
BENTON COUNTY NATURAL AREAS & PARKS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

**April 10, 2024
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Avery Parks Building
360 SW Avery Ave**

Committee Members Present: David Smith, Miles Phillips, Phil Hays, Bryce Downey, Elizabeth Spatafora, and Duncan Rothe.

Committee Members Absent: Carol Walsh, John Turner, Ben Watts, and Kevin Chambers.

County Staff Present: Jesse Ott, Natural Areas, Parks & Events Deputy Director;
Leanna Buck, Recorder.

I. BUSINESS

A. Approval of March Minutes (5min)

Bryce moved to approve the minutes as amended and Elizabeth seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Action Items- Jesse (5min)

Phil sent the sign drafts to everyone for review. Phil will forward it again to Duncan and Jesse. Phil advised that there will be another revision that will be gone over in another meeting. This will be put on the agenda for next month.

C. Beazell Budget Review - Jesse (20min)

(May need to accomplish at May meeting for NAPE Finance Analyst availability)
Jesse advised that this will be pushed to next month's meeting due to staff availability. Jess also shared that the forestry project has started on the east unit. They are not sure yet if they will be moving on to Phase 2 due to log prices and the Interfor mill in Philomath shutting down. They should be done by the end of June.

D. Disc Golf Expansion Update - Bryce (10min)

Bryce reported that he and the committee went to McBee on March 24th and explored the park. At the top of McBee, they found that it flattens out. They then discussed everything and all the possibilities they found and are extremely excited about those possibilities.

E. Upcoming Outreach & Support Opportunities - Jesse (10min)

Jesse passed out a few flyers of some public events that are coming up that our department will be involved in. He explained what, when and where each one was. He also talked about the swag that we have and asked members of this board to take a look at and give feedback on what they think. Jesse would like to plan a public event with a hike to take a look at the McBee landscape rendering from John Stewart. There will be a couple of hikes around McBee on this day and hopefully a Spanish one as well. Jesse asked for support from this committee to advertise, get the word out and to volunteer the day of. There are 5 events total that are scheduled.

F. McBee Landscape Design Work - Jesse (20min)

Jesse met with John Stewart and Jerry Davis. John Stewart is a world-renowned landscaper and has designed a few things for our department already. He will help illustrate the opportunities and restraints of the project. He then showed a map of the park and talked about what some of John's visions were for the park. John will be coming to our Park Board meetings to discuss these ideas. David advised that the McBee design plan needs to be completed by the end of August.

G. Jackson-Frazier 2024 Update - Jesse (10min)

Jesse advised that Udell and CSC are still delayed. But they are hoping to get things finished by the end of the month. David would like to get a design review meeting established and a date nailed down for that. We are needing to spend \$22,000 on mitigation credits. Jesse feels it's worth spending the money but will be meeting with Ray Fiori to discuss this. It will be good for 5 years.

Jesse also reported that Jackson-Frazier Wetland Boardwalk replacement has moved to the very top of the Board of Commissioners list for congressional work. Jesse will be talking a walk with the Commissioners and our 4th District Congress Woman Val Hoyle to visit the site. Jesse then passed around a target list for grants that they are looking at right now for further restoration efforts.

H. Other

III. MEETING ADJOURNMENT ~ 8:05pm

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