



BOARD OF THE DIVISION OF STATE PARKS, DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

*Minutes Of The Meeting Held on February 22, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting via Google Meet*

*Anchored at the Department of Natural Resources Building - Soldier Hollow
Conference Room*

Streamed Live on YouTube

ATTENDEES

Board Members Present:

Corey Cram (chair)
Leshia Coltharp
Brent Boswell
Natalie Randall
Falya Owens
Joan Hammer
Jack Draxler
Russ Steadman

Host:

The Department of
Natural Resources

Department of Natural Resources:

Scott Strong
Devan Chavez
Melanie Shepherd*
Laurie Backus
Shane Stroud
Susan Zarekarizi
Chris Haramoto
Wayne Monroe*
Megan Blackwelder*
Nathan Schwebach

** online participation*

*Audio/video recording of this meeting is located at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Hm3AeDZdMc>*

TIME AGENDA ITEM AND SUMMARY

5:45 1. WELCOME

1.1. Call to Order

Board Chair Corey Cram called the hybrid meeting to order and presided. Chair Cram took attendance of the Board members present. He acknowledged the members of the Division of State Parks present and Nathan Schwebach with the Department of Natural Resources.

A quorum of Board members were present and the meeting proceeded with business.

1.2. Explanation of Meeting

Chair Cram turned the time over to Shane Stroud to give an explanation of the meeting. The purpose of this meeting today is for the Board to concur with Joel Ferry's appointment of the new State Parks Director. The Natural Resources code section 792-204 requires the Board to concur in the Director's various appointments. Shane Stroud turned the time over to Deputy Director Nathan Schwebach for the announcement of the new State Parks Director.

9:56 2. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW STATE PARKS DIRECTOR

Deputy Director Nathan Schwebach thanked the Board for taking the time to attend this specially called Board Meeting. He gave an explanation of the selection process. Deputy Director Schwebach brought forward Scott Strong, who is currently the Deputy Director of State Parks, as the choice of the Department of Natural Resources Director Joel Ferry. Deputy Director Schwebach asked for the Board's concurring support of this decision.

13:35 **3. BOARD VOTE**

Chair Cram commented that he supports all the comments that Deputy Director Schwebach said. Chair Cram asked for a motion to concur with the choice of Scott Strong as the new Director of State Parks.

JOAN HAMMER MADE A MOTION TO CONCUR WITH THE APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT STRONG AS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF STATE PARKS. JACK DRAXLER SECONDED THE MOTION. IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Chair Cram commented that he appreciates everyone's time. He asked Mr. Strong if he would like to say a few words. Mr. Strong commented that he is both excited and honored to represent the State Parks as the new Director.

21:11 **4. ADJOURNMENT**

The Board having no further business, Chair Cram sought a motion to adjourn.

JACK DRAXLER MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. ELAINE GIZLER SECONDED THE MOTION. IT CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.