Commissioner Tiedt called the meeting of the Osceola County Parks Finance Committee to order at 1:00 p.m. A prayer was given followed by the pledge to the flag.

Present: Commissioners Teidt, VanEpps and Powell.
Absent: Commissioner Elkins
Park Personnel: Carl Baumgras, Julie Homan, Crittenden Park: Mike & Judy Murray
Others: Trent Livermore

**Agenda:** Motion by Commissioner VanEpps, supported by Commissioner Powell to approve the agenda with an additions of RL Water Well testing, RL Well House, Fire Rings, and group camping to new business. Motion carried unanimously.

**Public Comments** – Trent Livermore a Rose Lake camper asked the committee about his family receiving a letter banning them from camping within the Osceola County Parks. He was very confused by the receipt of this letter last fall. He informed the committee that no employee from the campgrounds ever approached or spoke with them about unruly behavior while camping at the parks. He has 18 years in law enforcement and he doesn’t understand why he received this letter. He knows that campers should be held accountable for camping rules and for each individual behaviors, but would like to be reconsidered to camp at the parks in the future. The committee thanked Trent for coming forward and being straight up with the committee. The Parks have mismanaged the situation of banning campers without first approaching the campers. Recommendation by Commissioner Powell, supported by Commissioner VanEpps to rescind the banned letter and reinstate Trent Livermore and his family for camping privileges for the future as long as he gets the Parks Commission approval at the July 21st meeting. Recommendation carried unanimously.

**Approval of Prior Minutes.** Motion by Commissioner VanEpps, supported by Commissioner Powell to approve the minutes of May 5, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

**New Business:**
Claims were presented in the amount of $20,703.45. Recommendation by Commissioner VanEpps, supported by Commissioner Powell to approve the claims in the amount of $20,703.45. Recommendation carried unanimously.

The revenues and expenditures through May 31, 2015 for both parks were reviewed. The revenues to date were $113,767.84 with another $3,999 received from last week camping and the expenditures were $59,695.09. The checkbook balances are $88,821.96.

The beach slide was reviewed for implementation according to MMRA recommendations for operation. The name will be beach slide for the Rose Lake park slide. Training, opening, and closing will be documented for all operations of the beach slide. Log books will be recorded and all information supplied at the meeting will be sent to the County Coordinators office for review. Signs will be placed at beach operation for No Standing and No Headfirst while on the beach slide.

The donations for the Rose Lake mini golf operations are being reviewed for implementation. An implementation target date will be discussed at a later meeting. A donation form was presented.

Bids for 9 - 2XL shirts was received and reviewed. Discussion was received to have better name tags for the park employees. Recommendation by Commissioner VanEpps, supported by Commissioner Powell to approve the bid from Aramark Uniforms for $244.31 for 9 2xl shirts. Recommendation carried unanimously.

Testing for our wells at both parks have been submitted to the health department. Rose Lake wells 3 and 4 have received positive reports for e-coli levels and retesting will need to be completed. Bob Sherock from the county Health Department and Waldron Well Drilling have reviewed the wells and made suggestions to help get readings at acceptable levels for these two wells. The south restroom bladder tank should be replaced and an estimate of replacement/repair came in around $2,100.00 from Waldron Well Drilling.

The well house at Rose Lake Park needs to be built higher in order to get to the pump.

15 fire rings are needed for both parks and a bid of $30.00 each from Delongs of Hersey was reviewed. Recommendation by Commissioner VanEpps, supported by Commissioner Powell to approve the bid from Delongs of Hersey for a total of $450.00 for 15 fire rings. Recommendation carried unanimously.

Group camping at both parks was reviewed for rules and/or policies for implementing group camping. The Parks Director and Bookkeeper will put together a procedure to review for implementing group camping calls coming into the office.

Incident reports discussed regarding following policies and implementing them by the managers at both parks.

**Old Business:**
The 2016 rates were reviewed for changes. Information from other parks and the rates they charge will be developed with a spreadsheet detailing the rates at other local parks.

2014/2015 Projected Plans for Improvement and the Five Year Plan information were reviewed throughout the meeting. The Parks Director and Managers need to review the Projected Plans for Improvement list for completions to be removed from the list.
Park Manager/Employee Comments:

Crittenden Park received surveys indicating the maintenance employee has rude behavior and bad language. This behavior will not be tolerated and the manager has talked with the employee and the volunteer. These issues will be worked out and documented.

Rose Lake north restroom is in need of new hot water heaters. Both are currently electric, the Parks Director to look into pricing of on demand water heaters.

The Parks Director explained Mike Tribley’s health conditions and surgery dates.

An Open House at Rose Lake was discussed for help in funding the mini golf project. Tustin Trails donated a couple dozen golf balls for use at our mini golf to Commissioner VanEpps who then decorated them with the Spartan and Wolverine colors.

Motion by Commissioner VanEpps, supported by Commissioner Powell to adjourn at 3:20 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. The next Finance Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, July 7th at 1:00 p.m. in the courthouse.

Respectfully submitted,

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Julie Homan – Executive Secretary/Bookkeeper
Draft until approved at the next Osceola County Parks Finance Committee meeting