

**Wasatch County Parks & Recreation SSD #21
Board Meeting
November 12, 2024
Minutes**

Attendance:

Kendall Crittenden, Chairman
Karl McMillan, Vice-Chairman
Steve Farrell, Board Member
Mark Nelson, Board Member
Erik Rowland, Board Member
Luke Searle, Board Member

Tom Bonner, Director
Heath Coleman, Asst. Director
Amaria Scovil, Rec. Center Director
Taylor Baker, Program Director
Laurie Duke, Admin. Assistant
Dustin Grabau, County Manager
Randy Bates, Finance Director
Jim Johnson, IT Specialist
Colleen Bonner, Board Member, Elect.

Excused:

Spencer Park, Board Member

Kendal Crittenden called the meeting to order at 3:17 p.m.

Minutes: September 10, 2024:

Tom presented the minutes for September 10, 2024 that were unable to be approved at the October 8, 2024 meeting. Steve Farrell made a motion to approve the minutes for September 10, 2024. Karl McMillan seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE: Karl McMillan
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Mark Nelson
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Luke Searle

ABSTAIN: Kendall Crittenden
ABSENT: Spencer Park

Minutes: October 8, 2024

Tom presented the minutes for October 8, 2024. Erik Rowland made a motion to approve the minutes for October 8, 2024. Mark Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Mark Nelson
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Luke Searle

ABSTAIN: Karl McMillan
Steve Farrell
ABSENT: Spencer Park

Warrants:

Tom Bonner presented the warrants from October 3, 2024 through November 6, 2024 in the amount of \$126,047.88. Kendall asked if there were any questions on the warrants. There were none.

Steve Farrell made a motion to approve the warrants from October 3, 2024 through November 6, 2024 in the amount of \$126,047.88. Erik Rowland seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Karl McMillan
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Mark Nelson
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Luke Searle

ABSENT: Spencer Park

2025 Preliminary Budget:

Tom distributed a copy of the 2025 Preliminary Budget. Tom explained that there were not any changes from the copy he gave them at the October 8th meeting. Total revenues are projected to be \$6,839,172., with expenditures the same \$6,839,172.

Steve Farrell made a motion to set the Public Hearing for approval of the 2025 Budget for December 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Erik Rowland seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Karl McMillan
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Mark Nelson
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Luke Searle

ABSENT: Spencer Park

Mark commented that he thinks at the public hearing someone will ask why the budget increased so much over last year. Tom agreed and stated that our payroll has increased, as we will have a 2.5% COLA increase and 2.5% merit increase. We also need to hire another full-time employee for our concessions.

Tom also stated that our IT Maintenance went up \$16,000. from last year and our IT Services went up almost \$18,000. from last year. Kendall commented that he had talked to Don Wood about the rising costs of IT and it is due to the security software that is required to protect our systems. Steve said that the Fire District researched some other options in this area and found out that we were much better off to stay with the county IT. Tom agreed 100%. Tom stated that he has no qualms about paying our IT Department. He said that they do a great job for us with all of our computers, phones, cameras and troubleshooting.

Another increase in our budget is due to changing to a three-day Derby, however this should be offset by the revenue it will generate.

Master Plan:

Luke reported that he had reached out to both the Heber City and Midway mayors regarding the Master Plan Committee and believes they have someone to appoint to the committee. Tom responded that he has heard from Heidi Franco, Heber City Mayor, and she would like to be on the committee. Tom said that he sends an e-mail each week to the mayors to remind them to get him a name. The other committee members are Kendall, Karl, Don Taylor, Chairman of Parks & Recreation Advisory Board, Derek Herndon, MIDA, Richard Breitenbeker, Austin Corry, Planning, and Nancy O'Toole from Trails, Arts, & Parks. Tom said that once the committee is established things will move quickly. He thinks they will meet bi-weekly at the beginning.

Kendall reported that he attended the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board meeting last Wednesday. Members from the POSTT Committee, (Parks, Open Space, Trails, Trees), attended and they discussed some common concerns. It was a good meeting, and everyone felt that it is important to keep open communication.

Kendall asked if there were any other questions or comments. Tom thanked the board for their help and support throughout the summer and fair.

Luke mentioned that he loved the latest social media advertisement from Parks & Recreation on the RV Park Dump Station. In the ad Dumps Giles is dressed as "Cousin Eddy", from the movie National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, and he invites the public to use our new Dump Station. The ad is hilarious and has already had about 15,000 hits and 2,000 shares. Tom commented that Jennifer Bowman, our Marketing Coordinator, is doing a great job.

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

AYE:	Kendall Crittenden
AYE:	Karl McMillan
AYE:	Steve Farrell
AYE:	Mark Nelson
AYE:	Erik Rowland
AYE:	Luke Searle

ABSENT:	Spencer Park
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Meeting was adjourned at 3:29 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Laurie Duke