



**Clark County Park District
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
March 18, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

- 1. Call To Order**
 - a. Commissioner Richards called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- 2. Roll Call**
 - a. Commissioners in attendance were Jeff Trefz, Roy Sweet, Randy Blankenship, Jana Williamson, Joey Ewing, Jeff Wallace and John Richards. Also in attendance were Executive Director Jeff Tippett and Office Manager Danielle Brown.
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 4. Approval of Agenda**
 - a. Wallace motioned to approve the agenda. Blankenship second. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- 5. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Wallace motioned to approve the Regular Monthly Board Meeting Minutes dated 2/18/21 with the exception of line item #4, it says 7 ayes and it should be 6. Sweet second. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- 6. Public Comment**
 - a. John Kraft commented on the Discussion and Vote of Bad Debt Write-Offs. Number one, if they could tell the public the statutory authority that you have to write off bad debts. Number 2, tell everybody what you have done to collect on those bad debts. Number 3, give him a list of everyone and how much they owe. Let other people know who all owes you money and maybe they will voluntarily come down and pay you. It is that simple, if they owe a couple of hundred dollars, you need to get the states attorney or your attorney to sue them in civil court for the money, you can get the money and the attorney fees out of them. The other thing, he would hope that when you discuss things like approving docks or anything else that you strictly abide by the policies that are in place regulate such activities. He added that he would advise to not discharge bad debts.
- 7. Director's Report**
 - a. Tippett stated that we have received our seed money for the OSLAD Grant. We will be moving forward with it right after Labor Day. We are not going to tear up the boat ramp throughout the busy season. There would be no place to park, and it would be a disaster. He has about 200 ton of rock in the campground now, there is probably another 100 ton up there to put down, but they can't get in there because it is so wet. The wilderness cabin is just about done, they are doing the bathroom now, getting all the tile work in and it is looking really nice. We are going to online reservations, so we have purchased 3 new computers,



one goes in the gatehouse, one goes on Fowler's desk, and one goes down at the fuel dock.

- b. Wallace stated regarding the OHV bathroom, is that going ok? Are we getting that rectified? Tippet responded he had a discussion with the representative of Central State regarding the heaters that weren't installed that were in the original bid. He said that was going to be our debt to pay and he told him no, absolutely not. When you took the bid, you took it with the heaters and he said that he would have to get back with him. He told him, if he would like, he would just have our attorney contact him and take it from there.

8. Payment of Bills – Discussion and Vote

- a. Blankenship motioned to pay the bills in the amount of \$25,946.49. Ewing second. Trefz aye, Sweet aye, Blankenship aye, Williamson aye, Ewing aye Wallace aye, Richards aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

9. Old Business

- a. Discussion and Vote Easement Documents
 - i. Tippet commented that in their packets, they will all see the documents from Matt Dearing, he is the real estate attorney at Meyer Capel, in regard to either purchase or take the easement that they have talked about that links the park to the outer road going out to the OHV. You will see that as you read it, there is a section there if we want to put a monetary amount to that. We can take that out and just present it to Mr. Orrell as it is.
 - ii. Ewing commented that his only concern with that, and he knows that they have reached out to the attorney to see where our legal position stood at and he knows if you read through there it will show where the deed and the abstract show there is an easement designated as a road. Therefore, at this time, his understanding was trying to find out where we stand, what our next move was in order to open this back up. If it is already an easement, he doesn't know if they would have to purchase an additional easement. It is already in the abstract, it goes back from the 50's through about 2008 2 rods wide keeps showing up in there. His question was, how do we access that road. He reached out to the road commissioner and the County and that and he really has no answer. How do you purchase, even if you set a dollar amount, who owns the easement? Tippet stated that his guess is Mr. Orrell to which Ewing commented that an easement would be for a road. He guesses it would have to go to the road commissioner.
 - iii. Wallace commented so I guess they couldn't tell you if they were collecting taxes on it, the road tax to which Ewing responded that that started collecting motor fuel tax on it back in 1976. By that time the park was starting to be developed and the lake was starting to be dug, so any



road that would have went through there would've been null and void on down the line. He doesn't know if it is one of those roads that was dropped through the cracks, there are a couple of them out here like that.

- iv. Richards asked did you say that the latest property description of that parcel does not have an easement listed to which Ewing responded that it does. It sold in 2008, when the Orrell's had purchased it. The same description is in the deed and abstract to it per the courthouse. That is 3 rods? Wide designated for a road but it doesn't spell out whose road.
 - v. Richards asked if they should table this until they find out more about it. It seems like it is not quite resolved yet. Blankenship commented that they may need to go backwards in the abstracts until they find where it was put in. Ewing commented that he has went all the way back to the 1940's, he didn't go any deeper than that, it has only changed hands a couple of times. He is not in favor of purchasing an easement if the easement is already there, why they would have to put a monetary value there. Maybe they do table it.
 - vi. Blankenship asked if anyone has talked to Mr. Orrell to which Ewing responded that he did talk to the road commissioner because it is in his area with the road, but he was going to reach out to him, but he couldn't get ahold of him either. He doesn't know the people. Blankenship commented so you don't know where they live, the address should be on their property taxes to which Ewing commented that the address comes back as Casey. Chris Miller commented that he would want to talk to Doug Knierm on that, Jim Orrell passed away a few years ago, that is probably why you can't reach him. His wife Doris still owns that back there, by Guyer's Cove. Doug has really taken over the maintenance and all of the property and the home so he will get Ewing the cell number after the meeting.
 - vii. Ewing commented that with that information, he would make a motion to table the vote on the easement document for this discussion. Blankenship second. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- b. Discussion and Vote No Build Zones Resolution**
- i. Richards asked Brown to read the resolution so that they can get it on record.
 - ii. Brown read, "WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the CLARK COUNTY PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to ensure lake resources are available for the use and enjoyment of current and future generations, it is imperative to guide judicious development that preserves the integrity of shoreline and maintain the environmental attributes of the lake. WHEREAS the CLARK COUNTY PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



initiated the preparation of lakeshore zoning in response to current and anticipated increase of lakeshore development. The lakeshore area is recognized as both a valuable asset and a highly sensitive ecosystem requiring careful development and ongoing management. The lakeshore is also an area subject to multiple and varied interests which have been considered in drafting this resolution. These interests include but are not limited to recreational activities, camping, fishing, hunting, boating, motorized, non-motorized, and equestrian trail riding, private landowner, and district taxpayer. WHEREAS the CLARK COUNTY PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS create zone distinctions, and such areas are shown on the color-coded zone map with corresponding color legend, attached herewith and incorporated herein, as each exists from time to time approved by the Board and maintained in records and office of the Clark County Park District Board. BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the CLARK COUNTY PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS to provide guidance for future development of lakeshore property, to create these zone distinctions as follows: A: Natural Habitat Preserve, Areas designated in GREEN are excluded from development to provide habitat for native aquatic and terrestrial plants and wildlife. B: Clark County Park District Recreation Area, Areas designated in PINK are excluded from development and designated for use of Clark County Park District to provide recreational activities. C: Narrow Navigable Channel, Areas designated in WHITE are excluded from development to maintain open navigable channels for water based recreational activities. D: Open to Development, Areas WITHOUT COLOR coded designation are open for use by private landowners in accordance with CCPD policy. E: Main Lake Channel, Areas designated BLUE are excluded from development to preserve unobstructed navigation of the main lake channel. F. Provisional Development, Areas designated ROYAL BLUE are open to development subject to fulfilment of site-specific Lake Management requirements.

- iii. Richards commented in discussing this resolution, this is something they have been discussing for several months. They began, he believes, back in December. They have spent the last few months going over different ways to set about accomplishing this. Their goal in this is not to exclude anyone access to the lake or deny anyone any type of privilege. What it is for, which is outlined in the document, is to provide areas of the lake which remain open to the public and provide adequate access to the general public to do their water-based recreation, their land based recreation, without feeling as if they are encroaching on someone else's place. There are certain areas of the lake that are very suitable for docks



and development and there are areas of the lake which are not. Some of those areas include areas that have silted in, they are out on points which would create problems. We have tried to go around and look at different properties around the lake and see where areas of future development may be. We were diligent about trying to leave areas open for future development where they felt that could be done thoughtfully and not take away from anything else on the lake. They tried to do this as fairly and judiciously as possible. There are several areas around the lake that are open for development, the areas that are open to provisional development, those are areas that in order to build there, there are some measures taken to help prevent erosion in those areas. Or if they are in areas of fish habitats and that could be replaced in different areas around the lake or things along those lines.

- iv. A gentleman asked who would have access to that color coded map to which Richards responded that he has it right here and he can come up and look at it. The gentleman commented that he bought some property, and he is looking at it on the map. No matter how you look at it, he has about 1000-2000 feet of waterfront. He was wanting to one, have a dock for himself, and in the future have 3 or 4 different docks added. From the looks of the map, it is excluded. What determines how many docks you can have in a certain area, is it 40% of your land space? Richards responded that they would have to look at that. The map is a guideline, it is in no way exact to the GPS coordinates to your property. If there is a question about that, it looks like yours is in the Royal Blue area, basically in that area there is a lot of submerged timber and different things like that, and it is a big place for fish habitats and things like that. They aren't saying that this could never be developed, but there would be some requirements set in place before they would okay docks in there and all that. The gentleman asked what process would he have to go through in order to get approved for a dock for this year. In the future, there would be 3 different 200' section lots, with minimal development, it would be only about 4 docks.
- v. Richards commented if you are ready to do something like that, you would have to get Tippet and Haws out there to look at it and it would be site specific. Look at what is actually there and what is feasible. In that particular area there, there is a lot of silting in that area, it is shallow, and there are a lot of submerged trees in there and that is some of our prime fish habitat and spawning area. We are just going to have to take a look at it and see what can be done, prior to granting those dock accesses.



- vi. Wallace clarified that the IDNR had told him not to remove the dead standing timber or stumps to which Tippet responded yes, until they find out whether he needs a permit or not. The IDNR may require a permit for it.
- vii. Another gentleman asked if there were originally retention ponds built in here that were never maintained to which Tippet responded no. The gentleman asked never to which Tippet responded no.
- viii. Blankenship motioned to adopt the resolution 2021-R-02, establishing lakeshore zoning. Sweet second. Richards aye, Ewing aye, Wallace aye, Blankenship aye, Sweet aye, Trefz aye, Williamson aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

c. Discussion and Vote Forestry Management Project

- i. Richards stated that there is an extensive document in your packet about that.
- ii. Tippet commented that it was done by Mr. Robert Wagner, who is here tonight if they have any questions. The way he understands it the 200 acres was evaluated for management over the next 20 years, starting this year. These summaries and 5-year projections are what would be harvested per the 5 years and the approximate total values of each one. It is to regulate stocking number of trees to encourage optimal growth of the residential stand and to promote many mass-producing species in that stand.
- iii. Mr. Wagner stated that on the projections, it gives you a current value per acre and then it projects it out what it will be in 5 years, 10 years, 15 years, and 20 years. You can see what the stand growth and value will be over the next 20 years from where it stands right now.
- iv. Ewing commented that he would like to see them, given that they just received this information in their packet a couple of days ago, he would like to table this vote and discussion to take this back to committee so that they have time to sit down and go through all of this, numbers, percentages, and projections thoroughly before we cast a vote on it. They have time to review all of this and any discussions that we have in committee and where to go to from there.
- v. Richards asked for further discussion. Ewing commented that he will let his motion stand awaiting a second.
- vi. Richards asked Wagner if he could speak to if they do decide to go ahead and do this forestry and timber management, that is up on the north side of the lake which is where our main water source comes in to the lake, are there steps you can take or that people can take to help decrease the amount of erosion that will come by harvesting these trees or putting in log roads and things like that? That is one of his concerns if they put in



log roads and take out trees. Wagner stated that they aren't going to see erosion and such from the skid trails, the layout of the skid trails is pretty important. There wouldn't be anything removed from the slopes, it will be the flats and the bottoms. If anything is done, it would be a light removal, it wouldn't be a heavy cut at all. It would only be the stuff that is ready to come out that is mature and over mature. Actually, when you are done, the stand should be a lot better because you are removing all the flaws, anything with any kind of defect. All that should be left is nice young and healthy trees, you will have a quality species.

- vii. Chris Miller asked about the tops, what will they do with all of the tops? Are they going to get rid of all the tops? Wagner responded that the tops are usually left. The loggers will just take the usable logs and it is pretty common in a situation like this. You can put it in the contract to delimb the tops, so they are in contact with the soil and break down more quickly. The residual that is left, it is going to decompose and build up the soil. Miller commented that his only recommendation to that, he knows that with 40 acres that was logged some years ago are nothing but rose bush brambles because the tops were left, and it was a mess. His recommendation from a bad experience to the Board is make sure it is in the contract that A, there are no ruts from the skidders, and then try to get those tops knocked down the best you can so that new growth can come back. If the tops are left the new growth will never come up and the brush and honeysuckle will.
- viii. Wagner commented that the one thing with the north part of the lake is that there are not many invasives up there, he didn't see any autumn olives, just the occasional honeysuckle, so really it is pretty healthy from that standpoint. The tops are going to be unsightly for about 4-5 years. That is an area used by hunters and mushroom hunters, so that isn't really going to be an issue. All of the good timber contractors, that is one of the requirements to back lay all of the skid trails. There won't be any big ruts in the woods, and they dictate all of that in the contract.
- ix. Richards commented that there was a term in there that he wasn't familiar with, was mesic area or something along those lines to which Wagner responded that is just another word for an upper dry flat area. Richards stated that he also read in there about the timber stands that if you took out a lot of the oaks that some of the other species can come in that grow faster to which Wagner responded that they want to regulate what you take out. You don't want to take out heavy of one species and leave others. What that is referring to is if you overcut the oak/hickory out of the overstory, you are going to have stuff like sugar maple come in and take over the understory and that really isn't what you want to do.



That is something is they are really particular about when they look at what they mark and how they mark.

- x. A gentleman in the audience asked if he had any idea how long it would take before that timber would be usable again after they logged it to which Wagner responded that it is possible, if the timber is marked responsibly, to go back in 10 years and have another harvest. The gentleman asked how long before the undergrowth tops are gone does he think to which Wagner responded about 4-5 years you will see most of the stuff down. The gentleman commented that he had 40 acres that was done the same way and they came in and drug it all out and mulched it. Is that not profitable, you can turn that into mulch to which Wagner responded that it really is not profitable. They usually take what they can make a profit off of. Some sights like the state, Hidden Springs State Forest, they always have firewood sales. You can sell permits that allow them to go in and harvest 2 or 3 or 4 truckloads of firewood a year and there is designated areas where they can cut, and they can only cut from existing tops that are down. That is another thought. Miller commented that is a good idea in his opinion because those tops really make a mess.
- xi. Allen Walters commented that they logged theirs two years ago, over there behind the store, what are you going to do with the logs that are in the easement? There are valuable logs up there, at the water easement, like a high-water deal, this was all sone before his time, there is valuable trees in that easement that they couldn't touch, is that the park's log then. Wallace asked if that was there on the east side of the lake to which Walters responded yes, right there behind the Clarksville store to the north of there. Wallace asked Wagner if he looked at that site to which Wagner responded yes, he went in just north of there and went all the way up the north end, he looked at everything. He thinks that what Walters is referring to, he thinks that is actually a question of who owns the timber there. His understanding is that CCPD owns a water easement, but the landowner actually owns the property. You just control, I guess, what they do. He doesn't know how that would be laid out. Richards understand that, an easement wouldn't grant them any right to any timber or anything like that. He isn't sure what he was told about his easement. Walters commented that the guys who logged it said that they couldn't cut any logs on park property, but legally it is a water easement it should be his, but the way it is drawn up, it is legally the park's. There are 5 walnuts there, when he logged his. He was just kind of curious, he would hate to see them go to waste. This was before his time. Richards stated that he doesn't have an answer to give him this evening, but he would love to find out that answer so that if they do



decide to do some logging and if you decide to do yours at the same time, or whatever you are going to do.

- xii. Walters asked how they are going to get them out of the north end to which Richards responded that he doesn't know, that is up to the loggers.
- xiii. Richards asked Tippet if he would have an answer to that question, do we have any type of ingress/egress to which Haws responded that we have deeds from when the property changed hands in the safe, there may be verbiage in those deeds, he will look into it. Richards stated that prior to any formal vote they will look into that and see what they can do and have a plan for ingress and egress. Walters commented that if they have a meeting, if he is not in the field, he will get his deed drug out and they will look at it.
- xiv. Ewing commented that this is the reason he motioned to table it tonight, they are looking potentially to go that route, but he doesn't think that they are anywhere ready right now, until they lay out the specifications about skid road, landing, access, whether or not they cut the tops down to the ground. As someone who use to own a logging company, he is familiar with everything that you are talking about. That is why they need more discussion, not whether or not they cut trees, discussion of when you cut them, the times and where ats, roads and stuff like that, that has to go in a contract that the logger is going to have to abide by going into this.
- xv. Sweet second to table the discussion and take it back to the committee. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

d. Discussion and Vote Prevailing Wage Resolution

- i. Tippet commented that yearly they issue a resolution that they will follow the state prevailing wage. In 2020, we did not because of COVID, so I have brought the 2020 to catch up and the 2021.
- ii. Wallace motioned to approve resolution number 2020-R-01, a resolution ascertaining prevailing wages. Ewing second. Sweet aye, Blankenship aye, Williamson aye, Ewing aye, Wallace aye, Richards aye, Trefz aye.
- iii. Wallace motioned to approve resolution number 2021-R-01, a resolution ascertaining prevailing wages. Blankenship aye, Williamson aye, Ewing aye, Wallace aye, Richards, aye, Trefz aye, Sweet aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

10. New Business

a. Discussion and Vote \$20,000 expenditure to overlay B Section

- i. Sweet asked where he came up with the \$20,000 figure to which Tippet responded that is what we have left in the line item and what we didn't spend so he went to Richardson and asked him what would be the best way to proceed. He said overlay rather than cold patch and put stone



over it because later he would have to take it out. With an overlay he can just go over all of it. For \$20,000 he can get to all of the corners and a good piece of the inside for that amount of money. Sweet asked how long of a stretch that is to which Tippet responded about 700 feet per road. Haws commented it is about 1800' all together, there is two, the outer and inner B roads that head to the south. Sweet clarified that is money that they had left over to which Tippet responded yes.

- ii. Trefz asked if they know how high this would be raising the road, roughly, to which Tippet responded that he didn't say.
- iii. Blankenship motioned to approve the expenditure.
- iv. Ewing asked for a quick discussion. He is saying this is not all the roads in B to which Haws responded just the road to the west and to the center. He asked if this was any of the approaches, like in front of the shower house or anything like that to which Tippet responded that he is actually going to start with the approaches. Haws commented that it will basically be all of the curves and any of the areas in the straightaways that are bad. Ewing clarified that they are overlaying the road end to end, not just spot overlaying to which Tippet responded as much as he can do for \$20,000. He is going to start with the corners, then the potholes and then work his way through.
- v. Sweet second. Williamson aye, Ewing aye, Wallace aye, Richards aye, Trefz aye, Sweet aye, Blankenship aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

b. Discussion and Vote Spring Burn

- i. Tippet commented that he was contacted by the Martinsville Fire Department who did out last burn, the 125 acres that they burned. They would like to, if they can, get into a yearly burn with us to keep the tick problem down. They have lowered the price to a flat \$1,750 for as much as we tell them to burn. What they are wanting to do is burn the same section that they burned last year because they weren't able to burn the hollers and all that, it was too wet. He would like to go ahead with the spring burn.
- ii. Wallace motioned to approve entering into an agreement with the Martinsville Fire Department for a spring burn. Trefz second. Ewing aye, Wallace aye, Richard aye, Trefz aye, Sweet aye Blankenship aye, Williamson aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

c. Discussion and Vote of Bad Debt Write Offs

- i. Brown commented that the total amount of debt that we have not been able to collect this year is \$87.00. Communications have been sent out to this individual and no response has been made. We are asking the Board to write off the \$87.00. This person from this point forward will be red flagged as we do not allow people to incur debt in the park. A little



window pops up and informs us this person owes, we can then look back on their account and collect at that time.

- ii. Richards asked what all has been done, as the question was raised in Public Comment, what all has been done so far to collect this debt. Brown stated that we have mailed out invoices, we have emailed out invoices, and we have called the number that we have on file. No responses have been made back to us. Richards asked how long this process has been going on to which Brown responded since October, when the debt occurred.
- iii. Wallace commented that we did really attack this hard, Danielle and the staff. At one point it was several of thousands of dollars. Anyone who is in our district, this is their money. We get to a certain point where we don't want to incur legal fees, it is just a small amount. He would love to say the person's name, but that wouldn't be appropriate, they will have to pay before they can come back in. Kraft commented that debts to any government are public information so you can say their name if you want, or I can wait for the email tomorrow. Wallace commented he will let him wait for the email. Kraft asked if it is just \$87 to which Brown responded that there is a late fee to which Kraft commented that there should be.
- iv. Sweet commented that sometimes folks fall into hard times, this really isn't something that they need to beat up. It is \$87. Kraft commented that it is \$87 this time, but what if it is more next time. Sweet commented what if we die before we get home, he doesn't have that answer. Sometimes people just fall on a hard time, we are just beating a dead horse here.
- v. Richards commented that he thinks that if they can come to an agreement that pursuing this further would be more expense than they are going to collect, then that is fair.
- vi. Blankenship commented but if they just let it stay there and we try to collect it at the gatehouse. If we write it off, then I don't know if we can collect it. He doesn't know if we have the right to red flag them.
- vii. Wallace commented that what we are wanting to do here is continue to try and collect it, but for accounting purposes write it off to which Brown agreed. Wallace commented that it is not like we are forgetting it. Richards clarified that it will still be an attempt to collect it, however for accounting purposes to which Brown responded yes. Kraft commented so they will still owe the money, it is just that you won't have to report \$87. Wallace commented it is a bookkeeping thing.
- viii. Wallace motioned to take the \$87 that is owed in debt and write that off for accounting purposes. Ewing second. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.



- ix. Chris Miller commented that what they could do with a lot of this is turn it over to collections, let those guys go chase them down. It may cost you 10-20%, you may only get \$60 of your \$87, but they have to go bird dog. Tippettt responded that we did a pretty good job of it, we went from about \$6,000 down to \$87. Richards commented that use to be about 2 ½ pages long, they have done a fantastic job. Miller commented that this place is in great shape for the amount of dollars this place does, to only be out \$87, most businesses would be thrilled with that.
- d. Discussion of 2021-2022 Proposed Budget and Appropriation
 - i. Wallace commented that one thing that he wants to bring up that has happened in the last 10-15 minutes here is that they have agreed to postpone and have further discussions on the timbering. We have \$101,500 of income in our budget for timbering. Do we strike that from the budget to which Tippettt responded that they table it until they redo the budget and talk about it and they will have another meeting and bring it up because that affects all the numbers.
 - ii. Blankenship commented that he thinks that they have the timber management meeting first and then have the meeting.
 - iii. Tippettt reminded them that it has to lay 30 days to which Wallace added they are on a time frame. Richards asked when it needs to be passed to which Tippettt responded by May. He talked to the accountant who said he wasn't in a huge hurry, but he would like to see it done by May.
 - iv. Richards commented that it is going to create a huge deficit in that budget, so until we can come to an agreement on that and decide whether or not to include it in the budget, it is probably best to let it lie.
 - v. Wallace commented that the other things regarding the budget, they had a budget meeting the other night, Brown went over the budget line by line with anything that was changed or altered or any new additions. We are getting a new cabin this year; they have that in the budget. This budget comes out and appears to be a negative budget, it is a net income of about \$214,500. But what they have in there is that we are doing our boat launch program this year, we are redoing our entire boat launch. We are getting a lot of the money back from the state but in the interim, we are having to spend a lot of money, so it shows that we have got a net loss there of \$214,000, but in all reality, it is not a negative budget. They turned around this past year, we are at a positive \$280,000 for this year which they did not anticipate especially because of COVID. When you see a budget in red, it looks bad, but this is kind of an anomaly budget. He thinks that over the next few years as they work through these grant projects it will appear that we are losing money, but we are not. We have grant money to come in yet. In his opinion overall, this is a very



good budget. Nothing has been done liberally with it, it has all been done, especially on the income side, conservatively, and for the most part, he thinks it is okay. He knows that they have to have some discussions in our executive session about the salary increases and stuff like that.

- vi. Blankenship motion to table this discussion until they discuss the timber. Ewing second. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

11. Executive Session 5ILCS 120/2 C-1, C-21

- a. Wallace motioned to go into Executive Session under 5ILCS 120/2 C-1, "The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act," and C-21, "Discussion of minutes lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06." Ewing second. Wallace aye, Richards aye, Trefz aye, Blankenship aye, Williamson aye, Ewing aye. 0 nays. Motion carried.

12. Continued Discussion and Vote 2021-2022 Proposed Budget and appropriation

- a. Wallace motioned to table this Discussion and Vote. Blankenship second. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

13. Vote to open or Close

- a. Regular Monthly Board Meeting Executive Session Minutes 2/18/21
 - i. Wallace motioned to continue to keep closed the Executive Session Minutes dated 2/18/21. Ewing second. Ewing aye, Wallace aye, Richards aye, Trefz aye, Sweet aye, Blankenship aye, Williamson aye.

14. Committee Reports

- a. Campers – 03/04/21
 - i. Ewing reported that the campers committee met, and they discussed the water issue in the campground. They also discussed the road overlay in B. He knows that they have all of the components purchased for the water drainage in A. They are ready to go for this fall. They discussed the new campground expansion a little bit and there are still some things up in the air with camping. They introduced Brian Setzer and Darrell Kibler as the new campground host. They discussed the campground activities for the year, and they handed out a schedule that will be on the website. Ewing commented that he needs to put on the agenda an item for the Jailbreak 5k obstacle course in the campground to discuss, he forgot to



put them on there for tonight, but they will be back to campers committee to discuss it and will bring it to the Board. The next meeting is 4/1/21.

- b. Lake Management – 03/09/21
 - i. Richards reported that Lake Management met, and they discussed and went over the proposed resolution and map. They made a few changes to the map in regard to a couple of areas the park may want recreational opportunities in the future. The next meeting is 4/8/21.
- c. Finance – 3/15/21
 - i. Wallace reported that Finance met. Brown led them through the budget, and they went over some of the financial things that people had questions about. He apologized to Sweet because he wasn't able to be there due to a conflict in meeting schedules. Wallace commented that they need to start having the Finance meeting on Tuesdays or something so that he can attend. Sweet commented that he wouldn't be too concerned about that. Wallace commented that he would say to all of the Board members that Finance is a very important part of this park.
- d. Policy – 2/25/21
 - i. Williamson reported that Policy met and they continued working through and making changes as they go. They did come up on questions about campsites and how many tents and there is a policy on that. They will be looking into that and addressing it and sent it to the camping committee and they will be looking into that. They will be having another meeting towards the end of the month.
- e. Trails
 - i. None3
- f. Richards commented that they need to set up a Master Plan meeting if they are going to talk about the timber management and some kind of road development plan. Ewing commented that he thinks it should be sooner than later, like next Tuesday or Wednesday. Richards suggested Thursday the 25th at 6:00 p.m. Ewing clarified this would be for the discussion of the forestry management program for the information you have tonight and let's go ahead and discuss the easement. Richards added that they need to develop some kind of rotating schedule to do road maintenance, so they aren't doing it all at the same time. Wallace commented that he wanted to let Sweet know that this came up in the Finance meeting, the discussion of the initial cost that was given to them, it was going to cost \$900,000 to do all of it. They feel that the back part may just need to be chip and sealed, and the cost wouldn't be that great. Sweet commented that if you tell Richardson what you want, he is a straight shooter, he will give you an honest price. Wallace commented that they want to retouch that



subject. Ewing commented that was going to be a busy night but we have to get through that so they can get through the budget.

15. Adjourn

- a. Ewing motioned to adjourn the meeting. Williamson second. 7 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.
- b. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.