



## Van Buren County Parks Commission

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Board of Commission Chambers

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### **Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2024, 11:00 AM Regular Meeting Minutes**

**A. Call to Order & Attendance** – Chairperson Mike Chappell called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM.

**Present:** Chairman Mike Chappell, Joe Parman, Becky Grabemeyer, Kurt Doroh, Wayne Nelson, Emily Hickmott and Daywi Cook. Also in attendance included: Lisa (Imus) Ransler. **Absent:** Vice Chair John Small, Richard Godfrey, and Paul Garrod.

**B. Approval of July 9, 2024 Agenda** - Motion to approve by Doroh, supported by Nelson; Motion: Carried.

**C. Approval of September 10, 2024 Minutes** - Motion to approve the September 10, 2024, minutes by Doroh, supported by Parman; Motion: Carried.

**D. Public Comments** - None.

**E. New Business**

1. **Proposed Partnership Initiatives** - The Commission reviewed opportunities to partner with local organizations to expand recreational programming. Members discussed potential joint events and resource-sharing options for upcoming seasonal activities, aiming to strengthen community engagement and program reach.

**F. Ongoing Business/Reports**

1. **Staff Report:** Ransler provided updates on ongoing projects:

- a. The Commission discussed upcoming projects across the County. To effectively prioritize efforts, all projects should be included in the Parks Master Plan with clearly defined budgets and priority rankings. Members are encouraged to report any new project proposals to Ransler for consideration in the next Master Plan update.
- b. The Kayak Launch project is awaiting a final contract from the state. Once received, construction design and oversight will begin with Abonmarch.
- c. Discussions on the Fairgrounds lease continue. Staff is awaiting further input from the Fair Board, particularly regarding boundary adjustments needed for the electric poles extending west of the carnival camping area.

**G. Review of Upcoming/Proposed Project Worksheet:** The worksheet was reviewed, with updates on financial impacts and project statuses provided.

**H. General Member Comments and Discussion - None.**

**I. Adjournment:** All business being completed, Doroh, supported by Hickmott made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 AM with unanimous consent.

Submitted by:

*Lisa Ransler*

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Lisa (Imus) Ransler, Recording Secretary