



Kachemak Bay State Parks Citizen Advisory Board
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Meeting Draft Minutes
December 30, 2021
Virtual Meeting with Microsoft Teams at 5:30 pm

1. Call to Order

- a. Roll Call – Board members present: Kirsten Dixon, Nancy Hillstrand, Kevin Walker, Sue Christiansen, Jeffrey Lee, Glenn Seaman, Robert Archibald, Yarrow Hinnant, Louis Dupree, Aron Peterson, Jack Blackwell, Jason Okuly Monica Alvarez, and Pamela Russell
- b. Board members absent: Beaver Nelson, Carol Harding, Sera Baxter, Mark Romano, Curtis Jackson
- c. Agenda – Sue Christianson moved to approve the agenda. Louis Dupree seconded. Minutes approved as written with correction of spelling of Yarrow Hinnant and Jason Okuly.

2. Public Comment:

- a. Cristen San Roman – Encourages board to support the resolution to oppose HB 52.
- b. Alan Parks – In opposition to HB52. Supports the KBSPCAB resolution. Urged to pass resolution tonight, vitally important.

3. Committee Reports:

- a. State Park Report: Superintendent Jack Blackwell - No report.
- b. Operations Report - Jason Okuly – No report.
- c. Friend's Report – No report.

- d. Water Trail Annual Report– No report
 - e. Eveline State Recreation Site Report- Cameale Johnson – No report.
 - f. Cottonwood Eastland – Aron Peterson – No report.
 - g. Habitat Committee – No report.
 - h. Trails Committee – No report.
4. Visitors: None
5. Old Business
- a. HB 52 resolution
 - Robert Archibald read the resolution as was reworked by special committee.
 - Motion to Adopt - Louis Dupree made a motion to adopt the resolution. Sue Christianson seconded.
- Discussion:
- Robert Archibald encouraged the Board to hold on passing the resolution.
- Jack Blackwell encouraged the Board to hold on passing the resolution until January.
- Nancy Hillstrand requested the resolution be passed and posted into the Homer News.
- Louis Dupree requests to withdraw his motion to adopt.
- Jeffrey Lee respectfully disagreed with Jack Blackwell.
- Kevin Walker agreed with Nancy Hillstrand and Jeffrey Lee.
- Aron Peterson agreed with Nancy Hillstrand and Jeffrey Lee.
- Glenn Seaman commented that he sees the benefit of passing and also, putting the resolution on hold until the next meeting in January.
- Sue Christiansen inquired about clarifying the resolution with an amendment
- Kevin Walker mentioned that the China Poot fishery would not be damaged by the closure of the Tutka Bay hatchery.
- Kirsten Dixon wonders what happens to the resolution once it is voted on.
- Nancy Hillstrand is asking what the objection from Glen Seaman is.
- Jack Blackwell explained there is ongoing discussion on the Bill and the context of the Bill may change over the next few weeks.
- Robert Archibald would like to keep the resolution in committee until next meeting in January.
- Louis Dupree mentions the language “as written” offers opportunity to change the resolution in the future.
- Nancy Hillstrand mentioned anyone could publish opinion in the local newspaper. Nancy feels the Board is being held hostage.

Jeffrey Lee emphasized he feels unhappy to postpone the resolution. Sue Christiansen mentioned that the legislation convenes in three weeks. She mentioned the Bill 52 in its current language states that the hatchery is compatible with the Park. It was clarified this was a different bill.

Robert Archibald asked Jake Almeda, Chief of Staff for Rep. Vance to clarify. Mr. Almeda says that with discussions with DNR, an illegal ILMA was created between DNR and ADFG that allowed the hatchery to be operated. Rep. Vance is trying to correct this issue. The land is under the authority of ADFG. He states there are three options: 1. Deem it a compatible use 2. Bill 52 as it was passed out of House fisheries committee, withdraw lands surrounding the hatchery from the Park (now sitting in House resources – Rep Vance hopes for a hearing when back in session), 3. [no #3 was discussed].

Kirsten Dixon mentioned that the conflict of Park and hatchery might not be resolved with Rep. Vance's revision.

Sue Christiansen questioned if land could in fact be designated by Commissioner vs. only by legislature. Monica Alvarez clarifies that the land out East End Road would be legislatively designated and already has an ILMA in place. An ILMA does not have the same protections as designated Parkland.

Nancy Hillstrand voiced concern that legislatively designated land could in fact be withdrawn from the Park. The Park was created in 1970 – CIAA received their permit 24 years later. Nancy requested a meeting with Rep. Vance – she felt that there is only one side of the story being listened to.

Robert Archibald asked what the Board wished to do with the resolution. He continues to recommend holding it in committee until January 12th.

Jeffrey Lee made a motion to pass the resolution.

Kevin Walker seconded the motion.

Glenn Seaman objected to the resolution being passed, recommending we wait to vote at our next meeting so we have more information.

A discussion by the Board followed.

Language was added to the resolution that inserted "As Presently Written" after all reference to CS HB-52

A vote followed to approve the resolution. 9 Yay, 1 Nay, 5 Absent

Robert Archibald asked if the Board wanted to hold the resolution in committee until January 12th.

A discussion by the Board followed.

No motion was made to hold the resolution.

New business: None

Representative Vance commented that she heard our concerns and respects the Board. She felt the resolution was well written and she realizes we do not agree with removing parklands. She stated that her goal is to solve the disposal issue and find a way to have a positive outcome.

Comments from the public:

Cristen San Roman – Expressed disappointment that Rep. Vance has time to revise Bill HB52, but the public won't have time to process it.

Alan Parks – Feels Board meetings are being steered away from the topics at hand.

Comments from the Board:

Kirsten Dixon hopes the Board and CIAA will work closely on shared goals.

Sue Christiansen has been working on securing ways to appreciate volunteers and in the process was provided a trip and dinner at the Saltry for Jack Blackwell in thanks for his difficult role and hard work having to go between the CAB, DNR, legislators and the Administration. He explained that he ethically couldn't accept it.

Nancy Hillstrand thanked Jack Blackwell.

Glenn Seaman believes that the sockeye fishery should not be held hostage. He requested information from Rep. Vance to keep the Board informed.

Aron Peterson said it is unacceptable to remove Parklands.
Kevin Walker will write a letter to the editor and run it by Robert Archibald.

Louis Dupree wished everyone a happy new year.

Yarrow Hinnant wished everyone a happy new year.

Jack Blackwell thanked the Board.

Kirsten Dixon - transcribed 1/4/2022

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