

**Wasatch County Parks & Recreation SSD #21
Board Meeting
September 12, 2023
Minutes**

Attendance:

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

Tom Bonner, Director
Heath Coleman, Asst. Director
Amaria Scovil, Rec. Center Director
Jon Provost, Event Center Director
Laurie Duke, Admin. Assistant
Dustin Grabau, County Manager
Travis Dial, IT Specialist

Excused:

Mark Nelson, Board Member

Kendall Crittenden called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

Minutes: August 8, 2023

Tom Bonner presented the minutes. Steve Farrell made a motion to approve the minutes for August 8, 2023. Luke Searle seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE: Kendall Crittenden
AYE: Karl McMillan
AYE: Steve Farrell
AYE: Spencer Park
AYE: Erik Rowland
AYE: Luke Searle
NAY: None

ABSENT: Mark Nelson

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

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

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

Warrants:

Tom Bonner presented the warrants for August 3, 2023 through September 7, 2023 in the amount of \$371,151.65.

Tom mentioned the big ones from Fair Days which were for the carnival and rodeo. Steve asked if we changed the rodeo contract and Tom replied that we changed the contract when we added a 3rd performance. Steve asked why we picked up the cost of the announcer, clown, and specialty

act that was included in the original contract. Tom said that in our first contract with Hank & Lori they did pay for the announcer. Jon Provost stated that they paid for the announcer but it was added to the contract. Steve believes that in the original contract we paid \$63,000. which included the announcer, clown and, he thought, the specialty act. Tom said that for the past 4 or 5 years we have been paying for those three things. Tom asked Jon to pull the previous contract so we can take a look at it.

Luke asked about the rooms for fair and Tom responded that we are responsible for the rooms for V6 Media, who do our TV production, the specialty act, and all contracted personnel for the rodeo. This is also part of our contract. Tom stated that we get a good price because a lot of it is traded out through advertising and sponsorships.

Luke also asked about the \$2,000. for the BBQ and Tom responded that went to Marcus Dean to cook. That amount did not cover the meat.

Steve asked about the reimbursement to The Horse of Many Colors for balloons. Tom explained that this is a pass through item. People could purchase their balloons through us and so we just paid them the money we collected for them.

Spencer Park made a motion to approve the warrants for August 3, 2023 through September 7, 2023 in the amount of \$371,151.65. Erik Rowland seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE:	Kendall Crittenden
AYE:	Karl McMillan
AYE:	Steve Farrell
AYE:	Spencer Park
AYE:	Erik Rowland
AYE:	Luke Searle
NAY:	None

ABSENT: Mark Nelson

Pickle Ball Courts Update:

Tom reported that the new pickle ball courts officially opened last Wednesday, September 6th. He said that it only took 15 seconds for them to fill up. They turned out great and we now have a total of 15 courts. Kendall asked Tom about the paddle boards by the courts. Tom replied that they hang their paddles on the board to designate who goes next. Paddle Boards will also be added to the new courts. Tom reported that everyone who committed money to the project have paid. Heber City, Midway, and the Pickle Ball Club donated \$160,000. of the total cost which was about \$340,000. There are some minor irrigation problems that need to be fixed, but all in all the new courts have been a great addition.

Truth In Taxation:

Tom reported that we are planning to do Truth in Taxation. Right now our rate is .000158. Last year, 2022, it was .000193 and that is the number we would like to go to. On an average home

the increase would be about \$29.00 per year. Steve asked what the total increase would be and Tom said that the increase would generate about \$531,000. Tom stated that the majority of that would go towards new hires. He said that they would like to hire 5 new positions: Program Coordinator, Sponsorship & Advertising Coordinator, another full-time person at the Event Center and two more full-time people for Park Maintenance. We would eliminate three or four seasonal employees. The new positions would be about \$430,000. of the increase. The other \$101,000. would be to fund the second half of the wage study.

Steve asked how much new growth we will collect on top of that increase. Tom responded that, historically, we get about \$75,000. to \$100,000. in new growth every year without touching the rate. Steve clarified that this is the growth that occurs after the May 22nd tax deadline. Tom said they have earmarked that money for some other things going forward. Luke asked Tom if they could explain what those earmarks will be for at the next meeting.

Kendall asked if the fair numbers are still coming in good. Tom replied that they are. We still have a couple of bills we are waiting for, but the fair was successful this year even though we missed a day with the rodeo.

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

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

AYE:	Kendall Crittenden
AYE:	Karl McMillan
AYE:	Steve Farrell
AYE:	Spencer Park
AYE:	Erik Rowland
AYE:	Luke Searle
NAY:	None

ABSENT: Mark Nelson

Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.