

Augusta County Government Center
Main Board Room, Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 7:00 PM, .

1. Call to Order

Mrs. Williams called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Mrs. Gordon can not attend tonight's meeting due to illness and has asked to attend remotely.

Mr. Ernie Landes made a motion to approve Anne Gordon attending the meeting remotely due to illness. Mr. Bridge seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Comments by the Public

Mr. Tom Thacker of Weyers Cave was at the meeting to present a Matching Grant proposal for the Weyers Cave Recreation Association, Inc. The Commission welcomed him to the meeting.

Mr. Thacker gave a brief history on the Weyers Cave Recreation Association, Inc.(WCRA) and how and why it was started. He stated this is the 6th Matching Grant WCRA has applied for through the County since the organization began in 1978. He stated the previous Matching Grants were for a walking trail, outdoor basketball courts, soccer field, new playground, and most recently, a home run fence for the ball field in 2020. He stated WCRA was approached by former Parks and Recreation Commission member, Ronnie Ritchie, in 2016 about adding some pickle ball courts to get the senior citizens in the community active. The Association agreed and spent the next several years trying to find a suitable location. WCRA did receive some financial assistance for this project from the Houff Charitable Foundation. He informed the Commission of how quickly the project was able to be completed and why. He stated since the grand opening of the courts roughly two weeks ago there has been a wonderful response. He stated seniors mostly use the courts in the morning hours, where the evening hours have had more family use. Several Commission members thanked Mr. Thacker for his time both for the presentation and for the organization seeing this project through. Mr. Thacker thanked the Commission for their time hearing the presentation.

Mr. Bridge made a motion to recommend the Board of Supervisors award the Matching Grant as written. Mr. Landes seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Wells informed the Commission there are a few items that need to be completed by WCRA before it can be brought before the Board of Supervisors. This may result in a delay in presenting it to the Board of Supervisors.

3. Adoption of Minutes

1. July minutes for approval

No amendments or questions regarding the July minutes.

Mrs. Bosserman made a motion to approve the July minutes as written. Mr. Curry

seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

4. **PRESENTATION BY WEYERS CAVE RECREATION ASSOCIATION, INC. (WCRA)**

5. Treasurer's Report

Mr. Wells presented the Treasurer's report as written. No questions or comments.

6. Director's Report

1. August Director's report

Mr. Wells highlighted the Director's report. No questions or comments regarding the report.

7. Matters to be presented by the Commission

Mr. Bridge informed the Commission that he and Mrs. Bragg discussed possible locations in the greater Stuarts Draft area for additional pickle ball courts in the County. He further stated there has been more talk about the possibility of an athletic facility in the future.

8. Matters to be presented by Staff

Mr. Wells informed the Commission he has been in talks with Community Development regarding converting the Beverly Manor courts into pickle ball courts. He stated the schools have given the green light as they have no plans to use the courts in the future. He has also had inquiries from Board of Supervisor members regarding more locations for pickle ball courts.

Mrs. Bosserman asked if there would be room for pickle ball courts at Crimora Park. Mr. Wells stated there is not currently room as the lower half of the park is in a flood plane and the upper half of the park would not have space with the current layout.

9. Old Business

No old business to discuss.

10. New Business

No new business to discuss.

1. Recreation Matching Grant application by WCRA, Inc.

11. Announcement of Next Meeting & Adjournment

Mrs. Williams announced the next meeting will be on September 18th at 7pm at the Government Center Boardroom.

Mrs. Bosserman stated she will be out of town for work during that meeting and will

likely request to remotely attend.

Mr. Bridge made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Landes seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.