



Colorado State Parks
Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 18
Location: Salida SteamPlant
220 W. Sackett Ave.
Salida, CO
Phone: 719-530-0933

Thursday, June 18

1:00 p.m.	Call to Order	Bill Kane, Chairman
	(A) Agenda Amendments, if necessary	
	(A) Approval of May 2009 Board Meeting Minutes	
	(I) Board Member Updates	
1:15 p.m.	(I) Director's Update	Dean Winstanley
1:25 p.m.	(I) City of Salida – Trail Proposal	
1:40 p.m.	(I) Chaffee County Commissioners – Nat. Resource Center	
1:55 p.m.	(I) Arkansas Headwaters Overview	Rob White
2:10 p.m.	Recess	Bill Kane, Chairman
2:25 p.m.	(I) Presentation by "Over the River" project representatives and a bus tour of the project area within the Arkansas River Headwaters Recreation Area	Rob White

In attendance:

Board members:

Bill Kane, Chair
Lenna Watson, Secretary/Vice-Chair

Laurie Mathews
Jim Pribyl

Division staff

Dean Winstanley, Director
Gary Thorson, Assistant Director, Statewide Programs
Ken Brink, Acting Chief of Field Operations
Steve Cassin, Chief Financial Officer
Deb Frazier, Communications Manager
Mindy Blazer, Director's Assistant
Kurt Mill, Rocky Mountain Region Manager
Bob Wiig, Rocky Mountain Region Assistant Manager

Heather Dugan, Acting Southeast Region Manager
John Geerdes, Acting Southeast Region Asst. Manager
Kristi Quintana, High Plains Region Asst. Manager
Rob White, Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area Manager
John Kreski, Arkansas Headwaters
Stew Pappenfort, Arkansas Headwaters
Nancy Matchett, Trails Coordinator, High Plains Region

Guests

Tim Monahan, Attorney General's Office
Mike Harvey, President of the Arkansas
River Trust and Co-Chair of the Salida
Recreation Advisory Board
Jerry Mallet, former Chaffee County
Commissioner
Jonita and Vince Davenport, Over The
River Project representatives
Chris Vogelsong, OV Consulting
Roy Masinton, Bureau of Land
Management
Mike Kissack, American Adventure
Expeditions

Dara MacDonald, Community Development Director
for the City of Salida
Tim Glenn, Chaffee County Commissioner
Frank Holman, Chaffee County Commissioner
Chuck Rose, Mayor of Salida
Jack Lewis, Salida City Administrator
Sally LePrue, Salida citizen, and her husband
Kathryn Wadsworth, Salida citizen
Steve Coffin, GBSM
John Nahomenuk, BLM River Manager
Joseph Vieira, Bureau of Land Management
Molly Cobbs-Lozon, EDAW AECOM

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Kane at 1:15 p.m.

Agenda Amendments

None

Approval of the April Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Laurie Mathews

Second: Lenna Watson

Result: The May Board Meeting Minutes were approved as presented.

Information Item: Director's Update

- Dean Winstanley provided an update on the status of the audit hearing, which went very well. He is very proud of the entire agency and the work that Parks has done. The state auditor and deputy state auditor both had positive things to say. Parks has implemented about 60% of the recommendations and the Division is well on its way to implementing the others. There will be another hearing in six months.
- The Governance Manual will be ready for final approval by the Board at the July meeting.
- June 17th was the 50th anniversary celebration for Parks. Parks staff, including Jason Trujillo, Deb Frazier, Clare Sinacori, Tim Metzger and the entire Cherry Creek Park staff, worked very hard on celebration, which had a good turn-out. Executive Director, Harris Sherman spoke, as did Joe Shoemaker of the Parks Foundation, Norma Anderson of Great Outdoors Colorado and Tom Kitts of the Colorado Lottery.
- Dean had an opportunity in June to get Department of Natural Resources Executive Director Harris Sherman out for a full-day tour of Chatfield, Roxborough and Staunton State Parks.
- Parks has been working with Comcast who had a TV crew out in early June to do a feature on four of our parks: Pueblo, Cheyenne Mountain, Golden Gate and Cherry Creek. Comcast is going to do a free spot, a very positive piece on Colorado State Parks, which will run starting in July on Channel 5 in Denver.

Information item: City of Salida – Trail Proposal

Mike Harvey, President of the Arkansas River Trust and Co-Chair of the Salida Recreation Advisory Board, and Dara MacDonald, Community Development Director for the City of Salida, presented a city trail proposal that would involve the city obtaining an easement from the railroad to build a trail system along the north side of the Arkansas River. The trails would provide recreation opportunities and eliminate a trespassing issue with the railroad. A brief discussion and a question and answer period followed.

Information item: Chaffee County Commissioners – Natural Resource Center

Chaffee County Commissioners, Tim Glenn and Frank Holman, and former commissioner Jerry Mallet gave a presentation on the proposed Natural Resource Center. The project started in discussion stages in 1998 with a feasibility study completed in 2005 and a presentation to all involved agencies in 2006. A brief discussion and question and answer period followed. The board recommended that the committee working on the Natural Resource Center develop terms and a memorandum of understanding (MOU) for all participating agencies.

Information Item: Arkansas Headwaters Overview

Rob White, manager for the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, provided an overview of the Recreation Area.

Information Item: Presentation by “Over the River” project representatives

The Board took a bus tour of the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area and the proposed “Over the River” project. Speakers on the tour included: Jonita and Vince Davenport, “Over the River” project representatives; Chris Vogelsang of OV Consulting; Steve Coffin, GBSM; John Nahomenuk, Bureau of Land Management River Manager; Rob White, Arkansas Headwaters Park Manager; Roy Masinton, Field Office Manager for the Bureau of Land Management; Joseph Vieira, Natural Resource Specialist for the Bureau of Land Management; and Molly Cobbs-Lozon, Associate for EDAW AECOM. A question and answer period followed.

The meeting adjourned following the conclusion of the bus tour at 5:30 p.m.



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Date: Friday, June 19
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Friday, June 19

8:15 a.m.	Call to Order	Bill Kane, Chairman
	(A) Agenda Amendments, if necessary	
8:20 a.m.	PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD	
8:35 a.m.	(I) Financial Update including 09-10 Budget	Steve Cassin
9:05 a.m.	(I) Financial Plan discussion	Steve Cassin
10:15 a.m.	Break	
10:30 a.m.	(I) Financial Plan discussion resumes	Steve Cassin
11:00 a.m.	(A) State Trails Committee Appointments	Laurie Mathews Gary Thorson
11:40 a.m.	(I) Legal Update	Tim Monahan
12:00 p.m.	Get Box Lunch	
12:15 p.m.	Colorado State Parks Employee Protective Association Awards Presentation	Tom Waters
12:30 p.m.	Adjournment	Bill Kane, Chairman

In attendance:

Board members:

Bill Kane, Chair
Lenna Watson, Secretary/Vice-Chair
Laurie Mathews
Jim Pribyl

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Rob White, Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area Manager
John Kreski, Arkansas Headwaters
Tom Waters, State Parks Law Enforcement Training Coordinator
Stew Pappenfort, Arkansas Headwaters
Rose Bayless, Arkansas Headwaters
Eric Besselman, Arkansas Headwaters
Kenneth Lindbloom, Arkansas Headwaters
Jim Dixon, Arkansas Headwaters
Andrew Maddox, Arkansas Headwaters
Nancy Matchett, Trails Coordinator, High Plains Region

Division staff continued:

Danielle Hill, Park Manager II for Lake Pueblo

Michael Judd, Park Manager II for Chatfield

Guests

Tim Monahan, Attorney General's Office

Tony Keenan, Arkansas River Outfitters Association Vice Chair

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Kane at 8:38 a.m.

Agenda Amendments

None

Public Comment Period

- Tony Keenan, Chairman of the Water Resources Committee for the Arkansas River Outfitters Association (AROA) spoke regarding the function of AROA (to deal with management issues, agreement issues and primarily with water issues on the Arkansas River). He advised that their focus is to work towards protection of the voluntary flow program, which protects and enhances the fishery and the biomass, and during the summer augments flows to enhance recreation. The flow program works in conjunction with many different entities. The association owns no water rights. One of the biggest issues it contends with is big utilities that want water and a big case they are facing right now is the Southern Delivery System project. Part of the project involves the drafting of long term storage contracts. AROA wants to get written into those contracts and believes with letters of support from the Parks Board, Colorado State Parks, county commissioners, the BLM, the Department of Natural Resources and community leaders along the Arkansas, they will be able to. He advised the board to be aware that requests for support are on the horizon.
- Rob White, Park Manager for the Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, introduced his staff to the board.

Information Item: Financial Update

Steve Cassin provided a financial plan update.

Budget:

- Based on the March forecast, the state is going to need to cut another \$560 million out of the general fund for FY 10-11. That is relative to what would be a continuation budget from FY 09-10 into FY 10-11.
- There is another forecast due out Monday, June 22.
- The General Assembly has set up a fiscal stability committee
- Parks learned about the \$560 million shortfall early, so the Division can start working now on a plan to address it.
- The Governor's office is going to come out with a target for each department to meet in reducing their budgets.
- Parks and Water Resources are the only Department of Natural Resources agencies that receive General Fund, and since Parks already took a big hit, it is likely that the department will ask Water Resources to absorb the next cut.

Visitation:

- Down almost 7% in April from the previous year, but for the year overall Parks is down less than 1%.

- April was the start of poor weather, so that had something to do with the visitation drop. May and June haven't been added yet and they account for more than a quarter of our overall visitation.

Revenue:

- Revenue numbers are holding up better than visitation.
- In May, revenues were slightly up over 2008.
- Overall, revenue numbers are flat compared to last year. Ideally, growth would be better, but at least the numbers aren't going down.
- Cumulatively up about 6% in permits and user fees.
- Camping revenues are up about 2.6%.
- Concession dollars are down 6/10 of a percent compared to last year.

09-10 Budget reduction status:

- The budget reduction committees have been working to develop their plans. By the first part of July there should be details in place about how Parks will implement the reduction plan.
- Steve is cautiously optimistic that Parks will be able to cover the 09-10 budget shortfall.
- A brief discussion was held about the furloughs. Steve advised that almost every state employee will be required to take four furlough days. The Governor's office is still working out the details on the specific furlough days, but Parks should have that information by mid-July.

Information item: Financial Plan Discussion

Steve Cassin asked for a consensus view from the Board on the direction they would like to go with the financial plan so that staff can work out the details to present the plan to the Board at the July Board meeting. A discussion followed.

Action item: State Trails Committee Appointments

Delaying the State Trails Committee appointments from the May Board meeting gave Parks a chance to review all the applications. Fifteen interviews were done in one day in June and a good balance of candidates was chosen to represent the multiple users of trails. Gary Thorson and board member Laurie Mathews presented the names of the candidates.

Reappointments:

Deb Thorson, Off Highway Vehicle (OHV)
Dick Bratton, District 5
Phil Chamberland, Snowmobile

Appointments:

Lee Rimel, District 2
Karen Christopherson, District 6
John Marriott, District 7
Karla Shriver, GOCO

Motion: Jim Pribyl

Second: Lenna Watson

Result: The Board approved the reappointments of Debra Thorson, Dick Bratton and Phil Chamberlain, and the appointments of Lee Rimel, John Marriott, Karen Christopherson and Karla Shriver to the State Trails Committee.

Information Item: Legal Update

Attorney General's Office representative Tim Monahan requested that the Board go into executive session pursuant to 24-6-402(3)(a)(I)(II) and (III), C.R.S., to discuss oil and gas issues regarding St. Vrain and Barr Lake State Parks.

Motion: Lenna Watson

Second: Jim Pribyl

Result: The Board approved the motion and went into executive session at 11:36 a.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 12:11 p.m. with a motion from Jim Pribyl and a second by Lenna Watson. The motion carried. During the executive session the Board, Tim Monahan and other interested staff discussed the matters involving a recent proposal to lease, or consent to participate, as a working interest owner in a 40-acre parcel located within the boundaries of St. Vrain State Park. During the session, Tim also received direction from the Board on responding to that proposal.

Information Item: Colorado State Parks Employee Protective Association Awards Presentation.

Tom Waters, Law Enforcement Training Coordinator, made an award presentation for the Colorado State Parks Employee Protective Association. The following awards were presented:

- Distinguished Service Award – awarded to Ken Brink, who served on the State Parks Employee Protective Association board for two terms
- Valor Award – awarded to Danielle Hill, Park Manager II for Lake Pueblo, for going above and beyond the call of duty, and putting her own life at risk to rescue a park visitor.
- Life-Saving Award – awarded to Michael Judd, Park Manager II for Chatfield, for saving the life of an ice fisherman who had fallen through the ice at the park.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m. with a motion from Jim Pribyl and a second from Lenna Watson. The motion carried.

June Board Meeting Minutes Approval:



Bill Kane, Board Chair


Date