

Flathead County Weed/Parks/Recreation
MINUTES
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Meeting Date: February 6, 2023

Members of the Board in attendance:

Pete Woll, Lori Moran, Clyde Fisher, Bonnie Streeter, Commissioner, Brad Abell

Members of the Board not in attendance:

Jim Buechle

Also in attendance:

Chris Maestas, Director; Amanda Davey, Recreation Program Coordinator; Gordon Jewett, Assistant Director; Haily Hoff, Clerk

Others Present:

Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of Directors for Flathead County Weed, Parks & Recreation was held in the conference room at 311 FFA Drive, Kalispell, Montana, on February 6, 2023. The meeting convened at 8:33 AM, President Woll presiding.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the December 5, 2022, meeting of the Flathead County Weed, Parks & Recreation Board of Directors were distributed to the members of the Board.

Bonnie Streeter moved to approve the December 5, 2022 Board minutes.

Lori Moran seconded the motion.

There being no discussion and all in favor, the motion was carried.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Parks & Recreation Department Report

Director Maestas reported that administrative meetings have been taking place and the Capital Improvement plan has been updated for fiscal year 2024. Snow plowing, trail grooming and tree removal operations continue. Brian Roland has taken over for Gabe Dillon at Foy's to Blacktail Trails. Foy's to Blacktail Trails would like to do more drainage work along the Chase Trail in the spring of 2024. The pavement preservation grant was award to Hard Drive Construction. Work will begin in July and should be completed within two months. The Department is looking into a Transportation Alternative grant opportunity for the Whitefish Stage switchback trail system. Applications for this funding source are due in April.

Gordon Jewett has been logging a lot of shop time rebuilding a spray rig. Vandalism, dead deer and tree damage are among the typical park maintenance issues this time of year.

Recreation staff is busy in gyms with youth and adult league basketball leagues. A single-day co-rec dodgeball tournament was successfully held in January. Daybreak Rotary Volleyball and Youth T-ball registrations are currently active. Mass letters have been mailed out to local businesses offering advertising sign space at the Conrad Complex. The Department's Code of Conduct policy has been updated as occasional behavior issues continue to arise in adult league programs. Amanda Davey is considering offering a Co-Rec basketball league this spring.

Weed Department Report

Shawn Moody returned to his seasonal position today. Noel Jinings remains at 16 hours per week until April. Chris Maestas and Noel Jinings recently met with Nate in Flathead County's GIS Department to discuss creation of a potential application specifically for tracking the weed compliance enforcement process. A work flow study is needed to implement an appropriate procedure. Inventory of current herbicides will be taken so that the chemical bid can be submitted for the season's needs. The Flathead County Weed District's Management Plan has been updated and sent to the Montana Department of Agriculture. Four members of the Weed District staff will be attending the Montana Weed Control Association Annual Conference in Helena this month.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Matters of the Board

Jim Buechle was reappointed to the Flathead County Weed & Parks Board by the Flathead County Board of Commissioners.

Election of Board Officers

Lori Moran nominated Pete Woll as Board President.

Bonnie Streeter seconded the nomination.

There being no discussion and all in favor, the motion was carried.

Clyde Fisher nominated Bonnie Streeter as Vice President.

Lori Moran seconded the nomination.

There being no discussion and all in favor, the motion was carried.


Adjourn

Bonnie Streeter moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 AM.

Lori Moran seconded the motion.

There being no discussion and all in favor, the motion was carried.

Approved:



Pete Woll, Board President

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Date