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MINUTES

ARROWSTONE PARK BOARD TRAILS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Trails Sub-Committee met in regular session on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 11 a.m. in the Hospital Board Room.

Members Present: Bob Rase, Marlene Swant, Patrick Moody, Jeff Johnson, Laurie Duncan

Members Absent: Gail Eide, Gary Swant

Staff: Carl Hamming

Guests: None

Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

Carl Hamming called the meeting to order at 11am and with five members present, a quorum was established.

Agenda Item #2 – Approval of Minutes

Member Johnson motioned to approve the meeting notes from last meeting, November 21, 2017, with Member Moody seconding the motion. The Members approved the minutes by a vote of 5-0.

Agenda Item #3 – Old Milwaukee Railroad Property Update

Mr. Hamming updated the Board on the potential acquisition. The Upper Clark Fork River Advisory Council voted to recommend approval of acquisition to the Restoration Council. The majority of public comments were in favor of the trail, but two letters from Rock Creek Cattle Company expressed concerns about their ranching operations being disturbed. The Restoration Council is expected to meet in January which should give enough time for the transaction to occur if the Council votes to approve funding. The Buy/Sell agreement has been signed and runs through February, 2018, with the 60-day extension.

Member Johnson discussed the need for the NPS to sit down with the trail stakeholders to discuss the status, condition, and maintenance of the Old County Highway that will be utilized to access Grant Kohrs Ranch. The NPS is awaiting more information.

Agenda Item #4 – Johnson Creek Connector

Mr. Hamming updated the Board on the connector. Mr. Chilcott met with Lewis Smith and the Commissioners and the easement and agreement should be finalized in the next couple of days. Mr.

Hamming will then work with Lewis to draft language for Mr. Fickler to sign as well. The trail has been established, but it is primitive and needs work in the spring to make it user-friendly. At the Parks Board meeting, Mr. Hamming intends to discuss signage for the trail. In the spring, the committee and County will need to work to promote the trail and increase awareness.

Agenda Item #5 - Public Comments

None

Agenda Item # 6 – Scheduling of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 20th. It may have to be moved if too many members are traveling or busy with the Holidays.

Agenda Item # 7 – Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50a.m.

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Trails Sub Committee President