

# *Anderson Island Park & Recreation District*

## **Minutes of Board of Commissioners Meeting of August 20, 2025**

**Commissioners Present:** Rick Anderson, Elizabeth Emerick, John Larsen, Lane Sample and Belen Schneider. **Guests:** Guy Bailey, Kurt Sample, Kitt Bender, Ben Jahn, Toni Dale Gooden, Co Gooden, Lara Behnert and Meghan Steel. The meeting was called to order at 6:58 PM at the Anderson Island Library by Chair Belen Schneider. The minutes of July 16, 2025, were reviewed and it was moved by Lane and seconded by John to approve them as written. Motion was unanimously approved. The Financial Officer's report for July, 2025, was presented by Elizabeth. It was moved by Rick and seconded by Belen to approve expenses for the period July 16, 2025, to August 19, 2025, including checks #1804747, 1804748, 1804749, 1804750, 1804751, 1804752, 1804753, 1804754, 1804755, 1806024, 1806025, 1806026, 1806027 and 1806028, totaling \$73,927.45. Motion passed unanimously.

**Park Reports:** Dale reported on-going mowing and trimming as needed in most parks, and that spraying of poison oak and yellowjacket nests continued in several parks. In addition, downed trees were cut up and dispersed in Andy's Wildlife Park, Andrew Anderson Marine Park, Lowell Johnson Park and Jacobs Point.

**Wide Awake Hollow and Tom White Park:** Men's and Women's decals were ordered for the porta potties. An additional one could be ordered per the request of the Fitness Association. The attic access door was returned to its position.

**Montalvo Park and Cammon Park:** No further report

**Andy's Wildlife Park:** No further report.

**Idie Ulsh Park:** No further report.

**Lowell Johnson Park and Tom's Park:** The kiddie slide was repaired.

**Jacobs Point:** One of the walkways was rebuilt.

**St. Anne's Park:** No report.

**Andrew Anderson Marine Park:** No further report.

**Johnson's Landing:** No further report.

**Guthrie Center:** One of the two storage sheds was built.

### **Old Business**

Kurt reported on the success of the sailing classes and the popular sailboat races. Plans are being made for next year. Kitt and Ben reported on their Sunday Sports program, which includes soccer and basketball. They hope to expand the program to make it more formal with leagues and coaches. Better gear is needed, for which they will email the board a list. Lara expressed the willingness of Anderson Island Arts to collaborate with the District in sponsoring a program of murals on community buildings. Belen called the board's attention to an updated revision of the Park Use Code which should be adopted by resolution in September. Will Ganschow has volunteered to spearhead the development of a Forestry Management Plan for the island. A list of contractors who can create such plans is available from WSU. A court date for the Metke lawsuit has been set for March 2026. Discovery will be undertaken between November and February. Pat Turko from Pierce County has confirmed that the District may indeed return the property to the County, as a consequence of which everything will have to be removed, including fences and stairs. John and Elizabeth reported that the Guthrie septic system has been approved, but further permitting is on-hold until the water system is approved by the Health Department. We are asking for relief from the directive to decommission the existing well. Keith Hummel is back as Park Host at the Swimming Hole. Glen did a fine job in his absence. The memorial tile has been returned from the engraver and is ready for installation. A letter of acknowledgement will be sent to Bonnie for her donation. Elizabeth reported that the Track Upgrade permit application has been submitted. Rick reported that Lt. Moss is planning to dispatch Pierce County Sheriff Deputies to patrol Lake Florence in the near future.

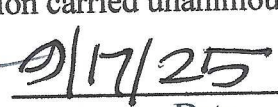
### **New Business**

Rick urged board members to register for Red Cross Shelter management training in September.

At 9:07 PM it was moved by Belen and seconded by Lane to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

  
Richard G. Anderson, Secretary

  
Approved

 9/17/25  
Date