

**ISLAND GROVE REGIONAL PARK ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES – August 5, 2021**

1. ROLL CALL

The Island Grove Advisory Board met on Thursday, August 5, at 4:03 p.m. at Island Grove Regional Park's Event Center Conference Room- A. Board members present; Tim Magnuson, Mary Bohlender, Lori Saine, Dennie Kutcher, James Herman, and Tommy Butler. Ad Hoc members present were Judy Rayburn. Board members absent; Bill Hall. Staff present; Thomas Welch (Island Grove Manager), Debra Warner (Facility Supervisor), Eric Bloomer (Parks Manager), and Andy McRoberts (CPRD Director). Public present: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the previous meeting in June were approved as presented.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

None

4. AD HOC REPORTS

Greeley Kennel Club- Judy Rayburn- Judy Rayburn mentioned to the board members that Greeley Kennel Club is ready to go for their 2021 event. Mrs. Rayburn stated that reserved grooming spots are filled within three days of opening and RV reservations are almost full for their event. Mrs. Rayburn invited all board members to come out on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during their event for the All Breed Show.

Greeley Stampede- Justin Watada- No report

Weld County Extension- Larry Hooker- No Report

Greeley Chamber- Amy Dugan- No Report

5. STAFF REPORTS

Tom Welch- Mr. Welch updated board members of upcoming events coming to Island Grove. Mr. Welch also mentioned we were able to have the Greeley Stampede with no restrictions. The event went very well and the new setup might be considered for future shows.

Eric Bloomer- Eric Bloomer reported that there is a lot of construction work going on in East Greeley at and by Balsam Park. The construction will help bring the natural areas into more of a kid-friendly environment. The Parks Department will be adding many covered picnic areas, natural play areas with water features, trails, and adding 370 plants to the park. Mr. Bloomer announced the grand opening of this newly updated area will be around October 2nd. Mr. Bloomer also noted that Bittersweet Parks renovation is starting to come together nicely and it's only been a year.

Andy McRoberts- Andy McRoberts notified the board members that there is a new Poudre River Trail Head on the East Side of Island Grove. The entrance is off of 11th Avenue. This project is almost complete but is open to the public. Mr. McRoberts reported that the Boys & Girls Club is working on a stand-alone Teen Center located on A. Street in Island Grove Regional Park. Potential funding for this may help add parking and spruce up the entrance area on A. Street and 11th Avenue.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Tom Welch discussed with board members that the City of Greeley is looking into adding handrails in the lower bowl of the Arena grandstands. By adding these handrails, Island Grove's Arena could potentially lose some seating and it can be costly.

7. OLD BUSINESS

Tom Welch stated that the new stage will be beginning some construction after the Senior Rodeo event. They hope to at least get the foundation poured.

8. UPCOMING AGENDAS –

Update on new Arena stage progress

Presentation on new Boys & Girls Club Teen Center

9. NEXT MEETING – Scheduled for Thursday, October 7, 4 p.m.- Island Grove Regional Park- Conference Room A

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

James Herman Chair

Tom Welch, Island Grove Manager