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## STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: June 28, 2022

**DATE:** June 3, 2022

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Recommendation to approve the appointment of Omer L. Rains to fill an unexpired term left by Chris Nenzel, beginning June 28, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2025 for the Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

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### SUMMARY

Omer L. Rains will be filling an unexpired term left by Chris Nenzel, beginning June 28, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2025. This applicant was the remaining from the last round of applications and is recommended by staff to offer the opening on the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission.

Pursuant to County Code 95.040, vacancies on the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as original appointments. The Code also states that the terms shall be staggered so there are no more than three vacancies in any year. All Park Commissioners should serve their term and hold office until their successors are appointed.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

On April 26, 2022 - The Board of County Commissioners appointed Kevin Joell to fill an unexpired term left by Jennifer Oliver; and Timothy Dake to fill an unexpired term left by Heidi Anderson to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission.

On January 11, 2022 - The Board of County Commissioners appointed Lisa Rode and Maxwell Dinatale; and Nicholas-Martin Kearney to fill an unexpired term left by Gregory Shorts to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission.

On June 22, 2021 - The Board of County Commissioners (Board) reappointed Chris Nenzel and Jennifer Oliver to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission.

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**BACKGROUND**

The Open Space and Regional Parks Commission is composed of nine members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners from residents of the County at large. The powers and duties of the park commission are:

1. To act in advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners in promoting, aiding, and encouraging public recreation including the development of recreation and park facilities.
2. To act in an advisory capacity to the Director of Community Services in maintenance, development, and operation of all county-owned or operated recreation areas and facilities and to develop rules and regulations governing the use of those facilities.
3. To establish general procedures to carry out the purpose of the Commission and recommend rules and regulations to the Board of County Commissioners as it may deem necessary to facilitate the carrying on of a recreation and park system.
4. To study and make recommendations on the Department's operating procedures and policies, fiscal policies and plans, and acquisition and development plans and policies.
5. To interpret the recreation program to public officials and to the general public in order that the recreation and park program may receive adequate support from public and private sources.
6. To consult with the Director on methods of financing a county-wide parks and recreation program and make recommendations thereon.
7. To make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on deviations from, alterations to, or additions to the Master Plan for Parks and Recreation.
8. To make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners on a schedule of priorities for acquisition and development of park property in accordance with the Master Plan.
9. To recommend to the Board of County Commissioners a time schedule for acquisition and development of park and recreation facilities.
10. To review and recommend annual budgets to the Board of County Commissioners.
11. To recommend to the Board of County Commissioners, rates, tolls and charges for services and the use or availability of facilities.
12. To recommend to the Board of County Commissioners the purchase, lease, or exchange of lands for recreation or park purposes.
13. To review and recommend contemplated contracts to the Board of County Commissioners for the operation, construction and development of park and recreation facilities.
14. To exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as may be delegated by the Board of County Commissioners.

The appointment of commissioners to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission is not based on Board of County Commission district; however, practice has been to appoint at least one Park Commissioner from each County Commission district where possible. If appointed the Open Space and Regional Park Commission would consist of the following Commissioners:

- Omer L. Rains – District 1
- Nicholas-Martin Kearney – District 1
- Lisa Rode – District 2
- Doug Doolittle – District 2
- Kevin Joell – District 2
- Timothy Dake – District 2
- Stephanie Chen – District 4
- Darla Lee – District 5
- Maxwell DiNatele – District 5

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact to Washoe County for appointments to the Open Space and Regional Park Commission as per NRS, commissioners shall serve without compensation.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve the appointment of Omer L. Rains to fill an unexpired term left by Chris Nenzel, beginning June 28, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2025 for the Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission. Manager's Office. (All Commission Districts.)

### **POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with this recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“Move to approve appointment of Omer L. Rains to fill an unexpired term left by Chris Nenzel, beginning June 28, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2025 for the Washoe County Open Space and Regional Parks Commission.”*