

## Weston Bend State Park Public Meeting Agenda 9/10/22

### Staff Introduction and Park Overview

### Completed Projects for the past year

#### 1. Historic 1930's Tobacco Barn Restoration

- The tobacco industry played an important role in the area's agricultural history and was one of the main uses of parts of the land that is now Weston Bend. There are five tobacco barns in the park, one being a 100ft.x50ftx36ft. barn built in 1930.
- The Barn received a complete exterior renovation to include new siding and hardware, all ventilation flaps and doors restored to their original appearance and function and the rebuilding of the chimney in the cutting room using the original brick.
- Work was completed by the Northwest Region Const. Crew in December 2021. Doing the work in house saved the state thousands in labor cost.

#### 2. Playground Border Replacement

- The old playground border was removed and replaced with a new border that enhanced the appearance and function of the area. The project included the addition of 50 cu.yds. of new fall material. Project was completed with the assistance of Lewis and Clark staff.

### Upcoming Projects

#### 1. Revenue Bond Campground Expansion

- Weston Bend's current campground is extremely popular, regularly having 95%+ occupancy during on season weekends. Sites for peak times are reserved months in advance.
- Weston Bend was the recipient of a \$1.9 million Revenue Bond Project to expand its current campground by 14 full hook up guest sites, one new campground host site and a small shower house unit.
- The project is currently in the design phase with construction estimated to begin in the summer of 2023.

#### 2. Paved Trail CI Project

- Weston Bend is the recipient of a Recreational Trails Program grant to repair a portion of its very popular Paved Trail.
- The project consists of removing and replacing two large culverts and a section of trail.

- The culverts will be replaced with one larger culvert to reduce silt in and debris obstruction. The disturbed portion of trail over the construction area will then be replaced.
  - Project is currently in the final phases of design and we hope to have construction begin early in 2023.
3. Continuing Work on Historic Tobacco Barn
- Staff plan to continue to work on developing exhibits and acquiring items related to tobacco farming and processing for display in the Historic Tobacco Barn. The long term goal is to create an open air museum to educate visitors on the agricultural significance the tobacco industry played in the area.
4. Upcoming Events
- Apple Fest Programming at the Historic Tobacco Barn 10am-2pm Saturday October 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Trunk or Treat at the Bee Creek Shelter 3pm-6pm Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>.