

**Wasatch County Parks & Recreation SSD #21
Board Meeting
February 11, 2025
Minutes**

Attendance:

Kendall Crittenden, Chairman
Karl McMillan, Vice-Chairman
Colleen Bonner, Board Member
Mark Nelson, Board Member
Spencer Park, Board Member
Erik Rowland, Board Member
Luke Searle, Board Member

Tom Bonner, Director
Jon Provost, Event Center director
Jennifer Bowman, Marketing Coordinator
Laurie Duke, Admin. Assistant
Dustin Grabau, County Manager
Wyatt Finnegan, IT Specialist

Kendall Crittenden called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.

Public Issues for Future Meetings:

Kendall asked if there were any public issues for future meetings. There were none.

Governing Board Issues for Future Meetings:

Kendall asked if there were any Governing Board issues for future meetings. There were none.

Public Comment:

Kendall asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Minutes: January 14, 2025:

Tom presented the minutes for January 14, 2025. Spencer Park made a motion to approve the minutes for January 14, 2025. Luke Searle seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Karl McMillan
AYE: Colleen Bonner
AYE: Spencer Park
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Luke Searle

ABSTAIN: Mark Nelson – Not in attendance at January 14, 2025 meeting.

Warrants:

Tom Bonner presented the warrants from January 1, 2025 through February 5, 2025 in the amount of \$230,527.99. Tom stated that we made our first payment for Derby Production. Kendall asked when tickets go on sale and Tom answered that tickets go on sale June 11th to the general public. Tom will bring the council their Ticket Request Form at the next meeting and asked that they fill it out and return to Jodi as soon as possible. Kendall asked about Grand Marshals for the Fair and Tom responded that they

are starting the process. He requested that if the council has any suggestions to please email him or Heath. Kendall asked if there were any other questions on the warrants. There were none.

Colleen Bonner made a motion to approve the warrants from January 1, 2025 through February 5, 2025 in the amount of \$230,527.99. Mark Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE:	Kendall Crittenden
AYE:	Karl McMillan
AYE:	Colleen Bonner
AYE:	Mark Nelson
AYE:	Spencer Park
AYE:	Erik Rowland
AYE:	Luke Searle

Grant Update:

Tom commented that Nancy O'Toole is doing an amazing job on the grants. He explained that they recently found out that cities are only required to have a 20% match, but counties are required to have a 50% match, so we have had to scale back a bit. Right now, we are looking at a perimeter fence around Vets Park for safety.

We are also looking at tarping the outdoor arena. The estimate is about \$15,000. and this will help us keep our revenue up during inclement weather. Tom explained that we have about \$50,000. we can contribute from our department for matching funds.

We would like to change to LED lights at the Event Center, Outdoor Arena and parks. Our demand fees are exorbitant. We cycle through to try to save on those fees. We have 67 light poles at the parks, so it will be approximately \$1,200,000. to change to LED. If we could get a grant it would be about \$600,000., so we will continue to work on this.

We are part of the TAP Tax Grant process. Last year we got \$150,000. for two years and then our application will go back in for the next two years. We split it into two payments. The first \$75,000. was used to put in pavilions at Vets Park. The next \$75,000. is earmarked for repairs and improvements at the Skatepark.

Director's Report:

Tom announced that the first Master Plan Committee Meeting will be on February 18th at 1:00 p.m. The committee members consist of each mayor, Kendall and Karl from this council, Don Taylor and Mia Yue from the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Derek Herndon from MIDA, Richard Breitenbeker, for research, Austin Corry, Planning and Nancy O'Toole, from Trails, Arts, & Parks.

Summer Schedule Update:

Tom reported that Taylor Baker, Program Director, has a huge goal over the next five years to have an all abilities, all inclusive area that everyone can use. Right now, we are looking at Southfield Park playground and want to replace the existing wood chips and put in a rubberized material that you can run anything over, your feet, wheelchair, crutches, etc. Tom commented that we see adaptive kids from the High School at the Rec. Center every day and Tom said that it is the highlight of his day to see them using the Rec. Center facility. Tom brought up Gavin Peterson, who was recently selected to be on the USA Men's Under 23 Wheelchair Basketball Team. The council gave him a donation to help him with travel and expenses related to being on that team. Tom commented that in the last 5 to 7 years we have seen the

number of adaptive kids increase exponentially. In the past we have had kids in wheelchairs playing T-ball and this is something we are really going to focus on. Taylor is working on some programs for this summer and we want to make sure that we can help them in any way we can.

Some of our other programs that will be happening over the summer is Soccer, Baseball/Softball, Volleyball Clinics, Lacrosse Camps, Science Camps, which are very popular, and Game On, which is a girls only sports program. Our programming staff is very busy over the summer.

The Derby will be three nights this year and we are on our third year of three nights of rodeo. Last year our revenue from the rodeo was better than it has ever been. Jon Provost commented that, with the council's approval to raise our purse and bring in more revenue, our rodeo is now #16 in the world and we are now part of the tour. This means that now we get some of the top 5 contestants in the world at our rodeo.

Kendall commented on the social media recap reports in the department packet. The reports show that our numbers continue to increase in that area, which increases participation. He complimented Jennifer and her team on a great job. Tom agreed wholeheartedly.

Tom reminded everyone of the Issues Conference that is coming up on March 5th. This is a great program that was started back in the 1990's. Amaria puts this on through the Parks & Recreation Department, Health Department and USU Extension.

Kendall asked if there were any other comments or questions. There were none.

Karl McMillan made a motion to adjourn. Erik Rowland seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE:	Kendall Crittenden
AYE:	Karl McMillan
AYE:	Colleen Bonner
AYE:	Mark Nelson
AYE:	Spencer Park
AYE:	Erik Rowland
AYE:	Luke Searle

Meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Laurie Duke