

MINUTES
KICKAPOO RESERVE MANAGEMENT BOARD
KICKAPOO VALLEY RESERVE VISITOR CENTER
SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Chair Ron Johnson.

- I. Board members in attendance: Ron Johnson, Richard Wallin, Susan Cushing, Paul Hayes, A.J. Mann, Al Szepi, Tracy Littlejohn; absent: Bill Quackenbush, Dave Maxwell, Brandon Hysel. Staff present: Marcy West, Jason Leis, Fran Campbell.
 - Szepi/Littlejohn motion to approve agenda; motion carried.
 - Wallin/Szepi motion to approve August 20, 2015 minutes; motion carried.
 - West – Meeting agenda has been posted in compliance with State law.
 - Election of Officers – West requests nominations for Chair. Szepi/Wallin nominate Ron Johnson for Chair; and motion to close nominations. Unanimous election of Johnson for Chair. Johnson requests nominations for Vice Chair. Szepi/Cushing nominate Dick Wallin. Unanimous election of Wallin for Vice Chair. Johnson requests nominations for Secretary. Wallin/Szepi nominate Susan Cushing for Secretary. Unanimous election of Cushing for Secretary.

- II. Budget Report – West: Changing over State accounting system/reporting October 1. Fiscal year 2015 thirteenth month received supplements for salary and fringe. In good standing at end of budget with reset of budgets. Came close to spending it all out. Budget appropriation stays same. Handout of 261 Account expenses and 221 Account revenue.

- III. Project Updates:
 - Old 131 Trail – West: Pulverizing done ten foot width and two foot either side for shoulder. In discussion with Department of Administration (DOA) on how to fix the left side—left quite a trough.
 - Bridge 13 Restoration – West: Met with Ho-Chunk Nation representatives today. Won't be done this year but next spring. Planning done this fall. Will order historical sign. Has gone through DOA and Ho-Chunk Nation legislature, next to Building Commission.
 - Weister Creek –Johnson: Talked about project and parking site follow-up and to bring back on table with motion. Hayes: Phase II making progress as DNR staff and equipment are available. Continue to work with renter applying for EQIP; five year plan. Hayes/Wallin motion to bring parking lot issue back on table; motion carries. Leis: Considering at same spot along County Highway P with creek and road access; smaller scale. Area of restoration will be mowed as will access. Discussion. Cushing: Interested in what KV Ranch feels. Rogan and Deb Tryggstad: Everything's been said; nothing else to add. Brought concerns to Board. Hayes/Wallin motion to develop access area. Motion carries.
 - Trails Subcommittee – Johnson, Chair: Turn over to Leis. Leis lists major projects—re-route Rockton horse trail with Ho-Chunk Nation; reseeded old trail; three re-routes on Big Valley – one left; Ho-chunk Nation parking lot on F connected to horse trail; various maintenance sites. Discussions on trail policies. Johnson: Discussion on making more trails multi-use—goes through Trails subcommittee then Land Management; what's a new trail and can develop new. Management Plan stated priority was to repair, re-route what was there. Wallin: Also talked about trails that would not be considered for multi-use/hiking only. Will come back to full Board with recommendation.
 - Education and Events Programs – West: Hand out new fall/winter brochure—received last week. UW-Madison Grad students and UW-Madison Forestry Capstone course here. Forestry students will present their plans this winter. This weekend UW-Baraboo recreation course camping at Bridge

14 and canoeing. Six school groups in September, 12 October school groups booked; October 3, Dam Challenge.

IV. Other Issues:

- Audience:
 - Tom Miron, La Farge: Parking lot discussion – some policy about not marking on map? Leis: Do not mark on map to ‘declutter it’—too many icons. Miron: Asks about agenda time on website—not on calendar. West: Will update new website calendar to include Board meeting dates and time.
- Agencies – no issues.
- Friends of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve – West: Pasta supper and Dam Challenge Star Gazing, October 2.
- Board and Staff:
 - MOU Five Year Review Status – West: Hold for discussion with Quackenbush.
 - Exhibit Upgrade Process – West: Exhibits 11 years old; geology exhibit monitor out and having issues with flood table. USDA Rural Development Museum grant deadline, December 1. Friends group eligible. John Heasley grant has some funds to research dark skies exhibit. West requesting approval to start process? Johnson says yes; Cushing, Szepi interested in planning.
- Call for suggestions of future agenda items – Johnson: Discuss fees in October.

V. Wallin/Cushing motion to adjourn regular session and convene into closed session. Exemptions permitted: “[c]onsidering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.”, §19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stat. Motion carries, 8:10 PM.

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