

MINUTES
KICKAPOO RESERVE MANAGEMENT BOARD
KICKAPOO VALLEY RESERVE VISITOR CENTER
March 21, 2019

- I. 7:00 PM Meeting called to order by Chair Ron Johnson.
- Board members in attendance: Ron Johnson, Paul Hayes, Richard Wallin, Reggie Nelson, Susan Cushing, Dave Maxwell, Travis Downing, A.J. Mann, Bill Quackenbush; absent: Tracy Littlejohn. Staff present: Marcy West, Jason Leis, Jonel Kiesau, Erica Cronk.
 - Motion by Cushing/Maxwell to approve the agenda. Unanimous.
 - Downing/Cushing motion to approve January 17, 2019 minutes; motion carried.
 - Compliance with open meeting law: West – Yes, it’s been posted in compliance with State law.
- II. Budget Report -
- West - [handout provided and reviewed on screen]. Review Year to Date FY19 (July 2018 through mid-March 2019) Appropriation summary. DOA is up to date on journal entries and transferring deposits/revenue into appropriate accounts. Revenue took a hit this year due to flooding. Ag Lease payments not yet accounted for in FY19 - invoices sent out and due back April 1. Money set aside in “special purpose” line in each appropriation for blacktopping Old 131 Trail project.
 - Budget Summary/Flood Recovery Supplement [handout provided and reviewed on screen]. Kickapoo Reserve Management Board (KRMB) received supplemental funding through State due to flood expenses incurred in August 2018 with more expenses yet to come as repairs continue this spring. Approved supplemental budget is for \$37,800.00. DOA will transfer flood expenses from 12100 to 16100 account to cover via supplement.
 - Review Governor’s Budget Proposal [on screen]. The request submitted to the Governor for full time Forestry position was recommended by the Governor. Will go to Joint Finance Committee and then full legislature for approval. Aids in Lieu of Taxes which is sum specific has been paid for FY19. Budget numbers based on previous year.
- III. Land Management Committee Update: Wallin and Leis –February 12, 2019 meeting
- Discussion on recommendation to adopt Commercial Use License Agreement for guides, outfitters, and/or concessionaries. Wallin shared that Leis contacted an attorney at Department of Administration (DOA). State attorney said KRMB legally needs to have a contractual agreement with anyone guiding here. A draft of KVR Commercial Use License Agreement [reviewed on screen] was created by State attorney with KRMB input. Quackenbush stated a Tribal Trust Lawyer needs to review the agreement before any further decisions are made. Quackenbush/Wallin motion to table Draft of KVR Commercial Use License Agreement until it can be reviewed by State and Ho-Chunk Nation lawyers. Motion carries.
 - Private party request to keep bee hives on property. Leis shared four potential sites were identified [map on screen]. Selected sites one and four based on location (places the public not likely to go). Jim Krause, in attendance, will pilot the program for one year. Krause intends to place at most 10 hives at each of the two sites mid-April to November 1st. The agreement between KRMB and Krause would be similar to an Ag Lease agreement. Krause has been approved on a one-year trial basis. After which time the process will be reviewed. KRMB can then decide if they will continue and if so, the request would be bid out to the general public. Wallin/Downing motion to approve Land Management Committee recommendation to allow Krause a one-year pilot agreement with restrictions noted at two predetermined sites on KVR property. Motion carries.

- Leis led discussion on fencing project and cost sharing agreement with neighbor adjacent to Rodgers Road [map on screen]. Landowner is ready to redo fencing along their property boundary some of which is with KRMB as well as shares a border with Ho-Chunk Nation (HCN) trust land. Agreement is that landowner will purchase materials, install fence, provide KRMB with receipts for supplies and KRMB then reimburses the landowner for State portion. HCN checking to see if agreement can dovetail for Trust lands. Landowner pays for installation of fence and required to maintain for 20 years. Surveyors may be out as early as next week. Quakenbush noted surveyor needs to watch HCN land impacts.

IV. Other:

- Audience – no issues.
- Agency Liaisons – no issues.
- Friends of the Kickapoo Valley Reserve – West update: Friends pledged \$15,000 towards Proposal and Agreement for consulting services with Jodi Sweeney, The Sweeney Group for the Visitor Center Exhibit Upgrade fundraising campaign.
- Board and Staff:
 - West seeks KRMB approval to contribute to La Farge Fire Department. Wallin/Cushing motion to donate \$550 to department for water rescue equipment costs. Motion carries.
 - Leis presented to KRMB a two-day training opportunity involving water rescues offered by Pioneer Rescue and Outfitters out of Larsen, Wisconsin. Training would likely happen in late summer on the Kickapoo River. There is space for 20 people to attend. Cost is \$3,500 total. Wallin suggest charging \$40 each for the people attending and KRMB would cover the rest. Leis will reach out to local fire departments and find a date that works.

V. Calls for Suggestions of Future Agenda Items – none.

VI. Next KRMB meeting April 18, 2019.

- VII. Cushing/Wallin motion to adjourn to closed session; motion carries. Motion to Convene in Closed Session – Annual Personnel Evaluation. Exemptions permitted: “[c]onsidering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.”, §19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stat.

Meeting adjourned to closed session 8:50PM.

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