



MONTANA FWP

*Note: This meeting was originally scheduled for May 20, 2019, but at the request from the petitioner, the meeting date was changed to May 28, 2019.*

**Montana State Parks and Recreation Board (Video) Meeting Minutes**  
Helena Headquarters  
May 28, 2019

**Parks & Recreation Board Members Present:**

Angie Grove (in-person) Chair; Vice-Chair Mary Moe, Scott Brown; Erica Lighthiser; and Betty Stone.

**Staff Present:**

Director Williams, Becky Dockter, Pat Doyle, Coleen Furthmyre, Aimee Hawkaluk, Tom Reilly, Beth Shumate.

**Guests:** Michele Fromdahl (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers)

**Topics:**

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comment ~ For Issues Not On This Agenda**
3. **Board Deliberation Of An Individual Appeal of Department Decision Regarding Hell Creek State Park**
4. **Adjournment**

**1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Grove called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Public Comment ~ For Issues Not On This Agenda**

*None*

**3. Board Deliberation Of An Individual Appeal of Department Decision Regarding Hell Creek State Park**

Chair Grove explained the Board met earlier this month, May 10, 2019 and the meeting today is a follow-up conversation. At the previous meeting, the Board had presentations from the Department and the petitioner, and public comment was taken. No further presentations or public comment will be taken at this time. The purpose of this meeting is to finalize deliberations and move forward on this action item.

Chair Grove asked the Board if they had any issues or comments.

Member Brown commented at the meeting on May 10, 2019, at the end of the meeting, there was a difference of opinion between some Board members on how to proceed, whether to take a vote at that point or, whether to postpone until the Board receives the additional documentation that was talked about. He thinks the Board made the right decision to postpone the vote. After studying the new documents, he feels much better informed on voting. The potable water system for Hell Creek State Park was already designed by Great West Engineering and the internal Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) engineers; it was then reviewed and certified by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The

project was started and then stalled because of this appeal. For the good of Hell Creek State Park and all of its visitors, we should move forward on this issue and rebegin the construction of the water system.

Vice-Chair Moe stated she was very pleased with the thoroughness of the response the Department gave the Board. Particularly liked the clarity of the arguments and the abundance of evidence that addressed each one of the questions she had at the previous meeting. She is ready to vote and grateful for the information.

Chair Grove asked if any other Board members had comments.

Member Stone stated that she also feels the information that the Board was provided since the previous hearing in Helena is what was needed to make a determination. She is ready at this point, to make a motion if the Chair would entertain a motion.

Chair Grove stated she would entertain a motion but wants to check with Member Lighthiser to see if she has any comments prior to a motion being made.

Member Lighthiser stated she is grateful for the information and upon reviewing she feels very comfortable moving forward with this decision.

***Motion: Member Stone moved, and Vice-Chair Moe seconded that the Parks and Recreation Board deny the petition in whole.***

Chair Grove explained the Board needs to take a vote on the motion. The motion is to deny the petition in whole. All those in favor say aye: Chair Grove, Vice-Chair Moe, Members Brown, Lighthiser and Stone. All those opposed: none.

***Motion Carried. 5-0***

Chair Grove thanked the Board and the Department for the use the video/call-in system. The Members did an excellent job and thorough job on examining this and she appreciates all the time they made for this. She would also like to thank the Regions for setting up so the Board could participate through the system today. The next meeting will be held June 20, 2019 at MT WILD in Helena; there will be a volunteer appreciation luncheon that day; the Parks Division will be reaching out to each Board Member to discuss this luncheon and the volunteer from each Region. Would like each Board Member to participate in recognizing the volunteers that day; somebody will be reaching out to you in the next week or two.

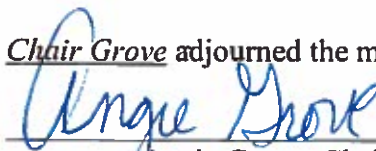
Chair Grove asked the Board if they had any further comments to make.

#### **4. Adjournment**

***Motion: Member Stone moved, and Vice-Chair Moe seconded to adjourn the meeting.***

***Motion Passed. 5-0***

Chair Grove adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

  
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Angie Grove, Chair

  
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Martha Williams, Director