Clark County Park District
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
April 16, 2026
6:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**
   Richards- Like to call this Regular Monthly Board Meeting of the Clark County Park District. Order 6pm April 16, 2026. Start with the roll call. Members present, please.
2. **Roll Call**
   Norton, Smith, Blankenship, Gibson, Higgins, Richards, Jeff & Kayla
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Approval of Agenda**
   Richards- Accept a motion to approve the agenda
   Higgins- I'll make a motion.
   Gibson- Second
   Richards- Second to approve the agenda as presented. All in favor, say aye.
   Aye- 6
   Richards- Any opposed? Okay
5. **Approval Minutes**
   None
6. **Public Comment**
   Richards- Six public comments. Anybody signed up for public comment?
   None
   Unknown- Move on.
7. **Director's Report**
   Jeff- We had a substantial water leak in a Nature Cabin, pretty much flooded out the whole sink area. A one of the compression fittings came loose off the hot water heater, and it'll probably roll, and it completely flooded the place. So we took the cabinets out, and we rebuilt all the frames. We took all the walls out and rebuilt all the walls that were in there. We bleached any, we found some mold in there, so we bleached it. We had an expert come in, who tested it, and he said the mold was not active to begin with. We picked up the floor and dried everything under the floor. It doesn't seem to be any damage there. We're back together and back in service. We did it about inside of a week or so. We've been working on these electric pedestals right through the off season, as weather permitted. Actually, we have still a couple in the A section, and 1 in C26 I want to say these ones also will get it through the summer as they become empty, and we have a moment. We'll pull pedestals.
   Norton- Are we good with the one we had trouble with though?
   Jeff- Yes, so far that we know of. Yeah, all our monthly seasonal sites are now occupied, and we have a waiting list for any of any future monthly seasonal sites. I have not - I've made two out of the seven that you approved so far, and as I can make more, I will make more. The pontoons we were pulling the floors that we pulled the floors out of two of them replaced all the seats and any other bad seats we now have sitting in the tool shed, and we have the two pontoon apart, I think it's the Sweetwater and one other one will rebuild those that will give us new floors and

everything, new seats, they'll all be in pretty good shape. The only thing that we have left to do is buy a couple of motors, but we're gonna try and make it through this year without asking for that. The shower house, we stripped the interior walls around the shower stalls and repainted them with an antifungal paint, so we wouldn't have any problems with that. We have three more water faucets, or hydrants, whatever you guys call them, that we'd like to finish putting in, but it's just been too wet. We can't get a trencher in there to get it done. I don't know if you looked at the behind sites, B33 and 34 we regraded that whole ditch in there and put a new pipe in and put some riprap along there, and kind of dressed it up, so it doesn't look half so bad. We took out, I told you, we took, we went from underneath the camphost sites. We robbed the electric before it got to the meter and brought it out into the driveway, and that's now what our ice chest and refrigerator are running off for the camphost, and they pay their own electric at this point, and the, we had a 20 foot Wahoo walkway donated to the park from Chris Miller, this was the walkway that was on Larry Yargus' dock when he moved it over, they had to put a new one on there, and he gave us the old one, which is pretty nice. We'll put it to good use.

8. Payment of Bills and Finance

Kayla- Okay, our total income for the month of March was $170,915.54 We had $17,772.52 from replacement tax and miscellaneous donation of $1,850.50. Our income came spot income imports was $167,292.52. Our gross profit was $168,895.28 with a net income of $85,194.87 Our expenses for the month of March was $85,194.87. They were a little bit more. This number I did change to the numbers that are on this paper, so maybe it wasn't as confusing as it was before. So, our account balances, our recreation account is sitting at $340,028.29 The rest of our accounts have remained the same, and we have a total account funds of $903,678.02.
Richards- What was the big expensive contingency?
Jeff- Fireworks.
Richards- Net income, and our total expenses just happened to be the same amount to the penny?
Smith & Kayla- Good Catch!
Smith- Yeah, well, it's the expenses for those items there.
Kayla- Yeah
Smith- Our total expense was 95 but those are the big buckets that, yeah, right!
Kayla-See, and then our net income is right here, so. This is crazy though!
Smith- So with campspot people just a little bit later? I mean, when you look at, we're, we're less than 25 are people just a little bit later this year?
Kayla- Um, some of them paid in February, so they would have been on March's board meeting.
Smith- Okay!
Kayla- and some of them still will
Smith- trickle in a little bit.
Kayla- Yeah, some of our late, like our rental docs, will come in still, which they were due, but you know, people are. Our lake docks will still have you know we saw like docs that come in and boat stickers and golf cart passes start coming in as the camping season goes farther and farther.
Jeff- OHV passes are selling like hot cakes.
Norton- I would think with the warm and usual April. It's been a long time since April like this.
Kayla- We've already been through 69 out of 75 and we just ordered two more books today.
Norton- I think people be camping already.

Kayla- Anybody have any other questions?
Smith- I do not.
Kayla- You?
Norton- I do not. I lean on the ladies I know with the tan.
Blankenship- Cash over short?
Kayla- Yeah.
Blankenship- What's the big difference then?
Kayla- What do you mean? Oh, you mean from last year to this year? Those are ben adjustments, and we have been receiving like extra cash. Some of it was deposited for when we started the year. We always balance out our cash boxes, and we had found some random cash in the safe that we had deposited that had been in an.
Jeff- Old, Old bag!
Smith- That's like finding money in your coat pockets when you pull it out. (Laughing)
Kayla- So it's just random deposits. Ben makes adjustments into that line item, so sometimes we don't - we're not 100% sure on why or where that comes from. It's just a Ben adjustment. Any other questions for anything I. John?
Smith- I won't call you.
Kayla- Call me every day! I would enjoy it!
Richards- Entertain to make a motion?
Smith- I'll make that motion.
Norton- Second
Smith- Make a motion to pay $28,803.11 for our AP this month.
Norton- Second
Richards- Second motion. Roll Call
Smith, Blankenship, Gibson, Higgins, Richards, Norton- All Yes!

9. Old Business

Discussion and Vote for Cleaning Van

Jeff- The board at a previous meeting had allowed us $10,000 to purchase a cleaning van. We found this 2017 Pro-Master. It's $11,990 got 140,000 miles out on it, V6 and new tires. The interior looks really good, and the exterior looks good. I'd like to go down and look at it, and I want to say Granite City, it's in Braidwood. Yeah, I'd like to go down and take a look at it, and if it's really decent, we'll purchase it, and that will solve our hopefully solve our cleaning can problems. We've been pumping money into it, like it's going crazy.
Blankenship- The only thing I can tell you about Pro-Masters is, I put like three transmissions in, and I don't think any as old as 17, but 22-23 with somewhere in that neighborhood of miles, off the highway, they're using them for hauling loads.
Norton- What's your opinion, Randy? Besides that?
Blankenship- That's they run great. They probably need a new oil filter housing three six, you can buy it online for about 60 bucks, takes a couple hours. Put it on.
Jeff- Oil filter?
Blankenship- They leak in the valley on motor. It just happens they're made out of plastic. The new ones you get off edge off the line will be aluminum much better.
Norton- Is that where we're going to have to be just to get one bought?

Jeff- Yeah, I looked at extensively $10,000 and under, and we always looked like we were buying the same problem we had.
Smith- Where did we did we budget for that, or was it out of contingency?
Jeff- No, it comes out of capital equipment, and yet I budgeted for I budgeted $20,000 for a cleaning van.
Richards- Get any idea what was used for previously?
Jeff- No
Richards- Doesn't seem like it has a lot of miles for that year.
Blankenship- It hasn't been over the road, we would have a lot more now. It'd probably be in the 250s if it'd been over the road. So it's been somebody fairly local that does a lot of running. I got a guy up at Danville that's got two or three that I work on. Haven't had any serious issues with his, but I have seen three transmissions. I put three of them in. About $3500, they got to be programmed to good quality.
Richards- Is it outfitted in such a way you can customize it to what you want?
Jeff- It has shelving size on the side of it. Actually, it has the plywood and the runners for shelving size there, where there's no shelves in there right now.
Norton- Your looking at a lot of expense to make it what we want.
Jeff- Couple 100 bucks, I'm hoping.
Norton- We basically already budgeted for it if we need it.
Smith- I mean, yeah, that was that was my question. I mean, obviously, what line item it came out, and we budgeted, because I thought maybe we only budgeted 10, so.
Jeff- I put 20,000 in there.
Smith- Coming in under what anticipated. So, money and approval wise, I'm fine. I just don't know anything about cars, I just drive them. I put 30,000 miles a year on them.
Norton- See her drive, that's a true statement!
Blankenship- I just know where she was one day, and then she was here.
Richards- Go ahead and move forward, making a motion to purchase 2017 Ram Pro-Master or cleaning van.
Blankenship- That doesn't mean they won't come down a little bit.
Jeff- Right!
Blankenship- I'll Second.
Richards- Okay, so roll call.
Aye- 6

10. New Business-

Discussion and Vote on Commissioners, Present Secretary & Treasurer

Richards- So, I don't know who came on with me, but I'll be off in a year, right? Joe?
Norton- Me too.
Unknown- Us 4.
Richards- So you two and Joe are the stuck in for 3 years. Well, that's what I was thinking, like it might be.
Blankenship- I mean, why there's somebody here to help.
Richards- Reasonable to maybe one of you guys to take a little bit more of a not president, Joe, still be the president, but maybe vice president, or something like that, while there's still somebody here to kind of guide you along for the next year, because when I first got here, I got thrown into

being the president the first day, and it was, I had no idea I was doing, and it was sink or swim, and I'm still here, but I don't know how, so it might be useful to have some guidance on that, so I'm not pushing for it. It's just this, you know, possibility, something like that. So, with that being said, I would take nominations for president.
Blankenship- I nominate Ricky.
Gibson- (Laughing) I nominate Joe.
Blankenship- I forgot his president. Okay, I'll go along with that.
Richards- Motion for Joe? You second those things.
Blankenship- Yeah
Richards- Second nomination. You two are nominating Joe Ewing?
Blankenship- Yeah!
Richards- Anybody else putting forth any nominations for that? All in favor of Joe Ewing being the president, say aye.
Aye- 6
Richards- Any opposed? Okay, so Joe President, Vice President.
Blankenship- Vice President, now it's Ricky. Get your feet wet.
Richards- Yep, for it?
Gibson- I reckon!
Smith- is Second.
Richards- Anybody else want to put forward any other nominations? All right, so Ricky Gibson's been nominated for vice president. All in favor, say aye.
Aye-6
Blankenship- You can't vote for yourself! (Laughing)
Richards- Secretary & Treasurer.
Smith- I'm just now starting to figure it out, so.
Blankenship- I nominate Ann.
Norton- Second.
Blankenship- She's got it down!
Norton- She does!
Smith- So I don't know if I have it down, but.
Jeff- Okay, and Who secondly, you?
Richards- So Joe Ewing President, Ricky Gibson Vice President, Ann Smith Secretary & Treasurer. Committee committees, yeah, committees. That being said, I'll turn it over to the Vice President.
Jeff- I'm sorry, can we take a motion and a second for the whole package?
Richards- I'll make a motion that Joe Ewing be President, Ricky Gibson Vice President, and Ann Smith remain secretary treasurer.
Blankenship- I'll Second
Richards- All in favor, say aye.
Aye-6
Richards- Any opposed?
Discussion and Vote Committee Members
Gibson- Just campers and trails, they, they run first the first Thursday. So, who wants to be the chair for the campers? You up for it again?
Richards- Oh, I would have to make a motion. Leave it as it is.

Smith- Do we have names on that or?
Kayla- Yeah
Smith- So campers, Derek's chair and co-chairs Randy and Ricky, Trails is Joe with co-chairs of Derek and Ricky. Finance is Anne with co-chair of John and Gary. Lake is John with co-chair of Randy and Gary policy is Ann co-chair Joey, Gary and third of July is Gary co-chair Randy and John.
Richards- So I already made a motion to keep it the same, but that would entail the Campers Committee being chaired by Derek Higgins, co-chairs Randy Blankenship and Ricky Gibson, Trails Committee chaired by Joe Ewing, co-chairs Derek Higgins, Ricky Gibson, Finance Committee Chair, and Smith, co-chairs John Richards, Gary Norton, Lake Management Committee Chair, John Richards, Co-Chairs Randy Blankenship, and Gary Norton, Policy Committee, also Community Parks Chair, and Smith, co-chairs, Joe Ewing and Gary Norton, Third July Committee Chair, Gary Norton, Co-Chairs Randy Blankenship, and John Richards.
Norton- I'll Second.
Gibson- Now all in favor say aye.
Aye-6
Gibson- Now all in favor say aye. Aye. All right, that'll move us on to number 11 executive session. We don't have any business, so we don't need to go into so number 12. Yep, so number 12 is no good. Now on to committee reports. Campers, we talked about taking concrete beds for the new shower house. Has some issues with the B section. Was that all resolved? The tile, and

11. Executive Session

None

12. Committee Reports-

Campers-

Gibson- We talked about taking concrete beds for the new shower house. Has some issues with the B section.
Higgins- Was that all resolved? The tile, and
Jeff- We haven't put the tile in, and he wants to meet with me tomorrow.
Gibson- I did see his camper is back on the rocks, and it was that he still does have both of the gazebo frames up.
Higgins- That was it for campers.

Lake Management-

Richards- We talked about a couple instances of encroachment on the park, trying to come to some reasonable solutions on those, and one request for a fence on the park property that was denied. That was about it.

Finance-

Gibson- Didn't meet.

Policy-

Gibson- Didn't meet.

Trails-

Gibson- Didn't meet.

13. Adjourn-

Gibson- Motion to adjourn.
Blankenship- So moved
Richards- Second

Gibson- All in favor.
Aye-6