

Jennings County Parks and Recreation Board Meeting

Meeting minutes for May 27, 2025

Park Board Meeting at Jennings County Government Center

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM

Present:

Board Members: Samantha Wilder, Bill Ertel, Jennifer Sanders, Kristin Wiley

Staff: Seth Jones

Guests: Linda Dickerson, Pat Dickerson

1. Approve Minutes - We can't approve minutes because Sam and Jennifer were not at the last meeting, and Avis, who was at the last meeting, isn't at this meeting. They will have to be approved at the next meeting.
2. Old Business -
3. New Business
4. Director's Report -
 - For the Vinegar Mill Renovation: Harmon's quote was \$4200 and Kova came in at \$1350. Jennifer made a motion that we made a motion to use Kova for the Vinegar Mill Project. Bill Seconded. All on the board voted in favor.
 - Seth wanted to get the No Climbing Signs. \$560 is the quote for this. Seth was wanting to use Non Reverting fund. Bill made a motion to use the Non Reverting Fund. Sam seconded. The Board voted for this.
 - 2 E-1 pumps \$880 out of Non Reverting Fund. Seth has contacted someone to piece meal the old pumps together. Buying a new one is \$4-5 thousand. Jennifer made a motion to get the pumps fixed out of non reverting. Bill seconded. The board voted in favor
 - Department Head Meeting: Tina Ellis said that we need to ear mark any unused money so that they can get the budget together. Seth emailed Nicci and Tina but has gotten no response.
 - Next Level Trail: Kristin said that she would reach out to Brad again.
 - Long term campers: 1 month = 20% off and 3 months = 25% off. Seth says that is hard because campers pay a month at a time, but then they want their extra money back. Seth asked if we can just make a flat 20% off for each month. We agreed that that would be fine.

- Community Garden: Megan reported that they had a map and plan. She was furloughed. Megan is back. The SWCD priorities have changed. Their funding is unstable. Megan is going to reach out to Becca. Megan is happy to take care of the raised beds, move them, seed it and make it so it never existed at all. Seth suggested maybe taking this year off and trying again next year. Megan agreed that might work.
- Splash Pad: April 14: The Ballast was bad. May 15: Installed Ballast. UV Sensor was bad. May 22: Installed sensor. As of now, it is up and running. Nobody follows the rules so it might not stay running.
- Grills/ FirePits: The worst ones have been replaced.
- Eco Lake Campground Bathroom: Just last night the bath house was vandalized again. We had a discussion about trail cams, security systems, calling the sheriff to ask for a presence out there.
- Inlet and overflow problems are caused by Beavers. Darrick Byers wants to build a temporary dam. DNR can trap them but they will just euthanize them. Building a new dam does not guarantee that the problem will be solved. The board decided it would be best to have DNR trap them.
- Eco Lake Dump Station: The Dump Station is not working correctly. The wires went bad because sewage vapors are very corrosive.
- Aquatic Control: First treatment has been completed. Seth will call when a second treatment is needed.
- New truck is not starting all the time. They took it to Ron's and he couldn't find the problem.
- The Scag is burning up oil. Need to replace the motor. Seth is waiting on a quote, but it will probably be between \$4,000-5,000.
-

5. Events:

- June 21: Barbers Bicycles
- July 11-13: DINO
- August: JCMS Cross Country
- Sept 25-28: BMW
- Oct 3-4 NICA bike race returning for a second year.

6. Next Meeting - June 24, 2025 at the government center

7. Adjournment: Kristin moved we adjourn. Jennifer seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:24.

Jennings County Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
May 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Bill Ertel

Avis McGovern

Samantha Wilder

Kristin Wiley

Jennifer Sanders
