

Richland County Parks Committee

County Board Room, Courthouse

Minutes - August 28, 2025

Present: Josh Elder, Brian Theilman, Cynthia Chicker, John Collins, Alyne Hendricks, Daniel McGuire

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
2. **Proof of Notification** – Proof of Notification given by Elder.
3. **Agenda Approval** – Approval of Agenda on a motion by **Collins** and seconded by **Hendricks** Motion carried.
4. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – Motion to approve by Hendricks, seconded by Collins. Motion Carried.
5. **Public Comment** – Elder introduce Brian Thielmann. Thielmann handles maintenance along with Nelson of county.
6. **Reports** – Elder explained bike trail was looked at. Parks have been cleaned up outside of recent high water. Squatters have been around Viola, however, no other reported incidents. Issues have arised with the wells near Viola.
7. **Discussion & Possible Action: Registration, Fees, Use of Parks** – DATCP had reported violations for the parks: Camp spots were not marked with clear signage, Water must be accessible with a certain pressure (will have to cut back on camp spots), and no sign stating where nearest emergency telephone is. Suggested to only allow tent camping. After further discussion, decision to postpone any further action was made. To be discussed at later date.
8. **Discussion & Possible Action: Tobacco Use in Parks** - Previously discussed to consider, however, would include boat landings, parks, recreation trails, etc. Consider bringing in a group to present. To contact partners for prevention
9. **Future Agenda Items** – Registration, Fees, Use of Parks. Rules and regulations of tobacco use. Review and discussion on recreational plan and budget.

Next meeting scheduled for December 4th at 5:00pm.
10. **Adjourn** – Motion to adjourn by Collins, second by McGuire. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.