

**APPROVED**

Delta County Parks Commission  
August 9, 2006 Minutes

I. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Commissioners Falcon, Jussila, Mark, Schultz, Larrabee, Bengry, Shirley, Herioux, Lantagne and Thill  
ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Manager Ness, Asst. Mgr Smith, Supervisor Branz and Forrester Mattson

II. AGENDA APPROVAL: Moved by Commissioner Bengry and supported by Commissioner Larrabee to approve moving Mike Abson Presentation (Sac Bay tip owner) before Rory Mattson Report. Motion Carried. Moved by Commissioner Schultz and supported by Commissioner Thill to approve amended agenda. MOTION CARRIED

III. MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner mark and supported by Commissioner Jussila to approve the July 12, 2006 minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

VIII. REPORTS:

A. **Chairman's Report:** *None*

B. **Finance Report:**

1) **Payment of Bills:** Moved by Commissioner Thill to approve the bills, totaling \$7,079.63. Commissioner Jussila supported the motion. Smith made a comment informing the board that their list of unpaid bills had a different total because an UPPCO bill totaling \$904.66 was in dispute and hadn't been worked out. If the Parks had to pay the entire bill, approval was needed prior to next month's board meeting, so approving now would help. Commissioner Mark requested that approval be given for the total and information be given at the next board regarding what actually was paid. MOTION CARRIED.

2) **Committee Meeting 7/21/06:** Budget discussion took place. Meeting set up the budget, and the Parks is \$11,475.00 in the red. We do not meet Joe's budget. Changed Joe's amount from \$50,000 to \$61,500.00 to balance it. Commissioner Mark made a motion to accept the Finance Committee's recommendation to have the Parks appropriation number be changed from \$50,000.00 (by County Administrator) to \$61,500.00 to balance the budget (this \$11,500.00 represents the \$5,475.00 in the red to start plus the \$6,000 amount added to Contracted labor line item – this \$6,000 would reimburse the airport for the airport's time spent working for the Parks Dept.). Commissioner Larrabee supported this motion. Commissioner Shirley asked if there were questions regarding the Contract Labor Fee line item, and further explanation was given. No further discussion – MOTION CARRIED.

C. **Manager's Report**

D. **Presentation – Mike Abson** – (Sac Bay tip property owner) – Mr. Abson came to introduce himself as the new property owner and to request an easement from the park to his property with a possibility of running utilities underground at a later date. Discussion took place, and no action was taken.

**1. Rory Mattson Report – Sac Bay Timber Cutting**

Rory gave his report regarding Sac Bay Timber Cutting to the board. Chairman Falcon requested a summary be given at this time, and a special meeting scheduled to go over the dollar amounts and the type of timber sale, and other discussions on all of the other parks. Commissioner Jussila made a motion to call a special meeting, supported by Commissioner Mark. MOTION CARRIED.

**Summary – Sac Bay**

- a. Beaches – Scoped all the beaches, and believes some permits may be granted but there are a lot of threatened and endangered species.
- b. Easement – Rory checked out in between property, the lines, the wetlands involved, the mitigation involved, working with the MDEQ, STATE, and Corp of Engineers; cost will be astronomical for mitigation. Many issues to be discussed.
- c. Timber Cutting – Rory handed out a Survey Map, Percent Breakdown by Species of entire Park, and Timber breakdown by type and amount to be cut given out. Property lines in. Survey markers located. Showed all lines, and survey. Three timber types – 16 acres - Northern hardwoods; 8 acres - Lowland hardwoods and conifers; (still considered wetland area within 500 feet of shoreline – jurisdiction of Corp, (EPA)); Marked and tallied good selective cut. This is recommendation of what to cut. Discussed a few different types of sales, possible amounts, etc. Will further discuss in length, the breakdown and dollar amounts at special meeting to be set up.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS:**

BAH was successful. Letter from the airport and parks to organizations, thanking them for their sponsorship and help.

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) Commissioner Larrabee commented on the cleanliness of the men’s bathrooms; Commissioner Mark commented on the many dead trees that he encountered on his walk around the paths of the park and pavilion, not off in the woods. These are liability issues. Also, picnic tables and areas are in need of cleanup. The parking fee was also discussed, and this may be an issue to re-look at again. These issues can all be brought up at the next special meeting. Rory commented on just cutting the dead trees around the park, pavilion area, camping areas, etc. He will get with Gary and look at and recommend what needs to be cut down and do this during Winter 2006.

2)

**XI. PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT:** Cindy Thill commented on having the special meeting at Pioneer Trail Park. This will be held there for the August special meeting. Mike Abson made the comment about the great job done cleaning up Sac Bay.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved by Commissioner Jussila, seconded by Commissioner Mark to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

---

Kelly J. Smith, Assistant Manager

-2-

---

Michael Falcon, Chairman