



Lava Hot Springs Foundation
Board of Directors
August 22, 2025
Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Lava Hot Springs Foundation of the State of Idaho met on Friday August 22, 2025, at the Lava Hot Springs Foundation's Administrative Board Room 430 E. Main Street in Lava Hot Springs, Idaho.

Mission Statement

To ensure that the public has access to healthful, clean, and inviting facilities for recreation and healing purposes.

Present

In attendance Chair Jeff Hough, Vice Chair Ronald Johnson, Board Members Robert Geddes, and Cameron Salt. Executive Director Tyson Koester and Management Assistant Destiny Egley.

Periodic breaks will be taken during the meeting at the discretion of the Chairman

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Jeff Hough called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance.

Review and motion of minutes from April 18, 2025 - Action Item

The meeting minutes were emailed out to Board Members prior to the meeting. Jeff Hough made the motion to approve the April 18, 2025, meeting minutes. Ronald Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion Item - CM Hot Pool Update

Tyson gave an update on the construction project for the hottest hot pool. We had a pre-bid meeting for the Hottest Hot Pool construction on August 19th, 2025. Bids are due August 27th, 2025. It is a design build contract so it will have several contractors to complete the project. Tentative schedule is October 1st they will start putting up fence and getting everything ready to start the construction. We will have to close the facility for a couple of weeks while they de-water the upper pool. The tentative dates are October 13th to close and re-open first part of November around the 5th. A suggestion was to have a live feed camera on the website for people to watch the progress. We have gotten approved by the city for the traffic control up above the hot pools on main street. Suggestion to have a drafted contingent notification plan statement by AG regarding the construction just to have on hand as a precautionary. Discussion was had regarding communication, press release and a statement ready for media.

The cold plunge will begin after the hot pools project is complete which will begin next spring 2026 for an estimated cost of around 480,000.00.

Discussion Item- Parking Lot/Park Final Update

Tyson reported we have officially closed on the parking lot and playground project. We have had such a great response since we opened the park. It has made a big difference to the main street parking and has had a lot of positive feedback since its completion. The total cost of the parking lot project was 1,615,000.00. Tyson would like to put cameras up in that park, Jeff will give Tyson a business contact for a company that has cameras with license plate and facial recognition capability. Ron suggested possibly adding the cameras in swimming pool area if affordable.

Action Item- Strategic Plan FY26-FY29

We worked on updated our Strategic Plan with some pictures and made it more attractive. Bob made the motion to approve the Strategic plan. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Director Report

- The end of year summer party will be September 2, 2025, at 6pm at the Olympic Swimming Complex, Tilly's Pizzeria will be catering the food and employees will bring side dishes.
- We have shifted some of the Maintenance shifts around and that has worked well with production. We had 14 tower incidents this season and only one transport. This has been the lowest incident rate since Tyson has been Director. The board had a discussion regarding all the staff and recognized the great safety performance.
- Idaho Parks & Rec are holding their Quarterly meeting here in Lava Hot Springs September 15-17, 2025. The meeting will be at the Lava Community Center on September 16th. We will host them at our Hot Springs one of the evenings to come and soak.

Financial Report

Fund balances as of August 18, 2025

41003 – 4,039,483.28

41004 – 6,276,701.93

TOTAL – 10,316,185.21

Tyson went over the FY2025 financials that were emailed out to the Board prior to the meeting. Jeff suggested Tyson to look into the State Investment Fund to see if that would benefit us. The cabanas have been a huge success, the income as of 8/21/2025 totaled \$53,780 so far this summer. The Board agreed to move forward by adding more cabanas for next season. Suggestion was to do a survey on social media to see what customers want as for amenities and options in the cabanas.

Discussion Item- Impact of Governor's Executive Order 2025-5

The Governor issued an executive order last week. All agencies may have to roll back 2%, 5% or 7% back from their budget. We will be submitting a report by the end of month on the total annual expense for our board members including how many board members we have, cost of

in-state and out-of-state travel, and board meeting wages. It is minimal for us, but we must submit the report anyhow.

Discussion/Potential Action Item- East Entrance into Lava

Tyson asked the Board what type of sign they would like to see at the East Entrance to Lava. Do we want a sign made like the West entrance? After discussion, all agreed that we needed to make it a more attractive entrance and match the west entrance sign. Tyson will get some quotes.

Discussion/Potential Action Item- Park Rental Rates

Total revenue for parks was a little over \$9,500 for the season but with expenses totaling \$10,360, we were short about \$860 on parks this summer. Currently the park rental rates are \$75 for the Garden Park and Majestic Park and \$125 for the East and West Park. After discussion regarding rates and amenities the parks provide.

Jeff Hough made the motion to increase the park rental fees to \$125 each for the Garden and Majestic Park and \$175 each for the East and West Park. Bob Geddes seconded the motion. Motion Passed unanimously.

Discussion Item- Lava Yard Privacy Fence

Tyson presented a couple of options of fencing to have installed up on the corner of Blaser Hwy and Hwy 30 State property. A metal material with 6'5 feet high walls and metal fence posts would be strong and sturdy being on the highway. The Board agreed to move forward with the metal fence.

Discussion Items- Future Projects

Tyson is looking to do a few other projects that won't be as big as the Hot Pool Reconstruction project. We need to do some repairs in the small swimming pool parking lot. We need to update the pumps and panels in the lift station located in the west park. And we need to finish the vertical part of the swimming pool roof.

Schedule for the next meeting

Next quarterly meeting scheduled for October 13, 2025, at 10:00am in conjunction with the groundbreaking for the Hottest Hot Pool Reconstruction Project.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:52am



Board Chair Jeff Hough Date
Date



Executive Director Tyson Koester