

Island Rec - San Juan Island Park & Recreation District
Minutes of the Board of Commissioners' Meeting
January 15, 2009

Commissioner Hahn called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm on Thursday, January 15, 2009 in the Island Rec Office. Commissioners Hahn, Zehner, Cumming and Ricks present. Commissioner Schoultz absent. Staff present, Director Thomsen and Admin. Assistant Curtiss.

1. Introduction of Visitors/Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None.
2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meetings. Without objection, the minutes of December 4, 2008 were approved as presented.
3. Correspondence:
 - a. Director Thomsen presented the annual report from Enduris, Island Rec's insurance provider.
 - b. Commissioner Hahn advised of a conversation with Mike McDonald regarding the potential of trading the Lafarge property for Kelsey South property for use as a green disposal site.
4. Approval of Payroll/Vouchers: Without objection, payroll and vouchers were approved as presented.
5. On-Going Business:
 - a. Egg Lake Dock – Commissioner Ricks stated the new dock was in fine condition except for a minor repair to keep the ramp from falling at low water levels. The old dock is an issue as it is the preferred fishing spot. It is out of the milfoil while the new dock is not. The Commission agreed to consider mowing the milfoil to encourage use of the new dock and work towards the eventual removal of the old dock.
 - b. Dog Park Committee – Director Thomsen responded to an earlier concern about worms at the dog park. She explained worms are in all soil and easily contracted anywhere dogs are. The Commission suggested educational information about worms be placed at the dog park.
 - c. School District Funding – Commissioner Cumming spoke regarding the School District's budget shortfall and efforts to find a way to allow Island Rec to use its taxing authority to fund the school's athletic programs. The Commission agreed to postpone discussion of the issue until the January 31st retreat. .
 - d. Trails Committee Budget Request Presentation – Director Thomsen advised the Commission of the Committee's desire to move back under the Island Rec umbrella, perhaps as a sub-committee. The Commission voiced some reservation at the proposal urging the Committee to find a home at the Land Bank or at County Public Works. Director Thomsen stated she was meeting with the Committee the next day and will develop an operation plan to bring back to the Commission for further consideration. Commissioner Hahn agreed to also attend the meeting.

6. New Business:
 - a. Staff Position Opening – Director Thomsen announced Recreation Specialist Abby Spann will be leaving Island Rec in the spring. Ms. Thomsen advised she will start the search for a new Rec Specialist in the near future.
 - b. November and December, 2008 Financial Reports – The Commission acknowledged receipt of the reports.
 - c. Board Liaison Appointments - The Commission requested the item be placed on a future agenda.
 - d. Winter-Spring Program Guide – Director Thomsen presented the Winter-Spring 2009 Program Guide to the Commission.
 - e. Office Lease – Ms. Thomsen advised the administrative office lease expires in February, 2009. The expiring lease contains a provision allowing for an annual increase equal to the cost of living increase for the region. Ms. Thomsen stated she felt that provision no longer appropriate in today’s market and said she had negotiated a one year lease at the current rate of \$1,462.44 per month. The Commission concurred with Ms. Thomsen and authorized her to sign the one year lease.
 - f. Pacific Northwest Resource Management School – Director Thomsen advised she planned to attend the school February 22-27 in Port Townsend.
 - g. Executive Session – The Commission recessed into Executive Session to discuss the annual performance review of Director Thomsen at 6:16 pm. The Commission reconvened into regular session at 6:19 pm. Commissioner Ricks moved to approve a four percent pay increase effective immediately. Commissioner Cumming second. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Commissioner Discussion Items. None.
8. Adjournment – Without objection, Commissioner Hahn adjourned the meeting at 6:20 pm.

Submitted by:

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Administrative Assistant

Commissioner Ricks

Commissioner Cumming

Commissioner Hahn

Commissioner Schoultz

Commissioner Zehner

