

**Arkansas State Parks, Recreation & Travel Commission
Desha County Courthouse
Arkansas City, Arkansas
April 15, 2010**

Commissioners Present

Montine McNulty, Chairman	Darin Gray
Bob Knight, Vice-Chairman	Debbie Haak
Steve Arrison	Mike Mills
Bill Barnes	Tom Schueck
Jay Bunyard	Ness Sechrest
Danny Ford	Jim Shamburger
Jim Gaston	Cindy Smith

Commissioner Absent

Billy Lindsey

Department Staff Present

Richard W. Davies, Executive Director
Gloria Robins, Executive Assistant
Greg Butts, Director, Arkansas State Parks
Joe David Rice, Tourism Director
Nancy Clark, Assistant Tourism Director
Mac Balkman, Operations Manager
Stan Graves, Parks Planning & Development Manager
Joe Jacobs, Marketing & Revenue Manager
Joan Ellison, Public Information Officer
Dena Woerner, Communications Manager
Renee Robison, Group Travel Manager
Donna Perrin, Tourism Development Manager
Joanne Hinson, Research & Information Services Manager
Marcel Hanzlik, Region III Supervisor
Dottie Boyles, Administrative Specialist
Kris Richardson, Administrative Specialist
Kim Williams, Arkansas Travel Writer
Martin Reese, Lake Village Welcome Center Manager
Ocie Hunter, Lake Village State Park Superintendent
Christy Murphy, Arkansas Post Museum Superintendent
Matt O'Neal, Delta Heritage Trail State Park Superintendent
Maria Jackson, Museum Program Assistant Arkansas Post Museum

CJRW

Shelby Woods
Wayne Woods
Karen Mullikin
Carrie Orahoad
Chance Woods
Jennifer Morgan

Aristotle

Marla Johnson Norris
Dina Pruitt

Guests

Robert Moore, Arkansas State Representative
Carolyn Blissett, Mayor of Arkansas City
Mark McElroy, Desha County Judge
Dennis Tracy, Little Rock Convention & Visitors Bureau
Vince Guest, Cross County Bank
David Dowd, Cross County Bank
LaWarn Rodgers, University of Arkansas at Monticello College of Technology-McGehee
G. A. Yerri, Lake Village
Anthony Averitt
Angela Williams
Christa Burrows

Roll Call

Chairman Montine McNulty called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. on Thursday, April 15, 2010. Gloria Robins called the roll.

Approval of Agenda

Steve Arrison moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Debbie Haak seconded and the motion carried.

Presentation of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Jim Shamburger moved to accept the Minutes from the February 2010 meeting. Steve Arrison seconded and the motion carried.

Speaker-Designate Robert Moore, welcomed guests and commissioners to Arkansas City. He gave a brief history of the courthouse and Arkansas City, which has seven buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Cynthia Dunlap presented the financial report for the period ended March 31, 2010. The expenditures were: Parks Division, \$ 52,265,274 including construction and grants; Tourism Division, \$10,478,692; Keep Arkansas Beautiful, \$474,778; Administration Division, \$2,342,242; and History Commission, \$1,222,099. Expenditures for the Department totaled \$66,783,085. The year-to-date operating revenue Parks Division totaled \$15,298,267, a decrease of 3.2% over the same period FY2009.

**Ness Sechrest moved to accept the Financial Report as presented.
Danny Ford seconded and the motion carried.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Richard W. Davies updated the Commission on a request for a waiver for disposal of steel rails along the Delta Heritage Trail State Park. Local legislators are working with staff from the Governor's office to answer additional questions received from the Secretary of Transportation.

The Arkansas Congressional delegation announced on April 9, the USDA Forest Service said it was initiating a review of the decision to reduce access to the Wolf Pen Gap ATV area in the Ouachita National Forest. The plan, announced in January, would reduce access to the Wolf Pen Gap area by over 70 percent. The plan was appealed by over two dozen citizens and citizens groups. It appears that other restrictions for ATV use have been upheld, although appeals concerning cross-country travel are still pending.

Bill Barnes moved to send a follow up letter on behalf of the Commission to the Congressional delegation to reconsider opening the remainder of the U.S. Forest Service trails. Jim Shamburger seconded and the motion carried.

TOURISM DIVISION

Economic Research Associates/Longwoods Strategic Plan

Richard Davies and Joe David Rice gave an update on the ERA/Longwoods Strategic Plan. Mr. Davies reported they met with Governor Mike Beebe who was pleased the different state agencies were willing to work together on the project. Mr. Rice announced that a copy of the ERA/Longwoods project report and *2009-2010 Annual Report* would be mailed out to everyone who participated in the survey as well as city leaders.

Ozark Medieval Fortress

Mr. Rice extended an invitation to the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Ozark Medieval Fortress, in Lead Hill on April 29. The fortress will be the first full-sized fortified castle built on American soil. Workers, dressed in 13th century period clothing, will be using tools, methods, and principles from that time period, to create the castle.

36th Annual Governor's Conference on Tourism

Nancy Clark reported 585 people registered for this year's conference. The response from the evaluation forms received thus far has been positive. The silent and live auctions netted approximately \$65,000.00. The 2011 Governor's Conference on Tourism will be held in Little Rock at the Peabody Hotel.

Research and Information Services Section

The Research and Information Services Section processed 10,286 requests for information during February 2010, a decrease of 7.1 percent from February 2009. The total requests for March was 15,878, a 64.9 percent decrease from March 2009. Arkansas Welcome Centers received 37,701 visitors during February 2010, up 15.2 percent from February last year. March visitation totaled 73,121, an increase of 11.2 percent from March 2009.

Joanne Hinson introduced Welcome Center Manager Martin Reese who has been with the Lake Village Welcome Center for 13 years. Mr. Reese gave an update on several events in the area that will be promoted by the Lake Village Welcome Center during National Tourism Week

Ms. Hinson stated that each Welcome Center has cards available for visitors to fill out and mail in, a list of comments was compiled for each center. The number one reason people stop at Welcome Centers is clean restrooms.

Tourism Development Section

Donna Perrin informed the Commission that National Travel and Tourism Week will be held May 8-16. A state wide Tourism Rally will be held on the steps of the state capitol on May 11 in conjunction with the U.S. Travel Rally Day.

Ms. Perrin stated that entries for the *Fall Calendar of Events* will be closing at the end of April.

Communications Section

Dena Woerner reported that the numbers for subscriptions to the monthly electronic newsletters have risen over the past few months. Since the unveiling of VisitMyArkansas.com, views of the travel blogs have climbed substantially.

Group Travel Section

Group Travel Manager Renee Robison stated the February tracking report indicated 160 inquiries for 2010 compared to 73 for February 2009. Inquires for March 2010 were 107 compared to 177 for March 2009. The majority of inquires came from tradeshow leads from Bank Travel and Heritage Club.

Ms. Robison attended a Group Travel Summit in Eureka Springs on March 6 and created their First Annual Tourism Cares event. Over 1,500 daffodils were planted on Planer Hill, at the base of the entrance to Downtown Eureka Springs.

Ms. Robison attended the Travel South Marketplace which was held April 10-14 in Birmingham, Alabama. Little Rock Tours provided the motorcoach which was wrapped in attractions from around the state. The Arkansas delegation traveled to Memphis where Laura Griffin of Graceland joined the motorcoach journey to Tupelo, Mississippi before arriving at the Birmingham destination. The purpose of the media event was to promote traveling by motorcoach to tour operators and TravelSouthUSA.

Aristotle

Marla Johnson Norris presented Web site statistics for March 2010, which included an 18.8% increase in visitation over the same period in 2009. March also saw a total of 114,969 direct links to tourism partners from Arkansas.com. The Web site placed number four during March among all 50 tourism sites and number one amid the contiguous state sites.

Ms. Norris stated the *Hot Deals and Packages* iPhone app reported 516 installations from March 1 through April 4.

CJRW

Carrie Orahood presented the 2010 See Arkansas First Television and Radio creative recommendations which featured several 60 second ads.

Ness Sechrest moved to accept the 2010 See Arkansas First Television and Radio 60 second creative as presented. Debbie Haak seconded and the motion carried.

Carrie Orahood distributed copies of the updated *Birding and Watchable Wildlife* brochure. Several changes were made which included new locations, photography, and a new front cover. Ms. Orahood stated Audubon Arkansas, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, and Dottie Boyles from ADPT were responsible for updating the information in the brochure.

Wayne Woods distributed copies of the newspaper insert Spring/Summer Arkansas Vacation Destination Guide to the Commissioners. The front cover features a couple canoeing on the Buffalo River.

Miscellaneous

Renee Robison announced that North Little Rock won the bid for the Mexican Restaurant Association's Convention which will be held at the Wyndham Riverfront, Pulaski Tech, and Dickey-Stephens Park in September, 2010.

Nancy Clark reported she attended a meeting of the National Mississippi Parkway Commission on April 7-9, 2010. A media conference was held at Oak Alley Plantation to celebrate the designation of Louisiana's Great River Road as a National Scenic Byway. The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration added segments of the Great River Road in Louisiana, Tennessee, Kentucky and Mississippi to its National Scenic Byway Program in October. The 10-state Great River Road is now the longest national Scenic Byway in the country.

PARKS DIVISION

FY 2011 Internet Budget

Dina Pruitt with Aristotle presented the FY 2011 Arkansas State Parks internet budget to the Commission:

Budget Summary

ArkansasStateParks.com Web site Maintenance and Updates	\$ 44,900.00
Individual Park Sites and Micro-Sites:	\$ 48,000.00
Internet Marketing & Reporting	\$ 54,310.00
Kiosks	\$ 30,000.00
Web site & E-news Hosting and Domain Renewals	<u>\$ 14,130.00</u>
State Parks FY 2011	\$ 191,340.00
5% Contingency	<u>\$ 9,567.00</u>
Total Budget FY 2011	\$ 200,907.00

In response to the question how the budget compares to previous years, Dina Pruitt replied the budget is the same as previous year.

Tom Schueck made a motion to approve the FY 2011 internet budget for Arkansas State Parks in the amount of \$200,907. Bill Barnes seconded and the motion passed.

FY 2011 Advertising Plan Budget

Jennifer Morgan with CJRW presented the FY 2011 Arkansas State Parks advertising plan budget to the Commission:

Total Budget Summary FY 2011

Media

Arkansas State Parks	\$ 197,979.20	
DeGray Lake Resort State Park	\$ 87,856.15	
Mount Magazine State Park	\$ 66,257.07	
Ozark Folk Center State Park	\$ 105,893.58	
Ad Production	\$ 22,209.00	
Contingency	\$ 15,000.00	
Media and Production Subtotal		\$ 495,195.00
Parks Brochures	\$ 133,600.00	
Partners in Parks		
Arkansas Broadcasters program	\$ 135,000.00	
Arkansas Press Association Program	\$ 95,000.00	
		\$ 230,000.00
Travel Shows	\$ 55,000.00	
Promotional Items	\$ 5,000.00	
Aristotle Internet (Previously Approved)	\$ 200,907.00	

Total Budget

\$1,119,702.00

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Steve Arrison asked how the budget compares to FY 2010. Greg Butts advised the budget is \$49,447 less than last year due to printing fewer state park guides. With the growth in customer's use of the internet for information, there is less demand for printed guides and brochures.

Steve Arrison made a motion to approve the FY 2011 advertising plan budget for Arkansas State Parks in the amount of \$1,119,702. Ness Sechrest seconded and the motion passed.

Mammoth Spring – VFW Reunion Agreement Renewal

State Parks Director Greg Butts requested the agreement renewal between Post Number 7831, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Arkansas State Parks (ASP) for five years. The agreement began in 1975 and has been a good community partnership and staff recommends approval.

Steve Arrison made a motion to approve the VFW Reunion Agreement Renewal for five years. Jim Shamburger seconded and the motion passed.

Historic Washington – Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives Agreement Renewal

Greg Butts requested the agreement renewal between ASP and the Arkansas History Commission. Originally it was an agreement between the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives and ASP. The archives were transferred to the Arkansas History Commission five years ago which is housed in one-half of a building at Historic Washington State Park; providing services to researchers and the public. Arkansas History Commission staffs the operation and ASP provides the building resulting in this important cooperative effort. Staff recommends approval.

Jim Gaston made a motion to approve the Southwest Arkansas Regional Archives Agreement for five years. Ness Sechrest seconded and the motion passed.

Camping Disability Discount Appeal

Chairman McNulty introduced Christa Burrows to state her appeal to the SPRTC regarding the ASP camping disability discount criteria. Executive Director Richard W. Davies stated the qualifications to receive the disability discount is US citizens with 100% total and permanent disability will be admitted to campgrounds at one-half the regular campsite fee. Current written proof of 100% total and permanent disability is required. Davies noted

registrants must be 18 years of age to register. Greg Butts advised Ms. Burrows is appealing ASP policy interpretation and requesting that the SPRTC approve a camping disability discount for parents and caregivers whose children qualify.

Ms. Burrows stated she does not agree with the camping disability discount program interpretation. Although she realizes ASP is not required to offer a disability discount, she objects to the fact that ASP does offer the disability discount but excludes those under 18. Ms. Burrows stated it unfair to exclude a certain age group receiving the disability discount. She advised extending the discount to disabled families would not cause undue hardship or strain for ASP and that it was not feasible that all disabled families would be interested in camping. She commented ASP should encourage people of all ages and abilities to enjoy the parks and it is difficult to believe children are excluded in a disability discount with the proper documentation.

Richard Davies advised that there had not been a problem previously with the camping disability policy. Mr. Davies stated he or staff was not sure what the financial impact would be to revenue as there is simply no data available to calculate. The Commission noted faced with recent budget cuts, ASP is not trying to implement any deeper discounts than already in existence. Mr. Davies noted only eight state park systems offer a disability discount nationwide.

Greg Butts stated PD 2000.2 extends a disability discount to qualifying registrants. As stated in PD 3015, a minimum of one adult (minimum of 18 years of age) must register for and occupy the campsite during the entire registration period. ASP does not permit minors to register for camping – disabled or otherwise. Federal guidelines allow caregivers to enter federal recreation sites free and receive a 50% camping discount when accompanying the child. ASP has more restrictions than federal park policies. The ASP camping disability discount does not extend to parents or caregivers.

Richard Davies noted senior citizens must register to receive a camping discount, and they cannot extend the discount simply if a senior citizen is in the party, otherwise it could be impossible to control with friends, relatives, and others requesting discount by association. Any discounts go to registrants, not next of kin.

Ms. Burrows stated the policy is not clear. Her son has met the qualifications with 100% total and permanent disability and is not eligible to receive the discount. Ms. Burrows quoted PD 3015 “a minimum of one adult (minimum of 18 years of age) must register and occupy the campsite the entire registration time.” With her disabled minor son not able to register, she feels the policy excludes him due to his age.

Greg Butts advised any changes in policy would require the Administrative Rules & Regulations Legislative Committee process. The commission thought more review was necessary to evaluate the appeal and the camping disability discount program.

Debbie Haak made a motion to refer the camping disability discount appeal to the State Parks Committee for further review. The committee would examine the appeal in more detail and return to the next meeting with a recommendation for the Commission. Jim Gaston seconded and the motion passed.

Greg Butts advised the State Parks Committee consists of Cindy Smith, Chairman, Montine McNulty, ex-officio member, Bob Knight, ex-officio member, Tom Schueck, Ness Sechrest, Bill Barnes, Debbie Haak, and Danny Ford.

Delta Heritage Trail State Park

Jim Gaston made a motion for the ASP staff to prepare a report on route options and costs to extend the Delta Heritage Trail from its southern terminus to Arkansas City. Ness seconded and the motion passed.

Lake Fort Smith – Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company and Century Link Utility Easement

Planning & Development Manager Stan Graves requested ASP grant an easement on lands leased from the City of Fort Smith. The utility easement to Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company and Century Link will allow those entities to provide underground electrical power and telephone service to facilities at the newly developed Lake Fort Smith State Park.

Bill Barnes made a motion to approve the request for final easements for electrical (Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company) and telephone service (Century Link) to the Lake Fort Smith State Park, described as follows:

Oklahoma Gas & Electric Company, an Oklahoma corporation, Grantee, its successors and assigns, as to the easement areas described below as Easement Areas A, B, C, C1, C3, D, E, F and G, and Century Link, formerly known as Century Tel, Grantee, its successors and assigns, as to the easement areas described below as Easement Areas A, B, C, C3 and G, the right, privilege and authority to enter upon and install, erect, operate, maintain and reconstruct underground and/or above ground a system of conduits, wires, cables, vaults, junction boxes, switches, fuses, transformers, service connection boxes and other fixtures for the transmission and distribution of electrical current and communication messages, including the right of ingress and egress to and from said system across adjoining lands of , upon and across the following real property and premises, situated in Crawford County, State of , to wit:

EASEMENT AREA A

Part of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and Part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 30, Part of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 19, all in Township 12 North, Range 29 West, Crawford County, Arkansas, being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southwest Corner of said Section 19; Thence along the West Line of said Section 30, S 02°31'35" W, 704.5 feet; Thence leaving said West Line, S 75°22'00" E, 36.3 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and centerline; Thence along said centerline the following courses and distances:

LINE	LENGTH	DIRECTION	COORDINATES
			N 123556.2, E 115413.4 (POB)
L1	37.3'	S 75°22'00" E	
			N 123546.8, E 115449.5
L2	159.0'	N 86°03'10" E	
			N 123557.8, E 115608.1
L3	43.7'	S 82°24'14" E	
			N 123552.0, E 115651.4
L4	364.9'	N 67°19'18" E	
			N 12392.7, E 115988.1
L5	104.3'	S 49°53'27" E	
			N 123625.5, E 116067.8
L6	131.1'	S 46°48'11" E	
			N 123535.0, E 116162.6
L7	103.5'	S 73°13'46" E	
			N 123505.1, E 116261.7
L8	138.4'	S 81°37'50" E	
			N 123485.0, E 116398.6
L9	147.0'	S 44°18'14" E	

			N 123380.6, E 116502.2
L10	138.2'	N 86°14'20" E	
			N 123389.7, E 116640.1
L11	48.5'	N 70°01'44" E	
			N 123406.3, E 116685.7
L12	78.7'	N 25°20'44" W	
			N 123477.4, E 116652.0
L13	331.2'	N 20°17'49" W	
			N 123788.0, E 116537.1
L14	338.7'	N 13°02'17" W	
			N 124118.0, E 116460.7
L15	169.1'	N 16°41'44" W	
			N 124279.9, E 116412.1

Containing 0.60 acres, more or less.

EASEMENT AREA B

Part of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 and Part of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 24, Township 12 North, Range 30 West, Part of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 19, Township 12 North, Range 29 West, Crawford County, Arkansas, being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southwest Corner of said Section 19; Thence along the West Line of said Section 19, N 02°55'00" E, 1277.4 feet; Thence leaving said West Line, N 87°05'00" W, 111.1 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and centerline; Thence along said centerline the following courses and distances:

LINE	LENGTH	DIRECTION	COORDINATES
			N 125550.7, E 115363.4 (POB)
L16	100.1'	S 46°40'18" E	
			N 125482.0, E 115436.1
L17	40.4'	S 56°51'21" E	

			N 125459.9, E 115470.0
L18	89.1'	S 43°02'58" E	
			N 125394.8, E 115530.8
L19	91.7'	S 52°49'35" E	
			N 125339.4, E 115603.9
L20	154.8'	S 83°32'01" E	
			N 125322.0, E 115757.6

Containing 0.16 acres, more or less.

EASEMENT AREA C

Part of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Part of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 , and Part of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, all in Section 19, Township 12 North, Range 29 West, Crawford County, Arkansas, being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southwest Corner of said Section 19; Thence S87°26'31"E, along the South line of said SW1/4 of Section 19, 100.00 feet; Thence N02°55'00"E, parallel with the West line of said SW1/4 of Section 19, 1871.33 feet; Thence N72°13'43"E, 1343.73 feet to a point on the southerly right of way of Shepherd Springs Road; Thence along said right of way and along the arc of a curve to the left 122.88 feet, said curve having a radius of 1180.00 feet and being subtended by a chord having a bearing of S28°37'00"E and a length of 122.82 feet, to the point of tangency of said curve; Thence S31°36'00"E, 77.44 feet along said right of way; Thence N58°24'00"E, 10.00 feet along said right of way; Thence S31°36'00"E, 453.33 feet along said right of way; Thence N58°24'03"E, 30.00 feet along said right of way; Thence S31°36'00"E, 190.17 feet along said right of way to the point of curvature of a curve to the left; Thence along said right of way and along the arc of said curve 757.97 feet, said curve having a radius of 440.00 feet and being subtended by a chord having a bearing of S80°57'01"E and a length of 667.66 feet, to the point of tangency of said curve; Thence N49°41'58"E, 215.07 feet along said right of way to the point of curvature of a curve to the right; Thence along said right of way and along the arc of said curve to the right 252.10 feet, said curve having a radius of 260.00 feet and being subtended by a chord having a bearing of N77°28'39"E and a length of 242.34 feet, to the point of tangency of said curve; Thence S74°44'41"E, 136.81 feet along said right of way; Thence leaving said right of way, N 59°09'13"W, 50.7 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and centerline; Thence along said centerline the following courses and distances:

LINE	LENGTH	DIRECTION	COORDINATES
			N 125918.9, E 118503.3 (POB)
L21	162.5'	N 78°13'07" W	

			N 125952.1, E 118344.2
L22	89.2'	S 75°21'28" W	
			N 125929.6, E 118257.9
L23	98.6'	S 36°03'08" W	
			N 125849.8, E 118199.9
L24	138.4'	S 51°20'45" W	
			N 125763.4, E 118091.8
L25	168.7'	S 18°24'27" E	
			N 125603.4, E 118145.1
L26	62.3'	S 89°51'52" E	
			N 125603.2, E 118207.4

Thence continuing 107.8 feet along said centerline and along the arc of a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 52.0 feet and being subtended by a chord having a bearing of S 30°31'11" E, and a distance of 89.5 feet to the point tangency (PT); Thence continuing along said centerline the following courses and distances:

LINE	LENGTH	DIRECTION	COORDINATES
			N 25526.1, E 118252.8 (PT)
L27	54.7'	S 31°18'07" W	
			N 125479.3, E 118224.4
L28	140.5'	S 18°26'05" W	
			N125346.1, E 118180.0
L29	83.1'	S 70°12'36" W	
			N 125317.9, E 118101.8
L30	75.2'	N 88°30'12" W	
			N 125319.9, E 118026.6

L31	16.3'	S 73°40'45" W	
			N 125315.3, E 118011.0
L32	80.5'	S 73°40'45" W	
			N 125292.7, E 117933.7
L33	106.0'	S 35°21'05" W	
			N 125206.2, E 117872.4
L34	130.0'	S 44°50'13" W	
			N 125114.0, E 117780.7
L35	140.7'	N 75°53'50" W	
			N 125148.3, E 117644.3
L36	89.9'	N 32°29'58" W	
			N 125224.1, E 117596.0

Containing 0.60 acres, more or less

EASEMENT AREA C1

Part of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 and Part of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 19, Township 12 North, Range 29 West, Crawford County, Arkansas, being more particularly described as follows:

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S74°44'41"E, 136.81 feet along said right of way; Thence leaving said right of way, N 59°09'13"W, 50.7 feet; Thence the following courses and distances: N 78°13'07" W, 162.5 feet; S 75°21'28" W,

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89.2 feet; S 36°03'08" W, 98.6 feet; S 51°20'45" W, 138.4 feet; S 18°24'27" E, 168.7 feet; S 89°51'52" E, 62.3 feet; Thence 107.8 feet along the arc of a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 52.0 feet and being subtended by a chord having a bearing of S 30°31'11" E, and a distance of 89.5 feet to the point tangency; S 31°18'07" W, 54.7 feet; S 18°26'05" W, 140.5 feet; S 70°12'36" W, 83.1 feet; N 88°30'12" W, 75.2 feet; S 73°40'45" W, 16.3 feet; S 73°40'45" W, 80.5 feet; S 35°21'05" W, 106.0 feet; S 44°50'13" W, 130.0 feet; N 75°53'50"W, 140.7 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and centerline; Thence along said centerline the following courses and distances:

LINE	LENGTH	DIRECTION	COORDINATES
			N 125148.3, E 117644.3 (POB)
L37	3.6'	S 75°53'50" E	
			N 125149.2, E 117640.8
L38	25.3'	S 32°29'58" E	
			N 125127.9, E 117654.4
L39	90.7'	S 43°10'56" E	
			N 125061.7, E 117716.4
L40	64.9'	S 03°27'12" W	
LINE	LENGTH	DIRECTION	COORDINATES
			N 124997.0, E 117712.5
L41	61.2'	S 55°14'20" E	
			N 124962.1, E 117762.8
L42	159.8'	S 85°57'16" E	
			N 124950.8, E 117922.1

L43	28.1'	N 71°16'03" E	
			N 124959.8, E 117948.7
L44	261.1'	S 84°32'25" E	
			N 124935.0, E 118208.6
L45	100.3'	S 57°38'06" E	
			N 124881.3, E 118293.4
L46	34.6'	S 12°39'45" W	
			N 124847.5, E 118285.8
L47	230.2'	S 54°10'53" W	
			N 124712.8, E 118099.1
L48	195.9'	N 89°54'51" W	
			N 124713.1, E 117903.2
L49	75.7'	N 80°58'28" W	
			N 124724.9, E 117828.4
L50	44.3'	S 09°01'32" W	
			N 124681.2, E 117821.5

Containing 0.32 acres, more or less

EASEMENT AREA C3

Part of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 19, Township 12 North, Range 29 West, Crawford County, Arkansas, being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southwest Corner of said Section 19; Thence S87°26'31"E, along the South line of said SW1/4 of Section 19, 100.00 feet; Thence N02°55'00"E, parallel with the West line of said SW1/4 of Section 19, 1871.33 feet; Thence N72°13'43"E, 1343.73 feet to a point on the southerly right of way of Shepherd Springs Road; Thence along said right of way and along the arc of a curve to the left 122.88 feet, said curve having a radius of 1180.00 feet and being subtended by a chord having a bearing of S28°37'00"E and a length of 122.82 feet, to the point of tangency of said curve; Thence S31°36'00"E, 77.44 feet along said right of way; Thence N58°24'00"E, 10.00 feet along said right of way; Thence S31°36'00"E, 453.33 feet along said right of way; Thence N58°24'03"E, 30.00 feet along said right of way; Thence S31°36'00"E, 190.17 feet along said right of way to the point of curvature of a curve to the left; Thence along said right of way and along the

arc of said curve 757.97 feet, said curve having a radius of 440.00 feet and being subtended by a chord having a bearing of S80°57'01"E and a length of 667.66 feet, to the point of tangency of said curve; Thence N49°41'58"E, 215.07 feet along said right of way to the point of curvature of a curve to the right; Thence along said right of way and along the arc of said curve to the right 252.10 feet,

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said curve having a radius of 260.00 feet and being subtended by a chord having a bearing of N77°28'39"E and a length of 242.34 feet, to the point of tangency of said curve; Thence S74°44'41"E, 136.81 feet along said right of way; Thence leaving said right of way, N 59°09'13"W, 50.7 feet; Thence the following courses and distances: N 78°13'07" W, 162.5 feet; S 75°21'28" W, 89.2 feet; S 36°03'08" W, 98.6 feet; S 51°20'45" W, 138.4 feet; S 18°24'27" E, 168.7 feet; S 89°51'52" E, 62.3 feet; Thence 107.8 feet along the arc of a curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 52.0 feet and being subtended by a chord having a bearing of S 30°31'11" E, and a distance of 89.5 feet to the point tangency; S 31°18'07" W, 54.7 feet; S 18°26'05" W, 140.5 feet; S 70°12'36" W, 83.1 feet; N 88°30'12" W, 75.2 feet; S 73°40'45" W, 16.3 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and centerline; Thence N 16°19'15" W, 38.8 feet along said centerline to the point of termination of said centerline, containing 0.01 acres, more or less

EASEMENT AREA D

Part of the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 19, Township 12 North, Range 29 West, Crawford County, Arkansas, being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southwest Corner of said Section 19; Thence along the West Line of said Section 30, N 2°55'00" E, 2568.3 feet; Thence continuing along said West Line, N 02°14'25" E, 74.82 feet to the Northwest Corner of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 19; Thence leaving said West Line, S 87°34'52" E, 2578.3 feet along the North Line of said Southwest 1/4 to the Northeast Corner of said Southwest 1/4; Thence S 87°34'52" E, 1018.7 feet along the North Line of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 19; Thence leaving said North Line, S 23°58'47" W, 23.3 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and centerline; Thence along said centerline, S 23°58'47" W, 46.6 feet; Thence S 19°56'22" W, 159.6 feet along said centerline; Thence S 04°59'53" W, 24.1 feet along said centerline to the point of termination of said centerline, containing 0.08 acres, more or less.

EASEMENT AREA E

Part of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 19, Township 12 North, Range 29 West, Crawford County, Arkansas, being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southwest Corner of said Section 19; Thence along the West Line of said Section 30, N 2°55'00" E, 2568.3 feet; Thence continuing along said West Line, N 02°14'25" E, 74.82 feet to the Northwest Corner of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 19; Thence leaving said West Line, S 87°34'52" E, 2578.3 feet along the North Line of said Southwest 1/4 to the Northeast Corner of said Southwest 1/4; Thence S 87°34'52" E, 1310.4 feet along the North Line of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 19; Thence leaving said North Line, S 02°34'34" W, 547.8 feet; Thence

S 63°45'30" E, 56.5 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and centerline; Thence along said centerline the following courses and distances:

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LINE	LENGTH	DIRECTION	COORDINATES
			N 126172.6, E 119454.3 (POB)
L55	74.5'	S 42°20'41" E	
			N 126117.6, E 119504.4
L56	118.9'	S 25°20'57" E	
			N 126010.1, E 119555.3
L57	76.8'	S 24°39'15" W	
			N 125940.3, E 119523.3
L58	104.7'	S 09°16'09" E	
			N 125837.0, E 119540.1
L59	66.1'	S 17°09'34" E	
			N 125773.9, E 119559.6
L60	107.6'	S 52°28'33" E	
			N 125708.4, E 119644.9
L61	51.4'	S 43°31'08" E	
			N 125671.1, E 119680.3
L62	66.4'	S 46°29'45" E	
			N 125625.4, E 119728.5
L63	41.9'	S 56°48'34" E	
			N 125602.5, E 119763.6

Containing 0.24 acres, more or less.

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EASEMENT AREA F

Part of the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 19, Township 12 North, Range 29 West, Crawford County, Arkansas, being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Southwest Corner of said Section 19; Thence along the West Line of said Section 30, N 2°55'00" E, 2568.3 feet; Thence continuing along said West Line, N 02°14'25" E, 74.82 feet to the Northwest Corner of the Southwest 1/4 of said Section 19; Thence leaving said West Line, S 87°34'52" E, 2578.3 feet along the North Line of said Southwest 1/4 to the Northeast Corner of said Southwest 1/4; Thence S 87°34'52" E, 1757.5 feet along the North Line of the Southeast 1/4 of said Section 19; Thence leaving said North Line, N 02°25'08" E, 81.2 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and centerline; Thence along said centerline the following courses and distances:

LINE	LENGTH	DIRECTION	COORDINATES
			N 126807.1, E 119878.9 (POB)
L64	77.2'	N 61°06'14" E	
			N 126844.4, E 119946.0
L65	52.0'	N 26°28'40" W	
			N 12680.9, E 119922.8
L66	113.1'	N 08°45'54" E	
			N 127002.7, E 119940.0
L67	95.1'	N 39°18'00" E	
			N 127076.3, E 120000.3
L68	42.6'	N 16°43'59" E	
			N 127117.1, E 120012.5
L69	65.1'	N 40°11'43" E	

			N 127166.7, E 120054.5
L70	50.5'	N 01°32'25" E	
			N 127217.2, E 120055.8

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Containing 0.11 acres, more or less.

EASEMENT G

Part of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 12 North, Range 29 West, Crawford County, Arkansas, being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at the Northwest Corner of said Section 30; Thence along the West Line of said Section 30, S 02°31'35" W, 704.5 feet; Thence leaving said West Line, S 75°22'00" E, 73.6 feet; Thence N86°03'10"E, 159.0 feet; Thence S82°24'14"E, 43.7 feet; Thence N67°19'18"E, 339.7 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING and centerline; Thence along said centerline N36°12'55"E, 200.4 feet to the point of termination of said centerline.

Containing 0.06 acres, more or less.

As shown on the Exhibits attached hereto as for Utility Easements, A, B, C, C1, C3, D, E, F and G.

The centerline of this easement shall be along the actual route of the line as installed and shall include any additional easement area needed for downguys or anchors.

Ness Sechrest seconded and the motion passed.

Village Creek – Golf Course Update and Proposal from Cross County Bank

David Dowd, President of Cross County Bank (CCB) and Vince Guest, attorney for CCB attended the SPRTC meeting to discuss the completion of the foreclosure of the Village Creek Resort (VCR) golf resort development loan. Mr. Dowd commented that ASP staff was doing a great job with the upkeep of the golf course, noting that the course is in good condition and that CCB appreciates their efforts. He advised the course revenue was up a bit from last year and noted there is great support in the course from citizens and officials. Dowd reported that the foreclosure action has been finalized and that CCB has been taking care of management costs to include payroll and pro shop. He stated as it does not appear that a replacement developer will step in and complete the project due to the current economic climate, CCB would like to reach an agreement with Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism (ADPT) to purchase the assets that encompass their collateral and let ASP move forward to further develop the golf course.

Richard Davies recapped the situation advising that the original agreement was that VCR would be the construction manager for having the golf course built on ADPT property to include

the club house, lodge, cart barn, maintenance building and approximately one acre of land (located at the entrance), along with the lease hold interests to operate and maintain the golf course and resort. Mr. Davies added in order for anyone to operate the course at this time, a club house, cart barn, and a maintenance building is needed.

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In response to who is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the golf course, Greg Butts advised of the cooperative agreement between CCB and ADPT in existence from September 1, 2009 until the finalization of the foreclosure process. ADPT has been maintaining the golf course and receiving a percentage of the green fees while CCB managed the front end of the operation to include staff, temporary pro shop, and marketing. The agreement was valid for six months or upon completion of the foreclosure process. CCB is ready to settle up and allow ASP to move forward with the further development of the golf course. With the leasehold interest, CCB has the authority to find another party to take over the course with the approval of the SPRTC.

The Commission inquired if there is any sort of timeline for a decision. Vince Guest advised that CCB is not open ended but is willing to work with ADPT as long as a resolution is moving forward. Richard Davies advised there are grant funds available that were excesses from ANCRC bids with an expiration of June 30, 2010. Greg Butts recommended commission not settle for CCB's current proposal of \$2.1 million. He noted appraisals will be evaluated to determine the value of the lease hold interest, maintenance building, and approximately one acre of land (located at entrance) before any decisions can be made. Additional information regarding the status of the golf course, costs to operate the course, projected revenues, and costs to complete cart barn and pro shop have been provided to the SPRTC.

Tom Schueck made a motion to refer the matter to the Village Creek State Park Sub-Committee that was formed to review this project and return to the next meeting with a recommendation. Debbie Haak seconded and the motion passed.

Greg Butts advised Village Creek State Park Sub-Committee consists of Ness Sechrest, chairman, Montine McNulty, ex-officio member, Bob Knight, ex-officio member, Jim Gaston, Billy Lindsey, Debbie Haak, Bill Barnes, Jim Shamburger, and Tom Schueck.

America's State Parks

Greg Butts advised of the effort to brand state parks as a State Parks System in America and create a national organization to get the word out that state parks are the "backyard of America." State parks nationwide attract more than 725 million visitors to 6,000 state park units in 2009; more than the National Parks.

CIP Quarterly Report

Stan Graves referred the Commission to the CIP Quarterly Report for updates and stated there are currently \$54 million in projects encumbered in Methods of Finance with \$225,763 closed out this quarter and \$124 million underway with Amendment-75. Mr. Graves advised new projects underway this quarter were Crater of Diamonds Visitors Center renovations, Powhatan Northeast Arkansas Regional Archives (NEARA), and Lake Fort Smith Group Dining Hall and Group Lodge "B."

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He reported a second round of bids was received to raise the Mary Woods after the first round was rejected due to the exorbitant costs proposed. Fortunately, the second round of bids received was more economical with an estimate cost of \$189,500 to raise the Mary Woods and an estimate cost of \$330,000 if the vessel cannot be salvaged. Efforts to raise the Mary Woods are estimated to begin in two weeks, providing White River water levels are cooperative.

Miscellaneous

Greg Butts informed the Commission of awards received by parks and staff. The Rogers-Lowell Chamber of Commerce presented Hobbs State Park-Conservation Area with the Community Spirit award at their recent banquet. Jacksonport State Park Superintendent Mark Ballard received an award for promoting tourism from the Ozark Gateway Tourism Council. The Arkansas Museum of Natural Resources received awards at the Arkansas Museums Association annual banquet in Jonesboro, including winner of the award for Adult Program for Chautauqua, Children's Program for Kidtauqua, and in house Web site. Congratulations to park staffs on recent recognition and awards.

Greg Butts noted several factors may have attributed to the decrease of March revenues including closed campgrounds at Woolly Hollow State Park, Crater of Diamonds State Park, and Bull Shoals-White River State Park undergoing major renovations, restoration of historical structures at Mather Lodge at Petit Jean State Park and Arkansas school spring breaks coinciding during the same week.

The State Parks, Recreation and Travel Commission adjourned at 3:45 p.m. on Thursday, April 15 in Arkansas City.