane, Chairman**
- (A) Agenda Amendments, if necessary
- 8:30 am PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**
- 8:40 am (A) ANS Regulations Approval Rob Billerbeck, Rick Storm**
- 9:30 am (I) Financial Overview Discussion Steve Cassin**
 - FY 08-09 Budget Update
 - Capital Project Status
 - GOCO Update: Status of FY08-09 Funding
- 10:15 am (I) GOCO MOA Steve Cassin, Michael Regan**
- 10:30 am Break**
- 10:45 am Parks Management Update**
 (I) Chatfield Reallocation Dave Giger
 (A) Roxborough Easement Kristi Quintana
- 11:30 am (A) Natural Areas Designation of Boulder Mountain Park Rob Billerbeck**
- 11:50 am (I) Market Assessment Report Update Gary Thorson**
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Heather Dugan, Southeast Region Manager	John Geerdes, Southeast Asst Region Manager
Deb Frazier, Communications Manager	Rob Billerbeck, Manager Colorado Natural Areas Program/GIS Program
Gene Seagle, ANS Trainer	Dawit Kidane, ANS Program Assistant
Brad Henley, Assistant Manager Lake Pueblo	Ben Pedrett, Park Manager Eldorado Canyon
Tom Fleming, Eldorado Canyon	Brian Kurzel, Colorado Natural Areas Program

Guests:	
Tim Raines, Corona Marketing	Greg Gerlich, CDOW
Brad Wind, Northern Water Conservancy District	Elizabeth Brown, CDOW

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Agenda Amendments

None

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No comments

Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Regulations Approval: Rob Billerbeck

- Colorado State Parks and the Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW) will work jointly on the program.
- In Colorado, 36 entities will participate in the ANS program.
- Special funding has been available from the severance tax. Last year, state parks received \$3.2 million and CDOW \$3.9 million. This year, state park received \$2.6 million and CDOW \$1.3 million.
- The Colorado Water Conservation Board and Denver Water have contributed funds. Other funding sources are being sought, including federal money from the economic stimulus package.
- The public education program has been extensive, including boating trade shows, billboards and material handed out at marinas and boat retail outlets.

Motion that the Colorado Board of Parks and Outdoor Recreation approve the revised ANS regulations as attached to this Action Item.

Moved: Laurie Mathews
 Second: Jim Pribyl
 Result: Motion Passed Unanimously

Financial Overview Discussion: Steve Cassin

- The state budget status has not changed. Shortfall for FY09 is \$600 million and FY10 projected shortfall is \$1 billion.
- State Parks will not be asked to substitute General Fund with lottery money this fiscal year.
- The board reviewed a draft of the GOCO MOA.

Parks Management Update

- Chatfield Reallocation
 High Plains Regional Manager Dave Giger gave background on the issues surrounding the proposed reallocation of storage space at Chatfield Reservoir.

Motion to enter into Executive Session

Moved: Gary Butterworth
 Second: Laurie Matthews
 Result: Motion Passed Unanimously

Motion to terminate Executive Session

Moved: Gary Butterworth
 Second: Laurie Mathews
 Result: Motion Passed Unanimously

- Roxborough Easement

Motion that the Board of Parks and Outdoor Recreation authorize the State Parks Director to negotiate and grant sewer, water and natural gas line easements to Roxborough Water & Sanitation District and Excel Energy across Roxborough State Park, under the terms and conditions described in this Action Item.

Moved: Jim Pribyl
Second: Laurie Mathews
Result: Motion Passed Unanimously

Natural Areas Designation of Boulder Mountain: Brian Kurzel

- The Boulder Mountain Park area contains rare geology, biology and wildlife.
- The cost for the designation would be limited because the stewardship of Natural Areas is delegated to volunteers.
- State Parks staff would make a once-a-year visit.

Motion that the Board of Parks and Outdoor Recreation approve the designation of Boulder Mountain as a Colorado Natural Area that will be included within the Colorado Natural Areas System.

Moved: Jim Pribyl
Second: Gary Butterworth
Result: Motion Passed

Market Assessment Report Update: Gary Thorson

Kevin Raines and Scott Saunders of Corona Research provided the Board with an update on the status of the Market Assessment Report. A handout was provided.

Motion to adjourn

Moved: Jim Pribyl
Second: Laurie Mathews
Result: Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm by acting chairman, Lenna Watson.