

**ISLAND GROVE REGIONAL PARK ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES – February 3, 2022**

1. ROLL CALL

The Island Grove Advisory Board met on Thursday, February 3, at 4:05 p.m. via ZOOM. Board members present; Tim Magnuson, Mary Bohlender, Dennie Kutcher, James Herman, Bill Hall, Perry Buck, and Tommy Butler. Ad Hoc members present were Justin Watada, Hannah Swanbom, and Heather Andersen. Board members absent: Staff present; Thomas Welch (Island Grove Manager), Debra Warner (Facility Supervisor), Eric Bloomer (Parks Superintendent), and Kelli Snook (CPRD Interim Director). Public present: None

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tim Magnuson made a motion to approve the previous minutes and Dennie Kutcher seconded. Minutes from the previous meeting in October were approved as presented.

3. PUBLIC INPUT

None

4. AD HOC REPORTS

Greeley Kennel Club- Absent

Greeley Stampede- Justin Watada- Mr. Watada announced that Stampede is getting ready and excited for its 100th-year celebration.

Mr. Watada mentioned the stage was on its way to being completed by May instead of April due to some supply and demand. Crews are working hard and are about to lay steel flooring. Mr. Watada emailed board members information regarding the new stage. Mr. Watada added that the pens have been redone to ensure livestock events would still be able to run through the middle of the stage. Mr. Watada explained the hanger doors that will be attached to help keep the stage area clean when not in use. Mr. Watada informed board members that this 2.5 million dollar stage was funded by Weld County, JBS, and the City of Greeley. Once the stage is finalized the City of Greeley will operate and manage. The stage will open up 4000 more seats for sale.

Mr. Watada shared the Greeley Stampede was also planning on revamping the Stampede office to complete the legacy project which will showcase a Museum of 100 years of the Greeley Stampede and will only be open during the event. Mr. Watada also mentioned beginning construction on the sky-level box seats. The Stampede would like to reconstruct restrooms and kitchen areas as well as add enclosures to eventually add a new HVAC system to help keep this area cool during events.

Mr. Watada announced the concert line-up announcement will be on February 28th and tickets for the 100th Stampede will go on sale on March 1.

Dennie Kutcher inquired if chairs were being removed from the ground floor of the area during a concert? Mr. Watada explained that they would be looking at a safer way for security and concerts but still have some floor seating and standing area.

Weld County Extension- Hannah Swanbom- Ms. Swanbom reported the Weld County Extension office was finishing up enrollments of 4H kids for the new year. Ms. Swanbom mentioned Weld County Fair was started to get ready for their event in August. Ms. Swanbom stated that the Extension Office was hiring.

The Colorado Farm Show- Tim Magnuson- Mr. Magnuson mentioned the Farm Show had 290 vendors. 70 vendors decided not to come back to the show but they were able to fill all of their spots but 8. Mr. Magnuson expressed he and others had felt like it was one of the best shows they have had yet regarding all the circumstances surrounding Covid and the pandemic. Perry Buck complimented the Farm show on its vendors and outstanding people involved.

Greeley Chamber- Heather Andersen- Ms. Andersen mentioned the Chamber is getting ready for their Annual Chamber Dinner on February 24th and is already expecting over 1000 guests. The theme is Buckles and Bravery.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Tom Welch- Mr. Welch reported to board members about upcoming events here at Island Grove in February. Mr., Welch also mentioned he was excited for a good season here at Island Grove.

Eric Bloomer- Mr. Bloomer introduced Kelli Snook – Intermin CPRD Director to the board

Kelli Snook- Ms. Snook introduced herself to board members and expressed she was pleased to meet everyone and is looking forward to learning more about Island Grove along the way and enjoying the events.

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. OLD BUSINESS

New Pavilions/park shelters - Mr. Welch mentioned the 4 (four) new pavilions at Island Grove will be built this year. There will be 2(two) 24-foot hexagons and 2 (two) 28-foot hexagon shelters added near Aven's Village.

8. UPCOMING AGENDAS –

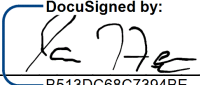
Update on Arena stage progress
Board Elections

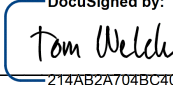
9. NEXT MEETING – Scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 4 p.m.- Island Grove Regional Park-Buckle Club

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Tom Welch, Island Grove Manager