

Meeting Minutes
Raleigh County Parks and Recreation Authority
February 18th, 2020
11:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order: Dave Tolliver
2. Present: Dave Tolliver, Linda Epling, Ron Hedrick, Clyde Stepp, Carl Roop, Detlef Ulfres, Billy Michael, Molly Williams, BJ Pritchard, Mark Scott, Bill Calhoun, Gillian Cochran
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: denied
4. New Business:

4.1 - Stock Trout in Lake Stephens (Mark Scott with DNR) - Renovations are currently underway at the state hatchery facilities, causing the inability to provide stock at this time. Scott states that 8-10 inch trout are needed to survive during the year, because smaller trout would be eaten by the bigger fish in the lake. Ten-inch trout can be bought at Indian Lakes for \$2.00 per pound, with each being 0.25 pound. If 2000 trout were purchased at 0.25 pound, the total amount would be around \$1000. Regulations need to be discussed for restock; Scott states that, for Lake Stephens, a daily limit of two trout would be appropriate, but it would not go into effect until January 2021. He also mentions to not advertise until the regulation takes effect. A trout stamp would only be necessary if the fishermen intended to keep the trout. Keeping the trout, especially during the hotter months, should occur due to their intolerance of being pulled out of the stratified, cooler water and into the warmer water/air. Counsel asks Scott to investigate any kind of deals RCPRA may be able to get for the restock.

4.2 - Financial Report - Page 3 shows that \$142,382.52 in payments to Cook Brothers, which is why the report shows that more has been spent than was coming in. Total expense for the year equaled \$1.2 million. Budget was done by calendar year, rather than fiscal. There was a \$172,000 carry over, part of which was spent on the payments to Cook Brothers.

4.3 - 2020 Budget - Budget runs through January-December calendar year. The balanced budget totaled \$1.2 million. Budget accepted and approved.

5. Old Business:

5.1 - Water Park Inflatables - During the last meeting it was suggested that different quotes and reviews should be obtained for the new inflatables and parks. Prices vary depending on the

number of pieces you get in the circuit, the available capacity, and the company you purchase through. Union Park provides an entire circuit with a higher capacity, along with a two year warranty for \$53,950 (out of capital improvement). Pritchard states he spoke with the owner of a water park in Florida who has done business with both Wibbets and Union Park. They stated that blow ups from Wibbets often had more defects and faults, whereas Union Park has provided safe, high quality, longer lasting products. Union Park is also known to add or take away pieces from the circuit, depending on the allotted space, maintain the upkeep, and provide the instructions for cleaning of the blow ups. The expected payoff is 3 years, without increase. With the purchase of the blow ups, field repairs at Fitzpatrick, mulch for the playgrounds, and sand for the beach, the total cost of upgrades equals around \$150,000. Motion to purchase blow ups is approved.

5.2 - Sand for Beach at Lake Stephens - It is decided that the purchase of sand should be held until samples are obtained.

5.3 - Campground Winter Storage and Site Holding Policy - Tolliver states that the proposed price increase is too high and suggests raising the storage price to \$250; \$300 is a foreseeable amount, but raising it to \$400 is double the original cost and, therefore, is too high. Options are given: RCPRA may leave price at \$200 for storage and site security, charge \$200 for storage and \$100 for site security, charge \$200 for storage and \$200 for site security, or raise the storage cost to \$300 and charge an additional \$100 for site security. Motion to approve \$300 for storage and \$100 for site security, in addition to a 6 month minimum site occupation to begin winter 2020-2021, change is approved.

6. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn approved. Next Meeting is set for March 17th, 2020