

Richland County Parks Committee

County Board Room, Courthouse

Minutes - June 12, 2025

Present: Josh Elder, Randy Nelson, Tricia Clements, John Collins, Alyne Hendricks, Cynthia Chicker, Eric Siemandle

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
2. **Proof of Notification** – Proof of Notification given by Elder.
3. **Agenda Approval** – Approval of Agenda on a motion by **John Collins** and seconded by **Eric Siemandle** Motion carried.
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – No minutes to approve as previous meeting was combined with fair.
5. **Public Comment** – No public comment currently.
6. **Reports** – Elder explained highway has taken over maintenance of all parks. Maps to be created to identify all campsites. Bike trails to be worked on as soon as resources are available.
7. **Discussion & Possible Action: Registration, Fees, Use of Parks** – Committee discussed different ways to identify campsites and make more presentable. Mentioned renting out shelter to groups. Elder explained that a resolution was previously passed to make shelter a first come, first serve basis. Elder suggested that parks could move forward with an online form to allow campers to submit payment online or provide free camping and use donations. Also suggested to make Rockbridge and viola park a day use facility only. Motion by **Eric Siemandle**, Seconded by **Cynthia Chicker**. Motion does not carry. Parks will continue to be used as camping facilities.

Elder suggests having camping fee of \$25. Motion by **John Collins**, Seconded by **Eric Siemandle**. Motion carries. Amended to not allow reregistration for camping for more than a period of seven days. Campers then must leave for seven days from all county parks before they return, Motion by **Eric Siemandle**, seconded by **John Collins**, Motion carries.

8. **Future Agenda Items** – Tobacco use

Next meeting scheduled for August 28th at 5:00pm.
9. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by John Collins, second by Eric Siemandle. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.