

Stewardship Committee Meeting minutes

Thursday, July 12th, 2018

3:00 pm

Attendance

SFRA Staff:

- Andrea Brand (AB), SFRA Director
- Matt Olding (MO), SFRA staff

BLM:

- Jennifer Jones (JJ)

Grand County Council:

- Evan Clapper (EC)

Stewardship Committee Members

- Dale Parriott (DP)
- Molly Taylor (MT)

Call to order

Approval of Minutes

MT makes motion, EC seconds, unanimously approved

SFRA Reports:

Revenue through June 2018

- AB- \$383,712 in remits
- Up 5% over last year
- \$300,000 in fund balance carried over from 2017 to 2018. Audit confirmed amount. Will help fund future projects- campground improvements in 2019, potential paving of 2 miles of Sand Flats road, future Sand Flats office if necessary.

2018 Budget

Balance Sheets

- Cash in combined fund: \$464,704.74 (with \$300,000 carry over from 2017-18)
- Investments: \$152k (mainly for campground improvements)
- Youth initiative Grant: \$8k (receive in October)
- Group campsites: online fees from recreation.gov about \$20k not shown on balance sheets yet.
- JJ- BLM is doing pilot program in AZ with mobile app called "Your pass now" for individual campsites. Stay tuned.
- Accounts over on expenditures are minimal- \$200 employee overtime; \$46 uniforms; new Mt. Bike, new printers and laptop put Inventory line items over.
- Will go over approximately \$1,500 in printing because SFRA will need to print some more brochures for fall. JJ- If you ever need funds for printing and publishing we can get you funds through CNHA.

2019 Proposed Budget

- Next year salaries approximately 30K with salaries and benefits.
- Garbage dumpster fee up 14.5 to 20K – adding new dumpster at Fins & Things parking lot.
- Toilet budget up 42.5k to 45k, more cleanings.
- Clerk's Office accounting 5k; Search and Rescue 10k.
- Printing down, have 2 year supply for main brochures

2019 Capital Improvements - 150K

- Approximately 30 new campsites and upgrading 30 existing sites in loop C & D.
- Boulder lining Hells Revenge near the dinosaur tracks 20k.
- New entrance to Fins & Things 30k.
- New shaded structure in Fins & Things parking lot 10k.

2019 Capital Equipment

- New picnic tables
- New UTV, pushing limits of current UTVs on SFRA trails. Discussed looking into new seat for Mule UTV too.

Grand County Compensation Study Update

- AB- Chris Baird, Grand County, wanted a new comparison based on State Parks, BLM and NPS and look at more salary ranges. This is what AB wanted too. Previous compensation survey was comparing SFRA with city recreation departments.

Slickrock dotted trail update

- Completed, with some temporary signs to be replace with the real ones. MT and EC discussed their experiences riding the new trail. May need to add a few more dots and cairns at turns and better marking at intersections.

Hell's Revenge Trailhead Exit concrete ramp project

- Open for Bid.
- Ramp will minimize the dirt and rocks coming into the parking lot.

Grand County and BLM Building Agreement

- Agreement is in the process.

Fins and Things Day Use section

- Confirmed the Sheriff along with the BLM Ranger can write tickets
- Must write up a new ordinance. JJ- Ordinance should be for one direction and daytime use only.

Campground C & D Expansion project

Currently have 7 sites in "C" with one toilet and 21 sites in "D" with two toilets

The new expansion plan is to have following.

- 19 sites and two toilets in "C".
- 43 sites and three toilets in "D".
- "D" will have two new Group sites.
- Total of 34 new site and two new toilets. Toilet cost 24k and \$12 per-cleaning.
 - (JJ) recommends following.
 - Group sites to be closer to the entrance.
 - Do lollipop loop to save on gravel cost.
 - Camp host site.
 - Toilet placement.

Rerouting of Fins and Things Trailhead in Campground "E" (TBD)

Grand County Council Updates

- EC-Powerhouse and Mill Creek lots of buzz on how to resolve it the issues.
- JJ-Group applied for A National Park Service Grant, River Trails Alliance grant to fund a position to study the issue.

BLM Updates

- N/A

Stewardship Committee New Members

Interviewed and voted on new members for two vacant positions.

- Tom Dillon and Mike Kelso will now serve on the committee.
- Both received unanimous support from the current committee members and Grand County Council representative Evan Clapper.
- Selected from a pool of five applicants that included Paul Spencer, David Olsen and Melissa Fischer
- Balancing mixed use is a major objective at Sand Flats, so one member was selected based on his ability to represent motorized interests while the other was picked as a representative for non-motorized interests.