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STAFF REPORT

BOARD MEETING DATE: April 26, 2022

DATE: April 6, 2022

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve the appointment of Kevin Joell to fill an unexpired term left by Jennifer Oliver, beginning April 26, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2025; and Timothy Dake to fill an unexpired term left by Heidi Anderson, beginning April 26, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023 for the Washoe County Open Space and Parks Commission. Applicants include: Kevin Joell, Timothy Dake, and Omer L. Rains. (All Commission Districts.)

SUMMARY

Kevin Joell will be filling an unexpired term left by Jennifer Oliver, beginning April 26, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2025; and Timothy Dake will be filling an unexpired term left by Heidi Anderson, beginning April 26, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023. All applicants were reviewed and recommended by staff for the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission.

Pursuant to County Code 95.040, vacancies on the Open Space and Regional Park 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 January 11, 2022 - The Board of County Commissioners appointed Lisa Rode and Maxwell Dinatale to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission; and Nicholas-Martin Kearney to fill an unexpired term left by Gregory Shorts.

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

On November 5, 2019 – The Board of County Commissioners (Board) appointed Heidi Anderson and Gregory Shorts to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission.

On June 25, 2019 – The Board reappointed Stephanie Chen and Douglas Doolittle to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission.

On October 23, 2018 - The Board appointed Jennifer Oliver, Polly Boardman, Stephanie Chen, and Darla Lee to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission.

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On June 13, 2017 - The Board reappointed Nathan Daniel and Thomas Guinn to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission.

On July 26, 2016 – The Board appointed Charles Guffey to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission.

On September 8, 2015 – The Board appointed Doug Doolittle to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission.

On July 23, 2013 – The Board appointed Janet Davis to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission.

On June 11, 2013 – The Board approved the reappointment of Anne Buckley, and appointed Thomas Guinn, Alan Sheakley, Nathan Daniel, and Scott Pierson to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission.

On April 12, 2011 – The Board approved reappointment to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission of Jim Nadeau from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2015, and Robert Jacobson from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2013.

On September 22, 2009 – The Board approved reappointment of Bill von Phul, Patty Moen and Cliff Young to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission for terms through June 30, 2013, and appointed Ed Harney to fill a vacant position through June 30, 2012, and Anne Buckley to fill a vacant position through June 30, 2013.

On August 14, 2007 – The Board approved reappointment of Robert Jacobson to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission for a term through June 30, 2011, and possible appointment of one new Commissioner to the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission to fill a vacant term through June 30, 2011.

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:

- Chris Nenzel – 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 Kevin Joell to fill an unexpired term left by Jennifer Oliver, beginning April 26, 2022 and

ending on June 30, 2025; and Timothy Dake to fill an unexpired term left by Heidi Anderson, beginning April 26, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023 for the Washoe County Open Space and Parks Commission. (All Commission Districts.)

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with this recommendation, a possible motion would be: *“Move to approve the appointment of Kevin Joell to fill an unexpired term left by Jennifer Oliver, beginning April 26, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2025; and Timothy Dake to fill an unexpired term left by Heidi Anderson, beginning April 26, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023 for the Washoe County Open Space and Parks Commission.”*