

RUETER-HESS ADVISORY BOARD

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

a.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am.

. Roll Call	
PRESENT	Board Member Bill Wasserman.
	Alternate Ron Redd
	Board Member Austin Good
	Alternate Marne Hansen
	Alternate Michael Lawson
	Alternate David Anderson
	Alternate Amy Knopp
EXCUSED	Board Member Jeff Brauer
	Board Member Larry Nimmo
	Board Member Mary Colton
	Board Member Steve Shoultz
	Alternate Seth Hoffman
STAFF	

PRESENT Celeste Deal, County Liaison

b. Approval of the Agenda

Board Member, Bill Wasserman, asked for a motion from the Board to approve today's agenda.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	David Anderson
SECONDER:	Austin Good
AYES:	Wasserman, Redd, Good, Hansen, Lawson, Anderson, Knopp
EXCUSED:	Brauer, Nimmo, Colton, Shoultz, Hoffman

2. Approval of Minutes

Board Chair, Mr. Wasserman, asked for a motion from the Board to approve the Minutes from February 14, 2025.

RESULT:APPROVED**MOVER:**David Anderson**SECONDER:**Amy Knopp

AYES:Wasserman, Redd, Good, Hansen, Lawson, Anderson, KnoppEXCUSED:Brauer, Nimmo, Colton, Shoultz, Hoffman

3. Citizen Comment

There were none.

4. Discussion and Action Items

a. 2026 Use Fees

Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess, shared the Use Fee presentation.

RAB members asked questions and discussed.

User parking on off-season will still require reservations. If they just want to look, staff has been allowing access and this will remain.

Pavilion and Observation Deck Fees - Fee modification or waivers are still available if requested.

Special Use- RAB discussed event numbers and fees. The RAB would like to match the County numbers on Special Use Fees and trail use.

The RAB considered Season Passes at other reservoir locations. The RAB would like to decrease the amount to \$60.00 for the year until the reservoir has higher visitation. At that time the RAB will revisit or modify the number of passes available each year.

The reservation system limits may impede moving forward but Staff will work with IT on how to make the system work.

Board Member Mr. Wasserman asked for a motion to approve the 2026 Use Fees with a few modifications to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners. Board Member, Austin Good, made a motion to recommend the Use Fees for 2026 with the understanding that the season pass will be reduced to \$60.00 per year with no limit to

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the amount of passes available to help increase visitation.

b. Dock Update

Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess, shared the delivery date and next steps for the docks.

The docks will be delivered to the reservoir on April 9th.

Once the docks are installed a celebration and media opportunity will be scheduled.

RAB partners will be invited to participate and encouraged to do a media release.

c. Entrance Station and Roadway Improvements Update

Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess, updated the RAB on the entrance station improvements.

Different choices of Entrance Station Buildings and their prices were presented. RAB members discussed the buildings and prices.

Staff is researching building codes to complete the permitting process before ordering the building.

Board Member, Mr. Wasserman, asked for a motion to Approve additional funding of \$24,999 for the entrance station building at Rueter-Hess Reservoir.

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d. Rueter-Hess Update for February 2025

No discussion.

e. Rueter-Hess Budget Update for February 2025

No Discussion.

5. Other Business and Discussion

a.

Ron Redd, PWSD, informed the RAB that Commissioner Teal is encouraging the Boy Scouts to do a day camp at Rueter-Hess.

He also spoke of a possible future Eagle Scout Project at Rueter-Hess for a storage of watercraft. PWSD has predetermined a location on the property.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:49 am.