

Dustin Webb's Big Lake Public Meeting Notes 2022

Region Breakdown:

- Northern region, 1 of 3 regions in which our park system is broken down.
- We have 35 parks and historic sites in our region.
- Statewide we have 92 state parks and historic sites.

Volunteers and Hosts:

- We are grateful for the efforts and the support of our volunteers and campground hosts.

Funding:

- Parks and Soils sales tax: Thanks for the continued support. 1/10 of 1% is split in half between Missouri State Parks, and soil conservation in all our counties across the state.
- This sales tax funds 75% of our funding, and provides free access to all our parks.
- This is not the case in many other park systems around the country. Cost the average Missourian \$8 per year for free access to all our parks all year.

Large Projects:

- Good to get the campground, restrooms, and shower house opened in April. The lagoon liner was a big task to install.
- Large projects in the works:
 1. Cabins back on line next spring for rent. We have worked on repair of the foundations the past several weeks.
 2. Replacement of pool with splash playground approved in a future CI cycle.
 3. Stabilize shoreline- approved in a future CI cycle.
 4. Install wastewater system- In the design phase. Will see construction on 2023.

Bond Project:

- Governor Parson approved the bonding authority of \$60.2 million for state park improvement projects. The revenue bonds will assist with completing 28 revenue bond funded projects at 22 different parks across the state.
 - Renovate 28 campsites to full hookup sewer, 50-amp electric, water campsites,
 - 3 Million dollar upgrade.
 - In design phase, as we are fine tuning the details. Construction will start next year and should not affect the rest of the campground operation.

- I am thankful for Jared his team's hard work at Big Lake!