

FoRB Board Meeting February 21, 2012

6:30 pm Nifong HyVee Meeting Room

Present: Kevin Roberson, Jeff Friel, Scott Schulte, Sue Tillema, Jan Weaver

Ex Officio: Jim Gast,

Guests: Roxie Campbell, Eric Bohle, Susan Haines

Call to order

Roll Call and volunteer log sheet

Agenda

Moved Hickam Cabin and Invasive Species to top of agenda to accommodate guests

Approval of January Minutes

Scott Schulte moved minutes, Kevin Roberson seconded, motion carried unanimously

Hickam Cabin – Susan Haines

Susan Haines outlined conditions that Bill Bryant (Parks Director) set out – someone to do the work, an estimate of the cost, an MOU and historical information.

She outlined the work that Wagner does restoring cabins. He can do the disassembly, numbering the logs, he has logs to replace deteriorated logs, and estimates a \$15,000 cost. Brad Eikert (?) will donate supplies from Boone Co Lumber at a discounted price. She has also located an heir of Ezekiel Hickam to get more historical information.

With the MOU negotiated by FoRB, most of the requirements are met.

With respect to the long term maintenance, perhaps a portion of dues could go to maintenance, or there could be special fund raisers.

Susan requested Board consider question of whether a committee should be set up, or if the whole board should be involved.

Board tabled further discussion to later in the meeting.

Invasive Species – Roxie Campbell and Eric Bohle

The goal of the plan is to get adjacent landowners inspired to do something about invasive species like bush honeysuckle, winter creeper and autumn olive, and give them the tools (loppers and herbicides) to do it.

FoRB would act as an umbrella organization with Park Staff and volunteers running the program. FoRB would also provide funds

What if someone lives some distance away? Anyone could come to a program, but tools and herbicides would be limited to surrounding landowners

How big a border is Roxie thinking? At least one landowner deep, about ¼ mile.

Motion: Roxie and Eric proceed with the plan and return with an introductory letter and a proposed budget for 2012 for the board to consider. Jan Weaver moved, Jeff Friel seconded, vote was unanimous.

Park Report – Jim Gast

Finished business plan

New step in Hickam Cabin plan, any major change requires environmental resource clearance, which may affect timeline because of the need to deal with asbestos

Still waiting to hear about wild cave tours, halted because of white nose and impacts on gray bat populations. If they started again, they might be limited to Aug-Oct.

Connors cave will open up for school groups on April 15 and for general public on May 15

Men's picnic scheduled for July 2

Treasurer's Report – Jan Weaver

See attached report

Jan hopes to have 2010 and 2011 990 EZ return ready by the next meeting

Old Business

Presentation Ceremony Stoerker Memorial April 14, 2012 – Kevin Roberson

Date is April 14, 2012. Expected guests: Bill Bryan, Sara Parker-Pauley, possibly Dave Murphy and someone from Optimists

Hickam Cabin – Kevin Roberson

Motion: Approve the MOU returned to us from DNR. See attached
Jan Weaver moved, Jeff Friel seconded, passed unanimously

Committee question posed by Susan Haines

Ask Susan Haines and Dottie Stoerker Peters to set up a committee:

1. Recruit one or two more committee members to assist with this project
2. Arrange a meeting with Mr. Wagner and Kevin Roberson to work out details of a proposal for a contract
3. Draft an agreement for the use of the Stoerker funds for the Hickam restoration for Board approval
4. Identify possible donors and work out a plan for contacting them AFTER a contract with Mr. Wagner has been approved and signed
5. Be prepared to attend board meetings and report on what the committee needs to go forward.

There should be no (more) outside fundraising until there is a signed contract with Mr. Wagner (or a similar party).

Solar Electrification – Scott Schulte

The sky window may be smaller than required. Scott will get together with Kevin Alleman to arrange an instrumental measurement of potential solar power.

Vault Toilet in lower parking lot – Kevin Roberson

Kevin is looking into cost of something less smelly and will present any options he finds to Jim Gast.

Walk-way to shelter – Jim Gast

No news

New Business

Moberly Area CC volunteers

Keep them in mind for pick up, invasive plant removal

Meeting place for next month

Meet at park during the spring, summer and fall months. Look for an alternative for winter months.

Earth Day – Jan Weaver

We have previously reserved a table next to the Park's table at the annual Earth Day. We have stuff to sell, and it is an opportunity to get the word out. We'll reserve a table and work out the staffing later

Meeting Adjourned

Motion to adjourn meeting: moved by Jan Weaver, seconded by Jeff Friel, unanimously approved.