

1 **Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee**
2 **Regular Meeting**

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4 **MINUTES**

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6 **Thursday, September 28th, 2023**
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8 Members Present: Lynne Leland (LL), Steve Ferguson (SF), Brad Catton (BC)

9 Member Absent: Tom Sayre (TS), Mike Hinton (MH)

10 Commissioner Liaisons Present: None

11 Public Present: None

12 Staff Present: Steve Meshke (SM), Erica Keyser (EK)

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14 **Welcome and Call to Order**

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16 Chairperson called the committee meeting to order at 13:05.

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18 **Agenda Approval**

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20 Agenda was approved.

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22 **Minutes**

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24 The minutes for August 31, 2023 were approved as presented.

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26 **Public Comment**

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30 **Parks Report**

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32 SM submitted a second testing of Cullaby Lake's water algae toxins on September 18th. He
33 performed a sample grab from a thick green mat on the parks edge. Test results showed a
34 toxin level of 1.06/uL. A slight increase from the sample in August. The Oregon Health Authority
35 threshold for toxin levels is 8.0/uL and higher for a human health advisory. On the other hand,
36 OHA does not recommend animals ingest toxins over 1.0/uL. A wash station has been kept in
37 place for anyone, or pet, to use to rinse if wanted. The Park Host has been giving courtesy
38 warnings to pet owners about the algae. When in doubt, stay out.

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40 The current Park Host at Westport County Park is due to leave at the end of September. New
41 Hosts are arriving the first week of October and staying till February.

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43 John Day Ramp recently had an unlawful entry into a motor vehicle and theft of contents. At the
44 Sheriff's office request, SM was able to send the video footage and the person was found and
45 arrested.

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47 The ten-year Aldrich Point Boat Ramp lease is expiring this December. SM will email a packet
48 to the committee members with historical information about the property and lease information.
49 The Parks Department has the lease to maintain but not improve or change the property.
50 Maintenance has been done by both the Parks and Roads Departments. This property is
51 privately owned therefore Clatsop County cannot acquire outside grants or receive funding. This

1 includes the Oregon State Marine Board. The ramp is in poor shape and County funds are not
2 available to make improvements. SM desires to let the lease go and the property owners
3 maintain it themselves. Clatsop County does not own any properties near the ramp. BC
4 commented, there are currently two nice ramps on the river nearby, the John Day Ramp and
5 Westport Ramp.

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7 **Member Recommendation Letter to BOC Discussion**

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9 EK reformatted the BOC letter from the previous meeting. It was agreed to make it shorter with
10 bullet points and less for the Commissioners to read. The committee made a couple word
11 changes. The committee accepted the letter unanimously with the small changes. Brad will sign
12 and Steve will take it to the County Manager and Commissioners. SM will notify this group when
13 the in-person meeting will take place with the Board.

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15 **Committee Member Reports**

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17 SF: None

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19 LL: None

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21 BC: The 6th grade Forestry Days was a success. They had eight education stations to learn
22 from. 394 6th grade students and 26 homeschool students attended. Thank you, Oregon
23 Department of Forestry, for facilitating this event!

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26 **Next Meeting**

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28 December 7, 2023

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30 **Adjourn**

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32 As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 13:57

33 Respectfully Submitted,

34 *Brad Catton*

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36 Brad Catton, Chair