

RESOLUTION NO. 24-14

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO**

A RESOLUTION CREATING THE HUERFANO COUNTY PARKS BOARD

WHEREAS, C.R.S. § 30-11-107 (n) authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to establish any such office that in its judgment may be required for the efficient management of the business and concerns of the county; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has determined that the establishment of certain boards and committees is necessary to help protect the best interests of the County's inhabitants and to promote the health, safety, prosperity, security, and general welfare of the County; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners desires to create a County Parks Board to provide advice on and assistance in developing a sustainable parks program that enhances the lives of residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners that the following is hereby adopted:

Section 1. Creation and Organization.

1. There is hereby established, under the authority granted to the Board of County Commissioners in CRS §30-11-107, an advisory board that shall be known as the Huerfano County Parks Board, hereinafter "Parks Board".
2. The purpose of the Parks Board is to advise the Board of County Commissioners on developing a fiscally sustainable County parks program that improves the quality of life for County residents.
3. The Parks Board shall consist of a maximum of 7 members appointed by the Board of County Commissioners for a term of three years.
4. Membership in the Parks Board shall reflect a balance in geography, population, and interest.
5. Members of the Parks Board must either be registered to vote within Huerfano County or be enrolled in a school located in Huerfano County.
6. All members appointed to the Parks Board will serve without compensation, except that they may be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the conduct of Parks Board business.

Section 3. Meetings.

1. The Parks Board shall meet at least quarterly and as often as may be necessary for the proper performance of its duties.
2. The Parks Board is empowered to adopt reasonable rules and regulations for conducting its meetings and affairs. Provided however that:

- a. A quorum of the Parks Board shall consist of a simple majority of its members.
- b. All meetings shall be open to the public and an agenda shall be made available to the public at least one working day before the meeting.
- c. Approved minutes of meetings shall be a matter of public record.
- d. The Parks Board shall elect one of its members as chair annually. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the Parks Board. The Parks Board shall elect, in the same manner and for the same term, one of its members as Vice-Chair who shall act as chair during the absence of the Chair.

Section 4. Powers and Duties.

- 1. The primary and general responsibility of the Parks Board is to all residents of Huerfano County, the Board of County Commissioners, and Huerfano County Parks. Their primary duty is to protect and represent the best interests of the entire county. Board members must carefully assess all aspects of the issues at hand, ensure that decision-making factors are well-founded, determine if the matter serves the county's best interests, and make honest decisions accordingly.
- 2. Members of the Parks Board must demonstrate an active interest in the goals, objectives, and issues involving the County's parks, trails, open space, facilities, and programs. Members should also be familiar with the existing plans for County parks, trails, and recreational facilities.
- 3. The Parks Board shall make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners regarding:
 - a. The annual capital improvement and maintenance budget for County parks;
 - b. Long-range goals for the acquisition, disposal, jurisdictional transfer, and development of County parks, trails, open space, and related facilities;
 - c. Land use matters relating to County Parks;
 - d. Fee schedules for park rentals and County recreational programming; and
 - e. Issues that specifically relate to policies, philosophy, and objectives involving County Parks.
- 4. The Parks Board shall advise the County Planning Commission and Tourism Board on matters and activities related to County Parks.
- 5. The Parks Board shall develop and maintain collaborative working relationships with the Raymond Aguirre Community Center Board, the County Fair Board, and other boards or entities that have been designated to oversee certain Parks or have long-term agreements for the management and operation of County recreational facilities. This involves developing mutual understanding, sharing resources, and working together to enhance the quality and accessibility of recreational services and facilities for the community.
- 6. The Parks Board shall have the authority to enter into agreements for grounds maintenance and recreational programming, with the consent of the Board of County Commissioners. Such agreements must: (1) end either before or at the end of the current calendar year; (2) use budgeted funds; and (3) have a value lower than \$10,000.

7. The Parks Board shall have the authority to solicit and evaluate potential concessionaires for the operation of County Parks. Further, the Parks Board shall negotiate a draft agreement for the review and approval of the Board of County Commissioners.
8. The Parks Board may, from time to time, develop a Park Master Plan for the County as a whole or a specific existing or proposed County park or recreational facility.

Section 5. Support.

The County Administrator, or a designee thereof, shall provide administrative support to the Parks Board.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS 27th day of FEBRUARY 2024.



ATTEST:

 County Clerk and Recorder and
 Ex-Officio Clerk to said Board

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO

BY _____
 John Galusha, Chairman

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