STATE PARKS, RECREATION AND TRAVEL COMMISSION
Special Meeting -Virtual
September 2, 2025 @ 10:30am

Commissioners Present
Blair Allen, Chair
Austin Albers, Vice-Chair
Mitchell Allen
Jim Shamburger
Bob Connell
Clint Gaston
Molly Houseworth
Kalene Griffith
Eric Jackson

Commissioners Absent
Rebecca Baker
Shash Goyal
Marshall Ney
Gary Vernon
Randy Wolfinbarger
Jordan Wright

Staff Present
Shea Lewis, Secretary, ADPHT
Suzanne Grobmyer, Chief of Staff, ADPHT
Kori Bull, Project Coordinator, Tourism
Zack McGill, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, ADPHT
Katie Fite, Chief of Communications, ADPHT
April Kiser, Deputy Chief of Communications
Jeff King, Deputy Director, Arkansas State Parks
Mike Wilson, Assistant Director, Arkansas State Parks
Chris Myers, Planning and Development Manager, Arkansas State Parks
Sharon Allen, Administrative Assistant, Arkansas State Parks

CJRW
Darin Gray
Mark Raines

Welcome and Call to Order
Chair Blair Allen called the meeting to order at 10:37am. Zack McGill called roll.

Approval of Agenda
Chairman Allen asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Eric Jackson made the motion to approve the agenda, and the motion carried.

Director's Comments
Jeff King, Deputy Director, thanked the Commissioners for joining and explained that State Parks is looking to move forward with a selected contractor phase I construction on the Mena Trails Project. Today's special meeting will allow State Parks to take the contractor recommendation to the Arkansas Legislative Council later this month for review.

Queen Wilhelmina State Park -Mena Trails Alternative Method Contractor Selection *
Chris Myers, Planning & Development Manager, described the selection process and explained why Kinkos Constructors was selected. He gave a brief overview of their background and special qualifications for this specific project. The committee recommends moving forward with the next steps of working through contracting with Kinko Constructors.

Kaleen Griffith made a motion to approve the recommendation; Eric Jackson seconded, and the motion carried.

Additional conversation ensued regarding the selection.

Jim Shamburger made a motion to move forward with the recommendation, and the motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Allen at 10:48 a.m.



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