

**Parks Advisory Committee
February 9, 2004**

Members Present: Merle Bottge, Janet Alexander, Damien Gilbert, Emily Schue, John Rosselli, Steve Davis, and Johnny Medlin

Staff Present: Todd Winter, Jake Risley, Loralyn Osborne, Bruce Plaep, and Christine Johnson

Guests Present: Ollie Snowden, Public Works Director

Merle Bottge, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

I. Announcements/Agenda Modifications

There were no announcements or agenda modifications.

Volunteer of the Year Award – Dick & Virginia Davis: Loralyn Osborne presented Virginia Davis and her late husband Dick, with the Volunteer of the Year Award for 2003. The Davis' had been volunteering at Harbor Vista Campground since 1995. Winter also added his thanks and appreciation for their dedication and hard work. The tape was stopped for coffee and cake.

II. Approval of Minutes – January 12, 2004 Parks Advisory Committee Meetings

Bottge asked that the minutes from the January 12, 2004 meeting be approved. Rosselli moved that the minutes be approved as submitted, and Bottge so ordered.

III. Public Comment (Maximum of 20 Minutes)

There was no public comment at this time.

IV. Old McKenzie Fish Hatchery Grant – Jake Risley

Risley stated that Ken Engelman, with the Friends of the Old McKenzie Fish Hatchery, will be submitting a tourism grant application to see that the old wheel house is reconstructed at the Hatchery. It is about a \$45,000 project. Mr. Engelman will be asking for \$10,000 from the tourism fund, and has \$15,000 in donated materials, and then Parks would contribute \$15,000. If they receive the grant, work would begin next year. The project will include an accessible trail from the parking lot to the wheelhouse. The wheelhouse would also contain some interpretive materials and pictures, etc. This project is very important part of the master plan for this historic site. Winter added that the large wheel has already been constructed and is currently on display at the Hatchery.

V. Park Manager's Report – Todd Winter, Parks Superintendent

• **Oceanwoods Board Order -- Update:** Winter began by thanking everyone who attended the Board meeting and showed their support for the sale of Oceanwoods. The Board did approve the order and we can proceed with soliciting offers for the sale of this site and using the proceeds for Park purposes. However, they felt that using the proceeds for a new Park's master plan was not an appropriate use of these funds, and proceeds should be used for Capital Improvement Projects only. Winter said that he has set aside some future timber revenues that are in the budget for FY 04-05 to cover the cost of a master plan.

- **Fern Ridge Dam Repairs – Update:** Winter referred to a recent article in the Register Guard stating that the Corps of Engineers now feels that a draw down will not be necessary to accomplish any needed repairs and that Fern Ridge will be at full pool – 373.5’ – this summer.
- **Park Manager Interview Process – Update:** Five people were chosen, from 15 applicants, to be interviewed. One withdrew their application, so we interviewed four candidates. One day of the process was devoted to showing the applicants some of the parks in our system and meeting some of the field staff. At the end of the process there was no clear candidate and the decision was made to have Todd continue as interim and then repost the position in May or June. Winter added that he felt confident that he and the rest of the staff would pull together and have no problems starting up for the coming season.
- **Eugene Boat & Sportsmen’s Show – Loralyn Osborne:** Osborne thanked everyone who manned the booth. She felt it was a good show with a great turnout.

VI. Good of the Order

Bottge said that she received a flyer from Food For Lane County requesting any advisory committee members who wished to participate in a County Food Planning Summit. She said if anyone was interested to get the details from her.

VII. Adjournment:

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:40 p.m.

Submitted by Christine Johnson, Secretary