



DECEMBER 1, 2020 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
DOE MOUNTAIN RECREATION AUTHORITY BOARD

A meeting of the Doe Mountain Recreation Authority (DMRA) Board of Directors was held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 via Zoom video conference call due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

I. Chairman Reese called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Frank Arnold
Anthony Duncan
Jerry Grindstaff
Kristy Herman
Dave Jones
Jerry Jordan
Gabby Lynch
Anne Marshall
Dan Reese
Tim Sain
Ray Stout
Mike Taylor

Board Members Absent: Carolyn Hawkins, Ron Ramsey

DMRA Staff and Guests Present:

Tate Davis, Executive Director
Bob Richards
Lynn Hicks
Dennis Shekinah

II. **T. Sain motioned to approve the Board meeting minutes from the October 6, 2020 Board meeting. K. Herman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

II. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

III. Financial Report – Treasurer Frank Arnold reported. As of November 30, 2020, the DMRA's cash position in its Johnson County Bank account is \$881,146. The DMRA's cash position in its

Johnson County agency fund account is \$31,748. **R. Stout motioned to approve the Financial Report. D. Reese seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Special Report – RTP Phase II Grant Update – T. Davis & B. Richards

G. Lynch motioned that the Board grant the DMRA Executive Committee the authority to review and approve any and all incoming contracts or other documents related to the RTP Phase II grant, in order to streamline the workflow and payables. D. Reese seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Executive Director’s Report – T. Davis

T. Davis reported on year-to-date, record user pass sales and a general increase in visitors overall and especially first-time visitors. While increased revenue is a positive, there exists a real strain on DMRA staff to handle the crowds on high-volume days. Discussion ensued about the DMRA’s user pass fee structure and how it differs from competitor OHV parks. The DMRA user pass fees have not changed since the start of pass sales in 2013. G. Lynch offered that the Executive Committee should focus on the DMRA’s fee structure at its January 2021 committee meeting and develop recommendations/scenarios to present to the full Board at its regularly scheduled February 2021 meeting. K. Herman asked for consideration of a reduced fee for local residents; A. Marshall confirmed that this is a common practice amongst parks and recreation agencies. **A. Marshall motioned to approve the Executive Director’s report. D. Reese seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**

VII. Other Business:

G. Lynch noted that Representative Scotty Campbell has offered his assistance with championing DMRA legislative requests in Nashville when the Legislature reconvenes in January. The three legislative requests from last year, which were being shepherded by Senator Lundberg and Representative Hill, were derailed by the COVID-19 pandemic, as were many other bills. **G. Lynch motioned that the Board submit the same three legislative assistance requests, with a *potential* fourth request pertaining to user pass fee adjustments, pending legal advice on the latter. D. Reese seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**


IX. Set Next Meeting Date/Time/Place

Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 1 pm Eastern via Zoom video conference call.

X. Adjournment

K. Herman motioned to adjourn the meeting. A. Marshall seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Reese at 2:02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By:



Gabrielle K. Lynch
DMRA Corresponding Secretary

The mission of the Doe Mountain Recreation Authority is to transform Doe Mountain into a safe, fun, family-oriented, multi-use outdoor recreational destination that promotes local economic development while conserving and protecting its beauty, woods, water and wildlife.