



**RALEIGH COUNTY  
PARKS AND RECREATION AUTHORITY  
Board Meeting Minutes**

**January 18, 2022**

**11:00A.M.**

**Call to Order** - 11A.M.

**Roll Call** - Linda Epling, Dave Tolliver, Greg Duckworth, Ron Hedrick, Clyde Stepp, Ulfers, Bill Calhoun, Molly Williams, Sydney Clyburn (zoom), Bill Pritchard (zoom)

**Approval of Meeting Minutes** (12/14/21) - Motion to approve made by Linda Epling, seconded by Hedrick.

Barbie Little spoke about 4-H, she has been working with Billy to get some more information. Bids AEP: \$80,000 WV Heating: \$131,000 and Childers: \$178,000 She is supposed to get back to them with more info.

**4. New Business**

4.1 Financial Statement December 2021 -Stepp made motion to approve, Epling 2nd.

4.2 Meeting time change: has been requested to change time so that those who work can attend meetings, voted to stay the same. (Every 3rd Tuesday at 11am)

4.3 2018 Audit approval. Hedrick- motion to approve, Epling 2nd

4.4 2019 Audit approval. Hedrick- motion to approve, Stepp 2nd

#### 4.5 Director Report

- a. Marsh Fork, nothing is really going on, winterized. Dry Hill is having increase in rentals, more interest in using it for activities. Fitzpatrick, they have done interviews, and are calling references and should have a decision by the end of the week. Stoco is also winterized, status quo.
- b. Lake Stephens: RW is almost finished with the other round house. AEP has installed isolators on cabins, so cabin voltage is good, so as soon as lake staff can un-winterize the small cabins, we will be able to open those up again. AEP meeting on February 2nd to discuss the power issue.
- c. Molly is working with 911 to get street signs and names for roads at the Lake.
- d. Clear Fork Rail public meeting went well, despite some technical issues. Capping material from Marfork Coal. Phase 1, should go out to bid soon, That section is from Whitesville to the bridge that is washed out, 5 miles.
- e. In the process of applications for the 2022 season, also may partner with city of Beckley and the YMCA to hire out and train lifeguards.
- f. Molly will be at the Capitol this week for Tourism Day. Working on school calendar also.
- g. Playground updates: switching from Forward Southern to possibly Active SWV for non-profit fiscal sponsor. We will be rescheduling the big fundraiser event. And Fitzpatrick playground design is complete and she will have a photo of that.

### 5. Old Business

#### 5.1 Campground RV Long Term Campsite Rate

- a. Meeting at pavilion to discuss rate increase with campers, there were things that were said by campers that were not true, but overall a good meeting. The campers would rather see an increase over the next 3 years, possibly 7% each year, which would be around \$24 increase. Rama King states that over the last 2 years since the new power went in, she has had an increase of 23%, including when all sites were changed to 50 amp rates, so those paying 30 amp rates were increased. Dennis Lilly states that he agrees with Rama and that a lot are wondering where the money has gone from timber, or grants, that people are talking about and wonder what happened to that money.
- b. Dave talks about the improvements made over the last 5 years, addition of Splash pad, new pedestals, playground in tent area (\$30,000), gate at entrance to campground, 20 plus new rustic, larger, sites almost ready to go.
- c. Dave asks the board what they think about the increase, or by doing it over a 3 year period. Ron says that 7% is an odd number, why not go with 10% instead. Rama King says why not just do a \$10 raise instead of a percentage. Ron says \$15

for the next 2 years and then reevaluates the 3rd year. Dave asked each member, Ron says he likes the \$10 increase, Clyde Stepp and Linda Epling say they agree with \$10, Bill Roop said he would go with the majority since they already have the majority.

d. Dave asked for a motion to rescind the rate increase for Raleigh County Residents of \$345-\$400 and the nonresidents, motion by Hedrick, 2nd by Stepp, motion passed.

e. Dave asked for a motion to make the rate increase \$10 for both non county and county for the next 3 years. Epling makes the motion and Hedrick 2nd.

f. Rama says the campground is a community and they want to work with the lake to help make events/activities possible in the campground.

5.2 Duckworth would like to see the other side of the lake prepared for site ready, Hedrick mentions maybe boat/kayak in sites.

5.3 Issue of kayakers was brought up, the unsafe ways they are at the lake, possible signage to inform kayakers of the limits they are to use. Possibly take a ticket booth (even though DEP says we can not have buildings there at the dam), to take payments from kayakers. We also have no way of enforcing these rules that are not being followed. We will discuss more options on this at the next meeting.

**6. Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn by Stepp, 2nd by Epling  
Adjourned by Dave Tolliver

The next Meeting will be February 22, 2022, at 11:00am at the Raleigh County Commission Office.