**ALABAMA HISTORIC IRONWORKS COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

**July 10, 2022**

The Alabama Historic Ironworks Commission (AHIC) met Sunday July 10, 2022 at the Cane Creek School at Tannehill Ironworks Historical State Park. Chairman Doug Behm called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Members present were: Doug Behm, Johnny Curry, Martin Everse, Stacy Hathorn, Jack Bergstresser, Jim Day, Wilton Price, Jerry Pow, Jerry Tingle, and Clarence Nevels

Staff members present were Lisa Carroll and Brian Smith

Doug Behm asked that Jerry Pow serve as Parliamentarian

Wilton Price gave the invocation.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Jerry Pow moved that the minutes from the December 12, 2021 be approved. Jack Bergstresser seconded. All approved.

**No Public Comment**

**Committee Reports:**

* **Facilities Committee:**

In the absence of Jeremy Wright Lisa Carroll gave the update on buildings and grounds. A T& T installed fiber to the Edwards House replacing the outdated T1 line. This will make it possible for improvements in communication throughout the park. She stated that all cabins besides the Peel House have new roofs. Improvements were made on the Craft Cabins as well as the Sneed and Marchant Houses. Steps and walkways were upgraded as well as new roofs and shutters. The train has been unable to run. Repairs are being done and it will be running by the weekend. Johnny Curry suggested when a new train is purchased that the old engine be put on display for park visitors to view.

* **Finance Committee:**

Dr. Jim Day stated that overall finances looked good for both parks. At Tannehill gate fees, camping fees, as well as Trade Day fees are healthy, At Brierfield, camping fees and the swimming pool fees are healthy as well. He also mentioned the buildings and ground fees are up sue to the improvements that were mentioned in the facilities report. The loan balances will be paid off at the end of 2025 and we will be debt free.

* **Personnel Committee:**

In the absence of Josh Dyer Dr. Jim Day presented the update on the Personnel Committee. He revisited the prior discussion of Parks Superintendent Lisa Carroll’s salary stating that since the income of the parks could sustain the temporary increase that the raise stated intact. He motioned that Lisa Carroll’s salary remain. Johnny Curry seconded the motion. All Approved.

* **Long Range Committee:**

On behalf of Josh Dyer, Dr Jim Day offered the update on the Long-Range plan. Dr. Day motioned to update the current Long-range plan by removing the proposed equestrian trails and by approving Lisa Carroll to amend the current MOU with BUMP to include expanding the current BUMP trails to the newly acquired Forever Wild property. Also, ensuring a caveat that there are no trails done until an archaeology study is completed. Johnny Curry seconded. All approved.

* **Legislative Committee:**

Johnny Curry informed that this was an election year. There are 25-30 newly appointed positions so we are beginning with a whole new entity. Dr. Jim Day mentioned that the legislature, due to COVID reimbursements, has a flushing on income in the amount of 2.12 billion dollars. Tannehill and Brierfield State Parks will be receiving from the Historical Commission $100,000.00 for each park.

**New Business**

Lisa Carroll touched base on the ADA lawsuit and the requirements that have been met. Parking lots for the School and Fowler House need to be paved by December 31, 2022. Jack Bergstresser and Stacye Hathorne will meet at Tannehill at the proposed parking lot sites to make sure where we are paving does not have any archaeological significance that needs to be addressed prior to the paving.

Mrs. Carroll also mentioned that Commissioner Walter Anderton was placed on hospice and resigned his seat.

Johnny Curry would like an American flag to be displayed in the Cane Creek School.

Dr Jim Day commended Jack Bergstresser and the staff at both parks for hosting the Mining Historical Association.

Next meeting will be held October 9, 2022 2:00 p.m. in the Cane Creek School located in Tannehill State Park

**Meeting Adjourned at 3.22 p.m.**