ISLAND GROVE REGIONAL PARK ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES – February 5, 2026

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   The Island Grove Advisory Board met on Thursday, February 5, at 4:04 p.m. in the Buckle Club facility at Island Grove Regional Park.

2. **ROLL CALL**
   Board members are present: Justin Watada, Richard Quaco, Tim Magnuson, Benjamin Fusco, Lynette Peppler, Ryan Roth, and Tommy Butler.
   Ad Hoc members present: Kali Benson and Kim Eastwood
   Board members absent: Bill Hall
   Staff present: Island Grove Division Manager; Casandra Keller and Event Scheduling Coordinator, Blanca Avalos.
   Public Present: None

3. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
   Ryan Roth provided a brief introduction, sharing that he is a City Council member appointed by Mayor Hall. He noted that he has been a resident of Greeley for 30 years and has a strong appreciation for the Greeley Stampede. He expressed his enthusiasm about serving on the committee and advocating for the board's needs with City Council. He also shared that Tommy Butler will no longer serve on the board, and he will be filling that position.

   It was announced that Kevin Ross will no longer serve on the board, and Lynette Peppler will assume his appointment on behalf of the County Commissioners. Richard's term is expiring, and this was noted as his final meeting. Justin has reapplied to serve another term.

   Casandra shared that there are currently two open positions: one County seat and one City/County seat. The board expects to learn next month who will be appointed to fill those vacancies.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   Richard Quaco made a motion to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Tommy Butler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the minutes from the December meeting were approved.

5. **PUBLIC INPUT**
   None

6. **AD HOC REPORTS**

   Greeley Kennel Club: Mr. Quaco shared that an upcoming performance weekend is scheduled for the third week of March. The event will feature dog obedience, rally, Fast CAT, and other activities, and strong attendance is anticipated.

   Colorado Farm Show: Tim Magnuson informed the board that the Farm Show took place last week. He reported that the event was successful, featuring over 300 vendors and approximately 15,000 attendees.

Weld County Fair: Kali Benson provided a report on behalf of Mikayla, noting that preparations for the Fair are underway, with a current focus on securing sponsorships. She also shared that Mikayla has returned from leave and that the finance positions have now been filled.

Justin added that he would like to collaborate with Weld County staff to explore solutions regarding tent placement during the Dairy and the Stampede, with the goal of preventing grass damage caused by limited sunlight exposure and reduced watering.

Greeley Stampede: Mr. Watada announced that ticket sales following the concert announcement have been strong. He also shared that several new sponsors will be coming on board and noted that there are 104 days remaining until the Greeley Stampede.

7. **OLD BUSINESS**
None.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**
   a. **Division Manager Report**

Mrs. Keller reported that the Event Center chillers project is projected to begin in March, pending the arrival of necessary parts. Installation is anticipated to be completed by April, or no later than mid-May. The team plans to have the north chiller operational before taking the south chiller offline to ensure one unit remains functional during the spring.

She also provided updates on the new sewer line project along 14th Avenue and D Street, which the City of Greeley Public Works Department is coordinating in conjunction with Island Grove. The project is expected to begin in October and is currently in the surveying and design phase. She noted that the sewer line will be rerouted further down 14th Avenue rather than running beneath the Stampede Office, allowing for an increase in pipe size from 4 inches to between 6 and 8 inches.

Mrs. Keller shared that the Event Center roof replacement has been approved. However, it has been determined that the issue is structural in nature due to the original construction. The roofing company indicated that the repair must be completed by the original builder or a qualified structural contractor. Costs are currently undetermined, pending a formal report outlining the necessary repairs. The goal is to complete the repairs this year.

Mrs. Keller reported that she is working in conjunction with the Stampede to coordinate Allo upgrades to enhance Wi-Fi coverage in the Arena and Pavilion areas. Discussions are ongoing, and construction is scheduled to begin March 3.

She also provided an update on the Perry Weather station, which has been installed on the Peninsula near D Street. Staff are currently being trained on the system. The station serves as a severe weather alert system, notifying individuals when to seek shelter.

Mrs. Keller shared that rekeying efforts are still underway. The Event Center front entrance will be converted to a sliding door. During the project, additional broken doors were identified, and current funds are being allocated to address those repairs. Remaining project funds are expected to be used for camera installation. She noted that a quote from IT is anticipated on February 6, with the goal of aligning both projects and launching them simultaneously.

Mrs. Keller concluded by reporting that Island Grove ended 2025 in a strong financial position. Revenue goals were met and exceeded projections. She announced that 2026 is also projected to surpass budget expectations, with available event dates already filled. Bookings are currently paused to allow time for project completion. She also noted that a healthy amount was deposited into the improvement fund, exceeding the projected amount for 2025.

b. **Master Plan Update**

Ms. Keller announced that City Council approved Island Grove moving forward with the agreement with Design Workshop. The Master Plan process will officially kick off on February 11, beginning with a site walkthrough. She encouraged board members to watch for upcoming stakeholder meetings and focus groups, which will help identify market gaps and potential events that align with Greeley's needs. She also encouraged members to invite individuals from their teams to participate and emphasized the importance of reiterating key needs throughout the process.

c. **Chair Re-Election**

Due to several recent changes in board membership, Mrs. Keller proposed moving the Chair Re-Election to the next meeting. Tim Magnuson made a motion to postpone the Chair Re-Election to the April meeting. Justin Watada seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the Chair Re-Election was rescheduled for April.

9. **NEXT MEETING –**

April 2nd. Casandra noted that a Doodle poll will be sent out to determine a new date that works best for everyone, as April 2nd is no longer suitable.

10. **ADJOURNMENT -**

The meeting adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Signed by:

Tim Magnuson - Chair

Signed by:

Casandra Keller

Casandra Keller – IG Division Manager