



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: 3/4/2026

Department: Public Works

Title: Appointments to the Marion County Parks Commission

Management Update/Work Session Date: 2/3/2026 Audio/Visual aids

Time Required: 5 mins Contact: Kevin Thompson Phone: 4158

Requested Action: Approve Board Orders for Chair, Vice-Chair and membership to the Marion County Parks Commission.

Issue, Description & Background: The Marion County Board of Commissioners formed the MC Parks Commission by order on September 16, 1958, to offer public input on parks issues. It consists of no less than five (5) or more than seven (7) members, all of whom serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners. At it's regularly scheduled meeting on January 15, 2026 the Parks Commission voted on the following recommendations:
- Appointing Hunter McClure for a four-year term as a citizen-at-large.
- Appointing Alton Hoover for a two-year term as Chair.
- Appointing Tabitha Henricksen for a two-year term as Vice-Chair.

Financial Impacts: N/A

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: N/A

List of attachments: (1) Board Orders, (2) Application, (3) Parks Commission Roster

Presenter: Kevin Thompson

Department Head Signature: Brian Nicholas Digitally signed by Brian Nicholas Date: 2026.02.03 15:10:35 -08'00'

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of appointing)
Hunter McClure to the)
Marion County Parks Commission)

ORDER NO: _____

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2026, to appoint a new member to the Marion County Parks Commission.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has established the Marion County Parks Commission in accordance with Order dated September 16, 1958; and

WHEREAS, the Marion County Parks Commission serves as an advisory board to offer public input on parks issues and shall consist of no less than five (5) or more than seven (7) members; and

WHEREAS, there is a vacant position of the Marion County Parks Commission; and

WHEREAS IT APPEARING to the Board of Commissioners that Hunter McClure is qualified and willing to serve as a citizen-at-large for a four-year term on the Marion County Parks Commission; now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Hunter McClure is appointed as an at-large member of the Marion County Parks Commission for a term beginning March 4, 2026 and ending December 31, 2029.

DATED this 4th day of March, 2026.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner

Cc: Clerk

Volunteer Services

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of appointing)
Alton Hoover as)
Chair of the)
Marion County Parks Commission)

ORDER NO: _____

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 to consider the appointment of Alton Hoover as Chair to the Marion County Parks Commission.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has established the Marion County Parks Commission in accordance with Order dated September 16, 1958; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Commission Bylaws state the Committee will be led by a Chair who is approved by the Board of Commissioners and the Chair shall serve a two-year term; and

WHEREAS, the board finds that Alton Hoover is qualified and willing to serve as Chair of the Marion County Parks Commission; now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Alton Hoover is appointed as Chair of the Parks Commission for a term beginning March 4, 2026 and ending March 4, 2028.

DATED this 4th day of March, 2026.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner

Cc: Clerk

Volunteer Services

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of appointing)
Tabitha Henricksen as)
Vice Chair of the)
Marion County Parks Commission)

ORDER NO: _____

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on Wednesday, March 4, 2026 to consider the appointment of Tabitha Henricksen as Vice Chair to the Marion County Parks Commission.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has established the Marion County Parks Commission in accordance with Order dated September 16, 1958; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Commission Bylaws state the Committee will be led by a Vice Chair who is approved by the Board of Commissioners and the Vice Chair shall serve a two-year term; and

WHEREAS, the board finds that Tabitha Henricksen is qualified and willing to serve as Vice Chair of the Parks Commission; now, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Tabitha Henricksen is appointed as Vice Chair of the Parks Commission for a term beginning March 4, 2026 and ending March 4, 2028.

DATED this 4th day of March, 2026.

MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner

Cc: Clerk

Volunteer Services



Advisory Board Application

Applicant's Name: **Hunter McClure**

Adv. Board: **Parks Commission**

City of Residence: **Salem** Zip Code: **97317**

Occupation: **Project Manager, State of Oregon Dept. of Consumer & Business Services**

Application Rcd: **November 24, 2025**

The reason I am applying:

While my initial interest was sparked by the transition of Santana Village Park near my home, attending the November 20th meeting significantly expanded my perspective. I saw the breadth of work the Commission handles and the positive impact it has on the region. I am applying because I want to move beyond just my local neighborhood interest to support the County's broader mission. I believe my background can help the Commission continue to manage these complex assets effectively as our community grows.

More about my personal and professional interests:

Professionally, I am a Project Manager for the State of Oregon (DCBS/DFR) with a strong focus on systems thinking and policy implementation. I have a genuine professional interest in public administration, specifically regarding how county policy translates into tangible community benefits. Personally, I view parks as essential community infrastructure. I live right next to a park, so I see firsthand how these spaces function as vital gathering places. I want to ensure that infrastructure is maintained efficiently.

Tell us more about your community involvement:

I currently serve on the Board of the East Salem Suburban Neighborhood Association (ESSNA). In that role, I have been instrumental in refreshing our bylaws and creating community flyers to boost engagement. Additionally, I volunteer with the Santana Village Park Association, where I help with park maintenance and plan new projects. I also helped organize our neighborhood's National Night Out event this past August. My work involves direct collaboration with neighbors to identify needs and execute projects.

Previous board service at Marion County:

N/A

Qualifications and Skills:

My background is in Project Management and IT Auditing. I bring the following skills to the commission:

- Strategic Planning: Experience developing frameworks to align operations with strategic missions.
- Governance and Compliance: Comfortable navigating bylaws, regulations, and risk assessments.
- Systems Thinking: I excel at breaking down complex problems into actionable tactics.
- Technical Proficiency: Skilled in Google Workspace and automation to ensure efficient communication.



Advisory Board Application

More about yourself and why you are applying:

I am a systems thinker who believes that good governance leads to great communities. I thrive at the intersection of local impact and county logistics. I do not just want to occupy a seat. I want to apply my project management skills to help the commission execute its goals. I am committed to preserving the quality of our county parks through sound planning and active participation. And really at the end of the day, its my hope that by helping create great park environments we can encourage the community to get out and flourish.

References: Benjamin Kuiper, personal reference, Helena, Montana

Marilynn Long, Fellow East Salem Suburban Neighborhood Association member.

Signature

Agreement Statement:

I give my permission for the named references to be contacted, either verbally or in writing. All the information on this application is true to the best of my knowledge and I understand I am applying for a volunteer position with Marion County.

I understand that appointed members of a Marion County advisory board, commission, committee, or council are considered public officials under Oregon law. Marion County will provide orientation and more information upon appointment.

I Agree *

Marion County Parks Commission Members January 20, 2026

Name	Term Expires	City of Residence
Alton Hoover, Vice-Chair	6-30-2027	Salem
Herschel Sangster, Chair	3-16-2026	Keizer
Tabitha Henricksen	12-31-2027	Salem
Wayne Rawlins	6-30-2029	Salem
Amanda Arthurs	6-30-2029	Salem
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