

JEROME COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Tuesday, June 2, 2020

PRESENT: Charles Howell, Chairman
Ben Crouch, Vice Chairman
John Crozier, Commissioner
Jane White, Deputy Clerk

The Commissioners convened at 10 A.M. in the Snake River Canyons Park to dedicate an arbor and trailhead.

Approximately 50 persons were present, including Judge Roger Burdick, State and Congressional representatives, and a television station.

Mike Tylka, as chairman of the Snake River Canyons Park Managing Board, offered a history of developments in the Park to make it more convenient and safer for recreationists. He said a major obstacle was overcome on May 1, 2019, when the Commissioners passed an ordinance restricting shooting in the Park.

Tylka stated nine volunteers on the Park Board are mapping and naming all the trails in the Park. He said one is named for Virginia Ricketts, a long-time historian of the local area.

Tylka related that the previous September the Park Board had acquired an arbor from a former rest area and donated by the State. He noted that Melissa Barry, executive director of Southern Idaho Tourism, and her husband had spent many hours in cleaning and painting the arbor.

Tylka then dedicated the arbor to former County Commissioner Roger Morley, who had been instrumental in forming the current Park Board and was passionate about the possibilities of the Park.

Morley expressed thanks for the honor and said developing the Park was not a one-man job. He mentioned those who help, including the Bureau of Land Management, recreation groups, and Commissioner Howell. He said the park was a safe place to recreate and spend time with one's family.

Commissioner Howell congratulated the Park Board members for their hard work and Tylka for accomplishing improvements.

Larry Hall, executive director of the Jerome 20/20 economic development group, related that updating the County Comprehensive Plan and writing a chapter on recreation and tourism had contributed to improving the Park and bringing people in to enjoy the area.

Hall then announced approval of a grant the previous day to build a parking area to encourage enjoyment of 5,000 acres. He said the next grant application would be for pit toilets.

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Commissioner Howell invited Roger Morley to cut the ribbon dedicating the arbor in his honor, which was held by Jerome Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Cheryl Viola and Member Julie Arroyo.

The Commissioner also introduced Morley's wife, LaRene, and asked Codie Martin to step forward to recognize him as a BLM representative working with the County to develop the Park.

Respectively submitted:

Charles M. Howell, Chairman

Jane White, Deputy Clerk

A. Ben Crouch, Vice Chairman

John Crozier, Commissioner