

Wrightsville Beach Recreation District

Board Meeting - April 22, 2025

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: In person - Maggie Ferron, Dan Currier, Jon Copans, Lincoln Frasca, Jane Dudley. On screen - Carl Witke and Aric Brown

1. Public input - No public comments reported
2. Changes to agenda - None requested
3. Department of Labor login - Dan Currier was just contacted by VT DOL. He now has the WBRD account number. Dan does not have the login, but will try to retrieve it. WBRD needs to register each hire with VT DOL by completing an online form. There was some discussion about who would handle this task. Dan will approach Nancy with CVRPC to see if this could fall within the administrative services they provide.
4. Budget review - This was an opportunity for Dan and other board members to provide background and an overview of the approved 2025 WBRD Budget for new Beach Director Jane Dudley. It was noted that FEMA income and related project expenditures are not accounted for. Similarly there is not a tractor purchase in the current budget. No board action was taken
5. Website/ pricing - Jane made a recommendation for simplifying the fee structure for WBRD. This includes:
 - A unified pass that covers both disc golf and beach access
 - Eliminating an “out-of-state” category for collecting fees
 - Eliminating a shelter discount for seasons pass holders or district residents
 - Reducing from 25% to 20% the discount for boat rentals for season’s pass holders
 - New additional benefits for passholders possibly including a free boat rental, guest passes, and a free game for shelter rentals.
 - Other minor changes

Adoption of this proposal was moved by Dan Currier. Seconded by Maggie Ferron. Approved unanimously

6. Tractor - WBRD's tractor was damaged in the 2024 flood. Verdict from the Kubota dealership is that the damage was beyond repair. According to emails between the former beach director and the insurance provider, a check for \$5,### was provided as pay-out for the tractor. This was likely deposited sometime late in 2024. There is not funding in the current budget for a new tractor purchase. Different options were discussed including a used tractor, potentially equipment surplus from BGS or another municipality. Aric offered to temporarily donate the services of his tractor, though without a mower deck it doesn't cover the beach's most critical need. Aric offered to reach out to 3 equipment dealers to price a new tractor. Specs will be obtained from the Kubota dealer. The decision was to do this fact-finding and make connection with insurance to determine the reasoning behind the payout amount in advance of making a decision about the purchase of a new tractor. With a first beach event happening May 17th, there is urgency to have this resolved. No formal board action taken

7. Beach Facilities Job Description - Jane shared the revised facilities manager job description. It was agreed that the crafting of the job description and negotiation of pay rates falls within the authority of the Beach Director. WBRD board members are happy to provide support and advice with this and other personnel matters. No formal board action taken

8. Shelter reservations - The beach reservation app, "Appointy," is far from perfect. Jane shared some frustrations about navigating the app's customer service to try to have our needs met. The board indicated comfort with two possible scenarios:

- Figure out how to handle reservations without an online tool
- Sign up temporarily for a more robust support package from Appointy to work to address needed issues

Beach Director has authority to resolve this issue however they see fit.

9. Other business - None

10. Schedule next meeting - Tuesday, April 29, 5:00 PM. Note: Lincoln will not be present.