

Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area
Citizen Task Force (CTF)

Thursday, May 28, 2020

Start Time: 8:00 am

Zoom Video Conference

Present via Zoom: Larry Payne, Braden Baker, Bob Hamel, Trey Shelton, Leslie Tyson, Christina King, Don Harville, Greg Felt, JW Wilder, Mike Smith, Mike Sugaski

In Attendance: Rob White, Jennifer Crawford

Notes

Park Manager Updates

Welcome New CTF Members • [CTF News Release](#)

New members were announced and introduced. Full delegate list can be found in the news release (above) and on the updated Members Contact List found on the [CTF page](#).

AHRA Commercial Outfitter Approval Process

COVID-19 Updates

AHRA FTE & Temp Staff Status

Visitor center remains closed to the public, but campgrounds have reopened. All customer service staff have returned to handle the influx of phone calls. AHRA has been given permission to hire a limited number of temp staff.

Effects on AHRA/CPW Budget

There is some concern regarding CPW budget, so all units have been asked to be fiscally responsible with operating budgets.

Social Distancing at AHRA Sites

AHRA is working with Public Health to maintain public safety, while attempting to keep activities as normal as possible. Signage has been placed reminding the public of guidelines, but LE officers are relying on individual responsibility and are not citing for social distancing situations.

Private Boaters

The park continues to see high visitation numbers. Whitewater parks are a challenge in regard to COVID health and safety guidelines. AHRA continues to educate and asks for CTF's help in spreading awareness and education.

Point Barr Recreation Site

Point Barr Placering Permits were approved at the April Commission meeting, and will go into effect in July. Permittees are charged \$30 per activity, and the funds go toward restoration of the area at the end of the season. CPW is still working with the fishery to determine season dates.

The road into Point Barr was fixed last year. Due to increased use and damage to the site, 12 designated sites have been created, each containing a tent pad, fire ring, picnic table, and parking. Reservations at this site begin May 29.

Common Ground Grant - CR 371

Plans for this area include dispersed camping with restrooms and parking. To reduce the growth of human impact, designated dispersed sites are being considered. AHRA has matching funds and will be requesting grant funds from Chaffee Common Ground.

VFMP Update

May need to use all 10,000 acre feet of this water to maintain 700 cfs at Wellsville.

Next meeting scheduled for Thurs, August 13, 2020.