



# Planning Department

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## MINUTES Powell County Parks Board

The Arrowstone Park Board met in regular session on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at 5 PM in the Courthouse's Conference Room.

**Members Present:** Andy Fischer, John Molendyke, Julie Croglio, Gary Swant  
**Members Absent:** Bob Rase  
**County Commissioner:** Doug Crachy  
**Staff:** Carl Hamming  
**Guests:** None

### Agenda Item #1 – Call to Order

President Fischer called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

### Agenda Item #2 – Call to Order

The Board met with four members present. Therefore, a quorum was established.

### Agenda Item #3 – Approval of Minutes

July 24<sup>th</sup>

Member Molendyke made a motion that was seconded by Member Croglio to approve the minutes as submitted. The Board approved the motion through a vote of four to zero.

### Agenda Item #4 – Financial Report

Commissioner Crachy stated that the Board finished the fiscal year in solid financial shape. At this time, the County is still working through the budget for next year.

### Agenda Item #5 – Public Hearings

None

### Agenda Item # 6 – Regular Business

a. Trails Committee Update

Mr. Hamming stated that the items at the Trails meeting will also be discussed during the Parks Board meeting (there were no other Members who attended the Trails Committee).

b. RTP Grant Ideas

Mr. Hamming updated the Board about the various ideas that the City/County had circled over the past year for potential RTP projects. Mr. Hamming is meeting with the City on Thursday to prioritize two or three projects that they can present to the program manager to get feedback. The City and County will decide which entity should take the lead and be the formal applicant.

c. Arrowstone Eagle Scout Project – Eli Hathaway

Mr. Hamming recently reached out to Eli to get a status update, but has not yet heard back. He will keep the Board informed about the projected schedule and determine if notice should be posted at the Park.

d. Old Yellowstone Trail

Mr. Hamming informed the Board that the Contractor is still scheduled to begin work next week (first week of September). The Commissioners signed the Notice to Proceed last week. Mr. Hamming updated the Board regarding the useful conversations that stemmed from the Rock Creek Cattle Company meeting in late July. It was beneficial to update them regarding the fall construction of Phase I.

e. Post Office Park

Member Swant discussed the recent improvements and ongoing maintenance to the Post Office park space. Mr. Hamming will follow up and discuss a MOU or transfer of property with the Postmaster. The Board agreed that Mr. Swant's efforts have greatly improved the aesthetics of Main Street. An idea was presented to contact the Job Corps to check if they would be able to build and install some better infrastructure such as benches and picnic tables.

f. Memorial Bench

Member Rase was absent, but Mr. Hamming said the cement pad has been poured and is awaiting installation. Member Rase was contacting the outfit in Butte regarding installation.

### **Agenda Item # 7 – Approval of Expenditures**

Mr. Hamming discussed the cost share agreement that has been worked out with the County Weed Board to share the costs of weed management at Arrowstone Park. The Parks Board will be responsible for the fall invoice. President Fischer reminded the Board about the upcoming work to patch the asphalt along the trails at an estimated cost of \$4,500. The Board also approved purchasing the bridge materials for Eli's Eagle Scout project.

### **Agenda Item # 8 – County Commissioner's Update**

Commissioner Crachy discussed the recent hearing that was held by Senator Daines and hosted by Grant-Kohrs Ranch. Commissioner Crachy also informed the Board about the upcoming old hospital auction and their effort to adopt a budget for this fiscal year.

### **Agenda Item # 9 – Staff Report & Informational Items**

Mr. Hamming told the Board about the upcoming wayfinding open house that will be held at the Community Center on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Swant informed the Board about his conversation with the Police Chief regarding their patrol of Arrowstone Park that they prefer allowing visitors to sleep for a couple hours if they're tired, but they keep a close eye on the park throughout the night with numerous visits and patrols.

**Agenda Item # 10 – Scheduling of Next meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup> but may need to be moved.

**Agenda Item # 11 – Public Comment**

The Board discussed several small items for improvements at Arrowstone. Mr. Hamming will follow up.

**Agenda Item # 12 – Adjourn**

President Fischer ended the meeting at 5:50 PM.

**Andy Fischer, President**

**Date**