



RUETER-HESS ADVISORY BOARD

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024

MINUTES

Friday, November 15, 2024

9:00 AM

11865 Heirloom Parkway
Parker, CO 80134

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

a. Roll Call

PRESENT Board Member Bill Wasserman.
Alternate Ron Redd
Alternate Marne Hansen
Board Member Mary Colton
Alternate David Anderson
Alternate Amy Knopp

EXCUSED Board Member Austin Good
Board Member Jeff Brauer
Board Member Larry Nimmo
Board Member Steve Shultz
Alternate Michael Lawson
Alternate Seth Hoffman

STAFF

PRESENT Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess Recreation
Celeste Deal, County Liaison

b. Approval of the Agenda

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

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: Mary Colton

SECONDER: David Anderson

AYES: Wasserman, Redd, Hansen, Colton, Anderson, Knopp

EXCUSED: Good, Brauer, Nimmo, Shultz, Lawson, Hoffman

2. Approval of Minutes

Board Member Bill Wasserman asked for a motion to approve the Minutes for October 11, 2024.

RESULT: APPROVED

MOVER: David Anderson

SECONDER: Mary Colton

AYES: Wasserman, Redd, Hansen, Colton, Anderson, Knopp

EXCUSED: Good, Brauer, Nimmo, Shoultz, Lawson, Hoffman

3. Citizen Comment

There were none.

4. Discussion and Action Items

a. Fishery Update November 2024

The RAB discussed the October Fishery Update and the Fall Fishery Assessment from Aqua Sierra.

The health of the fishery looks good.

Mr. Redd, PWSD, requested staff to invite Aqua Sierra to the December RAB meeting to discuss recommendations for 2025.

Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess, was concerned with the fluctuating catch and keep recommended on the assessment, it could cause confusion for the public.

There may be a potential increase of anglers to 200 adult anglers per week for next fishing season starts in spring of 2025.

b. Rueter-Hess Use Fees

Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess, informed the RAB that the County leadership is planning to take the RAB's fee recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) in late June of 2025. The new fees would take effect in 2026.

Until the new fees are adopted, staff can process fee waivers if requested.

The RAB went over the proposed changes and made the following comments and recommendations to be revisited before the spring:

- Reducing fees may increase visitation.
- Changing from a percentage fee for events to a flat fee for Special Use and races.
- The RAB is requesting Staff to rework the Special Use fees to have a profit/commercial, and non-profit price. Each may have an added per-participant fee of a nominal amount which could include parking, making the reservation more user friendly for race administrators and staff. More discussion is needed to determine what the per-participant fee might be.

Staff will make modifications for the RAB's approval before drafting the recommendation to take to the BOCC in 2025.

c. Rueter-Hess Update for October 2024

No discussion.

- d. Rueter-Hess Budget Update October 2024
No discussion.

5. Other Business and Discussion

- a. Dock Update

Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess, briefed the RAB on the status of the dock bid.

The RAB recommended a rental boat dock, a public dock for launching of watercraft, and a fishing dock if the budget can support it.

The two smaller dock configurations for the rental boats and watercraft launching would be the priority. They may help more users transfer from the water to the shore.

The fishing dock is a lower priority with the possibility of purchasing a portion of the dock to start and then expand with more segments if desired in future phases.

Staff is in conforming the vendor's pricing.

If the bid process continues to be a challenge, there may need to be other options to consider.

Mr. Redd, PWSO, explained there's a possibility the current staging area may be underwater next paddle season as the water level rises over the winter months. The area for staging may need to be closed to cars for public safety reasons.

The walk is quite long from the parking area if users are carrying equipment. Possible carts or dollies may be allowed to help users get back and forth from the launch area.

- b. Master Plan Update

Amy Knopp, Manager, Rueter-Hess, gave updates on the status of the 2024 Master Plan.

Some of the additional items are the executive summary, maps and tables, along with some wording and format changes.

Maps of the current state are still being developed.

More information on the updates to the 2024 Master Plan will be presented at the December meeting.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

The Next Regular Meeting Will be Held on Friday, December 13, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m.