

## Parks Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Jefferson County Courthouse, Room 202 and virtual via Join Zoom Meeting

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### 1. **Call to order**

Wiesmann called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

### 2. **Roll call (establish a quorum)**

Members Present: Callan, Christensen, Gulig, Johns, Richardson

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Wiesmann, Truman

Others Present: Jeff Smith (via Zoom)

### 3. **Certification of compliance with the Open Meetings Law**

Wiesmann confirmed compliance.

### 4. **Approval of the agenda**

Agenda approved as written.

### 5. **Election of Committee Officers – Chair and Vice-Chair**

Johns nominated himself for Chair

Callan nominated Christensen for Chair

Ballot Votes – Johns 2, Christensen 3

Christensen wins the seat as Chair of the Parks Committee

Gulig nominates Johns for Vice-Chair

Voice vote: 5/0

Johns wins the seat as Vice-Chair of the Parks Committee

### 6. **Approval of Park Committee Minutes for April 4th, 2022**

Gulig/Johns motion to accept the minutes of April 4, 2022.

Motion passes 5/0.

### 7. **Communications**

Staff/Committee introductions

Wiesmann – informational materials provided include:

Parks Recreation Open Space Plan, park maps (Korth, Garman, Dog Park, Carnes, Indian Mounds, Snowmobile Trails, GRT, County Bike Routes Map, Parks Endowment, Water trails Map, and PROSP all parks map), Parks 2022 Events info card, FB stats, Dog Park Sales totals (as of 3/31/2022), and Park Shelter Rentals (as of 3/31/2022)

### 8. **Public Comment (Members of the public who wish to address the Committee on specific agenda items must register their request at this time)**

No Public Comment

### 9. **Discussion and possible action on amending the Jefferson County Parks Ordinance including, but not limited to, making Jefferson County Flood Mitigation Properties subject to the Parks Ordinance, after hours use, dogs on leash, camping, fireworks, firearms, hunting, restrictions for motorized vehicles off roads or on designated trails.**

Wiesmann – would like to incorporate language that pertains to the inclusion of FMP's into the general Parks Ordinance so that the department has the ability to enforce rules.

No action taken.

10. **Discussion and Possible Action on Amending the 2022 Jefferson County Parks Budget to include Bridge Replacement on the Jefferson County Snowmobile Trail System.**

Wiesmann – WIDNR Snowmobile Program Grant for a snowmobile bridge replacement. The bridge location is adjacent to the Watertown Airport. Bridge is fully funded by the WIDNR.

Gulig/Richardson motion to approve the project. Motion passes 5/0.

11. **Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution supporting a 2022 Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Grant for the Interurban Trail Phase III.**

Wiesmann – WIDNR Stewardship applications require a supporting resolution as part of the application. This application is for the final phase of the trail.

Gulig/Callan motion to submitting a supporting resolution for the 2022 Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program Grant for the Interurban Trail Phase III. Motion passes 5/0.

12. **Review of Monthly Financial Reports**

Christensen – why is there so much “red” in the report?

Wiesmann – the department has a new way of budgeting. Each facility/park now has its own new accounts as a means of trying to more accurately track expenses.

To note: the department has had a number of un-filled vacancies, (positively) affecting the budget numbers.

13. **Next Scheduled Meetings per the 2022 Proposed Meeting Schedule:**

- June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (Requires a Reschedule) July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022
- September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (Requires a Reschedule)

14. **Field Visit: Jefferson County Dog Park, Interurban Trail Phase I, Trieloff Property, Blackhawk Island Road FMP.**

The committee and Wiesmann/Truman visited the following parks/sites: Jefferson County Dog Park, Interurban Trail Phase I, Trieloff Property, Blackhawk Island Road FMP.

Callan left the tour at 12:00 pm

No action taken.

15. **Adjourn**

Gulig/Johns motion to adjourn at 12:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Mary S. Truman*  
Advanced Program Assistant