

**WAUPACA COUNTY
PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Nov. 3, 2015
Courthouse, Waupaca

Chair McClone called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Present: Joe McClone, Dona Gabert, Lee Much, Donald Peterson and Gene Sorensen

Also Present: John Francis, Roger Holman, Tom Miller, and Joe Quick.

McClone gave the open meeting statement.

Motion by Gabert, seconded by Peterson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Peterson, seconded by Much to approve the Oct. 6, 2015 minutes. Motion carried.

There was no correspondence for Committee action.

McClone opened the meeting for public comment.

Tom Miller, Town of Dayton, presented a photo of the Crystal River to the County. Miller stated the photo is a thank-you to the Committee and County Board for taking the positive action in removing the Little Hope Dam. Miller stated the Crystal River is now flowing free after 150 years and everybody benefits. Joe Quick also thanked the Committee for their action.

McClone thanked Miller and Quick.

Francis updated the Committee on the fairground storage process that took place this year. All storage was by appointment only, handled by Darrin Mann. Overall, the new storage policy was well received by the public.

Francis reported that work has started on developing 5 campsites at Keller Lake and culverts were upgraded at Vic-To-Rae, providing for possible expansion of camping at Vic. Francis stated that camping at Kellers may be possible in 2016. Discussion followed on policies, state rules and regulations, and staffing.

Holman reported the Crystal River Restoration meeting went fairly well. The landowners were provided information on the fishing, river restoration, riparian restoration, and what they could do with their property. The issue of landownership is still being studied. Holman stated he is looking at having a couple of title searches to see if some answers can be found on who owns the property in the unrecovered areas.

Holman explained the State requirements to have dam break analysis completed for White and Keller Lakes. Holman noted the DNR has agreed that a modified analysis could be done for both dams, reducing the cost. Holman stated the 2 analysis would cost an estimated \$20,000. Discussion followed on the State requirements, the cost, and where the funds would come from.

Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Peterson to approve the bidding out of the dam break analysis providing funding is available. Motion carried.

Holman explained the plan to carry out a strategic planning process to review the Dept. of Environmental Resource Management (DERM) Dept. The process will involve employees and Chairs. McClone recommended the process start with all the Committees. Holman stated a review will start at the next month's meeting.

Holman reported the Management Team is working on the 2016 budget, training, and evaluations.

Holman reported that the individuals involved with breaking into the fee boxes on the Chain have been caught and will be paying restitution to the County.

Frances reported that the Park staff is busy getting ready for winter, shutting down the parks and fairgrounds, staging equipment for winter maintenance and finishing up outside projects as weather permits.

The next meeting was set for Dec. 8 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Sorensen, seconded by Peterson to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Submitted by,

Roger G. Holman
Director