

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
PARKS POLICY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022 AT 3:00 P.M.
TIMBERLAKE CAMPGROUNDS OFFICE
NORTHSORE CAUSEWAY, BRANDON, MS**

Members Present: Kenny Latham, Bruce Brackin, Phillip Crosby, Lonnie Johnson, John Pittman, Jack Winstead, and Don Thompson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Kenny Windham, Billy Cook, John Sigman, Jill McMurtrey, Adam Choate, Philip Huskey, Marcial Forester, Joel Still, Craig Hunt, Carlos Dipuma, Tammie Ballard, Mark Beyea, Karan Brister, Randy McIntosh, Ricky Flynt, Collin Caranna

The meeting was called to order at 3:02 p.m. by Parks Policy Chairman Kenny Latham.

Chairman Latham asked for a review of the meeting minutes of January 27, 2022.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of January 27, 2022. Mr. Winstead seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: For: Latham, Brackin, Crosby, Johnson, Pittman, Winstead, and Thompson. Against: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Latham asked for the next item.

Mr. Joel Still reviewed the campground and parks report for January 2022 with the committee.

Chairman Latham asked for the next item.

Chairman Latham requested a discussion by Scott County Board of Supervisors; however, the Scott County representative was not in attendance.

Chairman Latham asked for the next item.

Mr. John Sigman asked for approval of an alligator hunt in the Pelahatchie Bay area. Mr. Ricky Flynt from MDWFP was present to explain the alligator program that is being proposed, also mentioning that in 2020 there were 83 alligators removed from the residential portion of Pelahatchie Bay. The alligator program would consist of two 3-day weekend hunting seasons during the first two weekends of May 2023. The seasons would begin on Friday at 12 noon and extend to 12 noon on the following Monday. The hunting permits would be limited to six vessels and twelve permit holders chosen by a lottery and will be allowed to take two alligators each

restricted to 6 feet and above. This gives the potential of 24 alligators being taken both weekends for a total of 48 alligators removed.

Mr. Winstead made a motion to approve alligator hunts in the Pelahatchie Bay area, as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: For: Latham, Brackin, Crosby, Johnson, Pittman, Winstead, and Thompson. Against: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Latham asked for the next item.

Mr. Carlos Dipuma presented a progress report on the spillway fishing permit system, acknowledging that everything is going well, permits are being filled out, there have been a few citations written and the area is the cleanest he has seen in years.

Chairman Latham asked for the next item.

Mr. Craig Hunt requested the approval of alcohol permit for the event Shaggy's on the Rez. The event is being held on March 19th and they are seeking approval for a beer permit. Ms. Collin Caranna from Shaggy's was present and explained that the event is a crawfish boil and country music festival. This event is advertised as a family-fun festival and they have also partnered with the YMCA to help with activities for the kids.

Mr. Brackin made a motion to approve the alcohol permit for the event Shaggy's on the Rez, as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: For: Latham, Brackin, Crosby, Johnson, Pittman, Winstead, and Thompson. Against: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lonnie Johnson asked about dirt being hauled into Cole Bluff Park.

Chairman Latham asked for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Winstead made a motion to adjourn and Mr. Crosby seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows: For: Latham, Brackin, Crosby, Johnson, Pittman, Winstead, and Thompson. Against: None. Abstain: None. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Kenny Latham, Chairman