

**ISLAND GROVE REGIONAL PARK ADVISORY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES – December 15, 2025**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Island Grove Advisory Board met on Monday, December 15, at 4:04 p.m. in Conference Room A in the Event Center facility at Island Grove Regional Park.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Board members are present: Justin Watada, Richard Quaco, Kevin Ross, Tim Magnuson, Benjamin Fusco, and Tommy Butler.

Ad Hoc members present: Kali Benson

Board members absent: Bill Hall

Staff present: Island Grove Division Manager; Casandra Keller.

Public Present: None

**3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Benjamin Fusco provided a brief introduction, sharing that he has been part of the Greeley community for many years and has a strong passion for hospitality. He noted that he currently serves as the Director of Zoe's Cafe & Events and expressed his enthusiasm about joining the board.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Richard Quaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Tommy Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the minutes from the October meeting were approved.

**5. PUBLIC INPUT**

None

**6. AD HOC REPORTS**

**Greeley Kennel Club:** Mr. Quaco shared an update on their Invitational event held in Orlando, Florida, which was attended by approximately 250 youth, including two participants from 4-H. He was pleased to announce that Kaylee Magner, representing 4-H, placed second overall nationally. Mr. Quaco also noted that the Greeley Kennel Club has provided multiple donations and awarded four college grants to youth, and that they are currently working on an additional grant to support youth competing at the national level. Additionally, he recognized Jerry Pickett, Parks Supervisor for Island Grove, for receiving a City of Greeley award.

**Colorado Farm Show:** Tim Magnuson informed the board that the Farm Show is 42 days away and that preparations are on track for a successful event. He also noted higher turnover on the board this year and shared that they are seeking additional volunteers.

**Weld County Fair:** Kali Benson provided a report on behalf of Mikayla and shared that the Mardi Gras fundraising event was very well attended.

**Greeley Stampede:** Mr. Watada announced that concert announcements are planned for January.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

None.

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### a. Division Manager Report

Mrs. Keller reported that the RFP for the Event Center chillers was awarded to Air Systems. She announced that the project came in under budget, with a total cost of \$783,000 compared to the projected \$2,000,000. Demolition of the existing chillers is scheduled to begin in January. The first chiller is expected to be completed by February and operational by March. The new chillers will feature updated technology, and ongoing maintenance will be assumed by the City of Greeley Facilities Crew.

Mrs. Keller reported that Island Grove engaged a new contractor for the Arena audio upgrades. Phase 1 has been paid for and included replacing all control components. Phases 2 and 3 will involve replacing amplifiers and speakers; however, these phases are more costly and are not needed immediately. She also shared positive news that only two speakers were found to be blown, rather than the entire system as initially anticipated.

Mrs. Keller was pleased to report that revenue goals were met in August, allowing buildings to be closed for the holidays for the first time. During these closures, 4-H facilities are undergoing cosmetic upgrades to improve their appearance. She also noted that the livestock barn sound system was upgraded. Additionally, the Greeley Stampede and Allo are collaborating to expand the Wi-Fi network, with completion anticipated by next year.

She further reported that the City of Greeley Public Works Department is working in conjunction with her to install a new sewer line from the Stampede Office down 14th Avenue and D Street. The project will be funded by the Public Works Department.

Mrs. Keller shared that the Event Center roof replacement is being considered; however, due to bookings in 2026, it is being planned as a 2027 project. Lastly, she announced the purchase of the Perry Weather system to improve alerts and announcements during extreme weather events.

### b. Master Plan Update

Ms. Keller announced that 12 proposals were received for the Master Plan, and three of those firms were interviewed. A diverse panel of nine individuals participated in the selection process. Design Workshop was awarded the RFP. While the proposal exceeds the \$300,000 budget by \$80,000, it was the most cost-effective option among those considered.

Ms. Keller also noted that a new policy has been implemented requiring City Council approval prior to hiring contractors. As a result, the project kickoff has been delayed from January 1 to January 6. She asked board members to watch for upcoming stakeholder meetings that will include focus groups, which will help identify market gaps and potential events that align with Greeley's needs. The ultimate goal of the Master Plan is to serve current community needs while planning for the long-term future of Island Grove.

## 9. NEXT YEAR'S MEETINGS –

February 5th, April 2nd, June 4th, August 6th, October 1st, and December 3rd

## 10. ADJOURNMENT -

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Richard Quaco - Chair

Signed by:



Casandra Keller - IG Division Manager

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