

*JACKSON COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 27, 2013*

The regular meeting of the Jackson County Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee was called to order by Sue King in the Jackson County Roads Auditorium, 7520 Table Rock Road, Central Point, at 11:35 AM.

Present were:

Sue King	Chair
Steve Gies	Member
Debi Johnson	Member
Michele Lorenz	Member

Not Present were:

David Gray	Member
Teresa Morris	Member
Rick Thomas	Member

Also Present were:

John Vial	Director, Jackson County Roads and Parks
J Domis	Deputy Director, Jackson County Roads and Parks
Steve Lambert	Parks Program Manager, Jackson County Parks
Debbie Hanker	Administrative Assistant, Jackson County Parks

Guests / Visitors:

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Sue King asked for corrections or additions to the minutes of the November 28, 2012 meeting. A motion was made by Steve Gies and seconded by Debi Johnson that "THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 28, 2012 MEETING BE APPROVED." Motion carried.**

**SPORTS PARK UPDATE (RC CAR TRACK & DRAG STRIP)**

Last season's operator was not interested in operating the drag strip this year. An RFP went out and operations were granted to Kirk Hobson. Has a great schedule in place including a big regional race in June. Race Season opens in mid-April and he is working hard to get the area ready to go.

Remote Control Car Track operators have decided to not renew their agreement. A Request For Proposal (RFP) will be going out this week.

**BUDGET UPDATE**

The biggest change has come from transferring of the Landscape Services into the Parks Program budget accounting for a net bump of approximately \$400,000.

Expenses that we can control stayed about the same. The items we cannot control had a significant rise up; including personnel/labor, garbage service, electricity service, etc.

The Parks Program has not been funded out of the General Fund for about five years.

Steve has been very active in the legislature for the Senate Bill 331 (RV licensing fees changes allocation from 35% to 50% for Counties). As part of the process, Oregon State Parks has agreed to 45%. Heard by the Senate Rural Communities and Economic Development Committee and passed. Bill will be going to Ways and Means Committee and be heard probably in April. If Bill 331 passes, Jackson County Parks will see net increase of about a \$130,000 next year at 45%.

Received Capital Grant from Oregon State Parks and Bureau of Reclamation to replace the shower and restroom building at HP Resort. Work is slated for start date in July.

RVSSA offered to match Parks dollars for public flush restroom at shooting range.

### **HOWARD PRAIRIE RESORT UPDATE**

Howard Prairie Resort has traditionally been operated by a concessionaire. The Johnston's sold their interest of resort operations to the LaGrande's in 2007. An internal audit was completed in 2011/2012 and uncovered many issues. During this time Joel LaGrande took off and has not been heard from since. Holly LaGrande continued to operate resort on her own. Due to ongoing issues, Holly was given a letter of termination of her Howard Prairie Resort operations agreement.

An RFP will be going out for operations of the Store and Restaurant soon. Jackson County Parks will be operating the Resort with minimal disruptions. This will drastically change the operations of entire lake area – Asperkaha, Grizzly, Klum Landing, Lily Glen, Sugar Pine, Willow Point, and the Resort.

### **MONTHLY REPORTS – PARK and PROJECT UPDATES**

- Due to a lot of expressed interest from guests and potential operators, an RFP will be going out this week for an operator of kayak and paddle board rentals at Emigrant Lake.
- Crews have been working all winter long on project at Willow Lake. New Shower and Restroom building has been installed up in the campground area. Old building has been removed. New concrete pads and pathways installed. More work will be completed after the area has dried up.
- One park ranger has moved on to Department of Fish and Wildlife Aquatic Division. Applications are coming in for open position.
- Campgrounds will be opening up in the next month or two depending on area.
- Land swap with Givan has come to a halt.
- Rogue River Management Planning Project – Three levels of development; minimal, moderate and high. The management plan link is available on Jackson County Parks website for public comment until March 22.

- Disabled Veterans and Senior discounts at County Parks – Some Counties give discounts for seniors, residents, veterans, etc. Jackson County Parks gives discount for Season Pass purchases during December and for pass holders while camping at County Parks.

### **NEW PRAC APPLICANTS**

**A motion was made by Debi Johnson and seconded by Michele Lorenz “TO FORMALLY ACCEPT NEW PRAC MEMBER APPLICATIONS OF DAVE WIECZOREK and THOMAS HILTON.” Motion carried.**

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS / TOPICS**

- Inter-governmental Discussion on Policies – how JCP fits in
- Add to future agenda – Park sponsors.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.