

Operations & Education Committee Meeting  
Thursday, May 7, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

1. Update on Status of NRD Parks & COVID-19 Restrictions

- All parks are open
- All camping is open (RV, primitive, tent)
- Some restrooms were opened Friday, May 8 (only concrete restrooms at Iron Horse, Kirkman's, Duck Creek; wooden restroom at Wirth Bros.); restrooms will be cleaned Monday & Friday with some additional sanitizing of door handles, grab bars, etc.
- Playgrounds and picnic shelters still closed indefinitely
  - New playground equipment at Iron Horse is installed but closed (swings will not be installed until restrictions are lifted)
- May limit camping to max of 8/party
- Beaches are open unless large groups become a problem
- All campsites with electricity were full at all parks last 3 weekends; most primitive RV sites also full
- Some issues with defacing a restroom; lots of trash
- Some problems with campers saving spots with lawn chairs, vehicles, boats, etc.
- Unsure if everyone is paying all fees, but we are bringing in lots of money

2. Invasive Tree Problems at Kirkman's Cove

The committee discussed the trees that have already been removed at Kirkman's Cove near the outdoor chapel. A question was raised about whether additional trees will be removed across the road to the west of the chapel. No action was taken, but this might be a consideration for the FY21 budget.

3. Urban Special Project Applications (see additional information provided separately)

- Two applications received
- Funding for these would come from the 20-21 budget; no set amount in the budget (dependent on what is approved tonight)
- Maximum cost-share per project is \$25,000 (50/50 cost share)
- Applications received:
  - Pawnee City Public School – Plant native trees and grasses at different locations around school campus
    - Total project cost = \$6,660.00
    - NRD cost-share requested = \$3,330.00
  - Humboldt Lions Club (City of Humboldt) – concrete trail through Humboldt lake park recreation area
    - Total project cost = \$11,500.00
    - NRD cost-share requested = \$5,750.00

4. Watershed of Wonders Day Camp Cancellation

- Originally scheduled June 17 at Duck Creek
- No registrations were received yet; no funds expended
- Cancelled May 1 due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions
- Camp requires close interaction among staff and participants and participants working in group settings
- No plans to reschedule this year; instead will hold in June, 2021