

Approved

Delta County Parks Commission
January 24, 2007, Minutes

I. ROLL CALL – 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Commissioners Falcon, Mark, Thill, Elegeert, Lantagne, Jussila and Rivard

ABSENT: Commissioners Herioux, Larrabee and Shirley

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

II. AGENDA APPROVAL: Commissioner Mark added RR Falls update under Old Business; Commissioner Thill moved to approve the January 24th agenda with the addition. Commissioner Mark seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

III. MINUTES: Moved by Commissioner Jussila and supported by Commissioner Thill to approve the December 13, 2006 minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

IV. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN: Moved by Commissioner Mark and seconded by Commissioner Lantagne to extend for 30 days (until the next parks board meeting – February 28) the current chairman, vice chairman and all standing committees, until such time that the County Board makes their decision about who is serving on the parks board. MOTION CARRIED.

V. REPORTS:

A. **Chairman's Report:** *Welcome to the two new County Board members to the Parks.*

B. **Finance Report:**

1) Payment of Bills: Moved by Commissioner Thill and supported by Commissioner Jussila to approve the bills, totaling \$20,528.01. Discussion took place regarding the interest on the PTP Electrical Upgrade loan and if the Parks owes or not. Manager Ness is waiting for the Treasurer to give the amount. MOTION CARRIED.

2) Financials: Manager Ness discussed the retained earnings in the Parks as of the October 1, 2006. There are some discrepancies about the amount and what is happening with it. Commissioner Rivard will contact Administrator Erickson to get some information and then will sit with Manager Ness to clarify the Parks finances.

C. **Administration Manager's Report:**

1) Resolution: County Board approved the Resolution to be given to the County attorney.

D. **Operations Manager Report:**

2) Survey Card: Board approved the Survey Card to be printed up and given out at PTP and Fuller Parks for this upcoming season. Going to printer and printing on card stock paper (postcard)

3) Goals/Objectives: Branz handed out a current activity list for 2007. Also gave a summary of short/long term goals for each park along with grant possibilities. Other board members added some of their immediate concerns. Discussion was held regarding these goals along with goals of the board. More discussion will take place. Branz will bring back the current activity list with estimated completion dates, and then this will be ongoing for each meeting as projects get completed. Moved by Commissioner Mark and seconded by Commissioner Lantagne to give Manager Branz permission to attend the DNR/State grant writing session in Marquette on Feb. 15,

2007. Branz will travel with Conservation District. Manager Branz was asked to meet with the Tourism Bureau/Chamber to partner with some of their advertising and get them involved with promoting the Parks. Manager Branz was asked to contact the City of Escanaba, regarding the Soccer program and need for land; PTP might be the place to be. Branz will report back.

- 4) Park Planning: Commissioner Mark's written objectives were discussed. The boat launch at PTP was discussed. Advertising this asset more, and even targeting canoeing as an easy access was discussed. These planning sessions will be ongoing. Manager Branz and Rory Mattson will be writing up Park Management plans.
- 5) Branz discussed the roadside toilet facilities at Fuller Park. They are a hazard; neighbors have asked that they be taken down. They are no longer used, drained and have been locked up. Manager Branz was given the permission to take them down. The board considers this part of his management of the parks. Community Corrections said they would do this project.

D. Forester Mattson:

- a. Sac Bay is being cut. Lowland to the south is being crossed and verbal permission to cross was given by the landowners. Park closed sign is up, loggers parking skidder across road. Cutting should be done soon. Weyerhaeuser will be contacting Mattson prior to scaled sale. Mattson found blind in the area. Board gave Mattson permission to contact owner and tell him to get it out. Other timber sale plans will be at PTP (dangerous trees to public) and Fuller.
- b. Fuller – Beach project coming up. All permits are in. Bidding the work out – will be done prior to May opening. Bids will be opened at the March 28th board meeting. \$2,500.00 in budget for the work. Rory will give us contract and address labels, administration will mail out. Grant is possible for the work. Rory fit it into a grant, and we are waiting on this.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: Rapid River Falls update was given. More discussion was held on working up a plan; well will be opened in spring, then tested after approximately 5 weeks. Board will then decide direction to go.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

VIII. PUBLIC AND BOARD COMMENT: Cindy Thill requested permission to go to Garden Township board and do an informal opinion survey of residents regarding their wants and desires for Sac Bay Park. She will bring the results back to the Parks Board.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by Commissioner Jussila, seconded by Commissioner Elegeert to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Kelly J. Smith, Assistant Manager

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Michael Falcon, Chairman