

**Wasatch County Parks & Recreation SSD #21
Board Meeting
April 13, 2021
Minutes**

Attendance Live & Zoom:

Jeff Wade, Chairman (Zoom)
Marilyn Crittenden, Vice-Chair
Kendall Crittenden, Member
Steve Farrell, Member
Danny Goode, Member (Zoom)
Mark Nelson, Member
Spencer Park, Member

Tom Bonner, Director (Zoom)
Heath Coleman, Asst. Director
Laurie Duke, Admin. Assistant
Amaria Scovil, Rec. Center Director (Zoom)
Jon Provost, Event Center Director (Zoom)
Eric Lappe, Programs Director (Zoom)
Dustin Grabau, Asst. County Manager

Chairman, Jeff Wade called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m.

Minutes:

Tom Bonner presented the minutes for March 9, 2021.

Board Member, Steve Farrell made a motion to approve the March 9, 2021 minutes.

Board Member, Mark Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carries with following vote:

AYE:	Board Chairman, Jeff Wade
AYE:	Board Member, Kendall Crittenden
AYE:	Board Member, Steve Farrell
AYE:	Board Member, Mark Nelson
AYE:	Board Member, Spencer Park
NAY:	None
ABSTAIN:	Vice-Chair, Marilyn Crittenden (Absent March 9 th)
	Board Member, Danny Goode (Absent March 9 th)

Warrants:

Tom Bonner presented the warrants for March 5, 2021 through April 8, 2021 in the amount of \$40,311.19.

Tom explained that the \$9,000. paid to Deere Credit is for the lease of two of our tractors for the year. The other big item is tennis at \$8,471., which is a pass through item. We will start seeing more pass through items now that we are able to run our programs again.

Steve asked Tom about the Battle of Scholars Sponsorship for Miles City Community College and Tom asked Jon Provost to explain this. Jon answered that we had participated in this scholarship program a few years ago and they called and asked us again. It is a Scholarship Sponsorship for up and coming college athletes for college rodeo. Steve asked if that covered Utah athletes as well and Jon responded that it covers athletes from all over the country.

Board Member, Steve Farrell made a motion to approve the warrants for March 5, 2021 through April 8, 2021 in the amount of \$40,311.19.

Board Member, Mark Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carries with the following vote:

AYE:	Board Chairman, Jeff Wade
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NAY:	None
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2021 Memorial Day Celebration Update:

Tom reported that we will be doing our Memorial Day Celebration on the Parade Route by Vets Park right across from the train station, where we did it last year. We will have a Veteran's Gathering at 10:00 a.m. for about a half hour to get a picture and to give them a gift. Amaria Scovil has reached out to Governor Cox to give a tribute and he has agreed to do this.

Kendall asked if the flags will line the road as they did last year and Heath answered that yes, it will be the same decorations as last year. Heath also showed the post card that is sent out to all the veterans. Kylee Geary keeps an updated list of the veterans, so hopefully all veterans receive this invitation.

Steve asked about a speaker and Heath responded that we will do something similar to last year where we partnered with the local radio station and we will have about a 20 minute tribute. Heath said that Amaria is working on this and will use some remarks from past speakers and Governor Cox's address. It runs continually through the day, so as people drive through they can listen to the tribute on the radio. Heath said that we will start advertising on all social media May 1st and will encourage everyone to put out a display to honor our veterans.

Steve asked if Memorial Hill could be open by Memorial Day and Mark Nelson explained it has been closed due to the construction going on around it. Steve said that he will contact Wes to see if it could be open on Memorial Day.

Mark Nelson mentioned that the Railroad has an event going on that evening and asked if the flags could be left up until the next day. Heath said that the problem is that once it gets dark the flags need to have lights and there are about 200 flags. It was decided that they would be left up until dusk, or at least until after 8:00 p.m., when the train departs. Mark explained that the event is a World War II Re-enactment and there will be a 21 gun salute before the train departs so Mark thought it would be awesome to have all the flags lining the street in front of the train station.

Mark asked if we anticipate doing something different next year or if this Drive-by Memorial is the new normal. Heath responded that they have had multiple discussions as a staff about this. He commented that in 2018 & 2019 attendance was going down. In 2019 we only had about 250 people. We increased our advertising and we even adjusted the time to be a little later, but the numbers were still down. Then when COVID hit and we came up with this different idea we had great participation and many people brought their own signs to honor their veteran. The consensus of the staff is that we would like to pursue what we are doing now because we have better attendance when people can drive by any time throughout the day. Tom stated that the possibilities are endless. We could add a speaker to our program at a specified time, or we could have a choir perform at a certain time, and different times throughout the day. He said that we want as many people to participate as possible. Kendall agreed and said that with changing things up each year it keeps the celebration alive and vital.

2021 County Fair Update:

Tom announced that we have started to advertise for the County Fair and he thinks we will be back to normal for this year. Ticket sales for the Derby and Rodeo will go on sale June 1st. Tom said that he put a Ticket Request Form in each of their boxes and they need to fill that out and get it back to Jodi Richins by April 30th.

Tom said that we have added Charley Jenkins to our schedule for Tuesday night, mainly due to the reaction we got last year to his concert. It was very well attended and people had a great time. In the past, Tuesday night has usually been a slow night.

Kendall asked if the council would be participating in serving on Monday and Wednesday night and Heath answered that yes, we will have our Party in the Park on Monday night and the BBQ dinner on Wednesday night. So we will be back to our normal schedule.

Heath said that the social media post that was sent out last Thursday had reached about 3,500 people and there were a lot of shares and interaction. Heath also reported that instead of sending the Fair Flyer with the entire schedule, we will be sending a post card to every resident, which will direct everyone to our website. There will be a printable schedule on the website for those who still want to have a hard copy. This will cut down on our costs significantly. Tom also commented that we will have sandwich board signs posted all throughout the fair sites with a schedule of events.

Heath reported that with the new state mandate on April 10th, regarding masks, Randall Probst said that we could seat at full capacity at the Derby and Rodeo as long as we mandate the wearing of masks.

Tom asked Steve if he liked the Parks & Recreation page on Facebook and Steve responded that he did.

Steve asked Tom if the advertising on our local radio station for the Wilderness Circuit Finals Rodeo was from us or from WCFR and Tom answered that it was from us. Tom said that we get the ticket money and so we do the advertising. Steve commented that we were getting a good start then.

Danny stated that Parks & Recreation do a good job with the fair every year, including last year under the COVID restrictions. He said that he looks forward to Fair Days and thanked Tom and his staff for all they have been doing. Mark echoed Danny's comments and added that Fair Days is one of the most important events of the year and sort of defines Wasatch County.

Jeff Wade asked if there were any other questions. There were none.

Board Member, Danny Goode made a motion to adjourn.

Board Member, Mark Nelson seconded the motion. Motion passes with the following vote:

AYE:	Board Chairman, Jeff Wade
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NAY:	None
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Meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Laurie Duke