

Anderson Island Park & Recreation District

Minutes of Board of Commissioners Meeting of July 16, 2025

Commissioners Present: Rick Anderson, Elizabeth Emerick, John Larsen, Lane Sample and Belen Schneider. **Guests:** Dan Ardia, Guy Bailey, Rob Tate, Toni Heitzman, Kristen Berz and Bruce Rogers. The meeting was called to order at 6:59 PM at the Anderson Island Library by Chair Belen Schneider. The minutes of June 18, 2025, were reviewed and it was moved by Elizabeth and seconded by John to approve them as written. Motion was unanimously approved. The Financial Officer's report for June, 2025, was presented by Elizabeth. It was moved by Rick and seconded by Lane to approve expenses for the period June 18, 2025, to July 15, 2025, including checks #1801103, 1801104, 1802519, 1802520, 1802521, 1802522, 1802523, and 1802524, totaling \$43,527.61. Motion passed unanimously.

Park Reports: Rob reported on-going mowing and trimming in most parks, and that spraying of poison oak and yellowjacket nests continued in several parks. Dale and his crew set up tents and delivered supplies for Kids' Camp.

Andrew Anderson Marine Park: Some driftwood logs which impacted the bridge at the spit were cut up and dispersed.

All remaining parks, no further report.

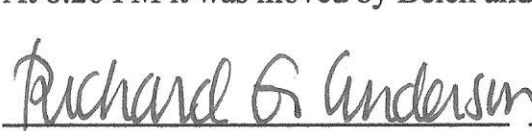
Old Business

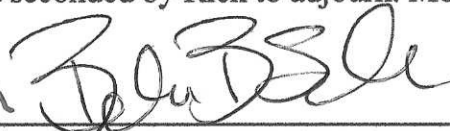
Toni reported on the Summer Nature Camp, which focused on Salmon, bricks, flora and fauna. Junior counsellors were a great help this year. The only casualties were one bee sting and one scratched knee. Belen reported that our attorney, Chris Kerley, recommends that we make a counter proposal to Metke offering to move the fence and the gate. Next step in the lawsuit is mandatory mediation. Belen will furnish our attorney with a statement of our position. John reported that we now have a functioning electrical panel upstairs at the Guthrie Building, and an outlet on a pole near our new storage area, the foundation for which is complete. Lane reported on the first sailing class, with six kids and supervision by Corey, Kurt, Doug, and John Asche. Six boats were put into action, 3 at a time. John reported that Keith Hummel is "catching on" at the swimming hole. The proportion of visitors is running about 80% off-islanders and 20% islanders. Some come early in the morning and stay all day, meaning that the park is often full in the afternoon. Limiting the stay to a certain number of hours was discussed. Belen and Elizabeth reported that the Cultural Resources Study for the new track was being evaluated and that we could now submit for permits. The Park Rules update is in progress. John reported on vendors who had responded to his request for bids to replace roofs at the Old Schoolhouse and the Guthrie Building. John was authorized to select the best bids and notify the board so that a decision could be made by email, if necessary. Rick reported on a presentation made at the Pierce County Sheriff's public meeting at the Martha Smith Room. Major Frank Brown is looking into the possibility of scheduling a marine unit to patrol Lake Florence and enforce the speed limit.

New Business

Dan Ardia reported that he would like to set up acoustic recorders for bats in several parks. This was approved by the board. He stated that most of his trail cameras are still in position, but due to theft and vandalism he will raise some and move some farther from the trail. Dan will review the recorded footage and provide data on dogs in the parks. Dan will also suggest some properties the District should consider acquiring. Guy Bailey asked for information about Riviera Greenspaces and Conservation Easements.

At 8:26 PM it was moved by Belen and seconded by Rick to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.


Richard G. Anderson, Secretary


Approved


Date