

Field Operations Annual Board Report- March 9, 2026

Parks Superintendent - Ryan Wiemold

What I strive to accomplish: Execute field work efficiently and effectively. Be intentional with our work; matching work items with SCC mission and goals (strategic plan). Provide professional growth opportunities for staff and utilize their passions to accomplish our work. Provide high quality services and experiences for the public that use our areas.

Where I spend my time: Communicating with staff, providing direction, problem solving. Rounding with staff, properties and projects. Project planning, coordination with partners, contractors, design engineers, etc. Oversight of Law Enforcement program, trails and natural resource programs. Stress work that keeps parks safe and enjoyable for public. Dealing with things that come up or come in.

Personal Work Highlight – Participating currently in the *High-Performance Leadership Development Academy* put on by NACO (National Association of Counties) 10-week course, 4-6 hours a week

1. Leadership Mindset and Positive Engagement
2. Leading Effective Change
3. Communication and Collaboration

Active Project Management

- ◆ Dakins Lake Cabin –*project manager* - bid letting
- ◆ Tedesco Corridor Shelter and Restroom – *project manager* - bid letting
- ◆ R-38 alternative project – *project manager* - route exploration
- ◆ McFarland Conservation Center – *project manager* - test fit process
- Deppe Property – *guiding as needed* - wrap up design.
- Prairie Valley Preserve – *oversight* - picnic shelter, trail development, site restoration
- Longnecker Development – *funding, site planning*
- Hannum’s Mill – *guiding as needed* - finalizing design, permitting.
- HGP Oak Wilt removal – *oversight* - wrapping up removal with contractor
- HGP Beach and Accessibility project – *guiding on amenities* – design

Recently Completed Projects

- McFarland Shop Project
- HOINT – pave to Collins, Celebration and Ribbon Cutting Event
- Oxbows at Wicks and Carroll
- HGP Amenity signage

Field Staff

- Comprehensive Park initiative – McFarland Shop staff
- Trail workloads – flex a seasonal there for summer of 2026
- Efficient and effective field work – stay busy doing what matters
- Emphasize communication, working together (IRVM), and using resources – volunteers, etc.

More On Back

Natural Resource Program

- Ongoing restorations at numerous properties
- Volunteer opportunities - NR Stewards, tree plantings, service learning, etc.
- Program reaching further – permitting and easement review, PLO relations, etc.
- Seeking continued solutions for workloads

Law Enforcement Program

- Maintain visibility and presence in parks
- Make proactive contacts to prevent issues
- Community and partner outreach events
- Interagency cooperations, training, and contacts
- Professional development opportunities for staff