

## **Dustin Webb's Updates- Weston Bend Public Meeting 2022**

### **Region Breakdown:**

- Northern region, 1 of 3 regions in which our park system is broken down.
- We have 35 parks and historic sites in our region.
- Statewide we have 92 state parks and historic sites.

### **Volunteers and Hosts:**

- We are grateful for the efforts and the support of our volunteers and campground hosts.
- Camping: 2020: 4,161 2021: 5,862 +41%

### **Funding:**

- Parks and Soils sales tax: Thanks for the continued support. 1/10 of 1% is split in half between Missouri State Parks, and soil conservation in all our counties across the state.
- This sales tax funds 75% of our funding, and provides free access to all our parks.
- This is not the case in many other park systems around the country. Cost the average Missourian \$8 per year for free access to all our parks all year.

### **Large Projects:**

Completed the Tobacco Barn residing project.

Working on a phased repair of the paved bicycle trail. 1<sup>st</sup> phase will address the large culverts and issues near Bee Creek.

### **Bond Project:**

- Governor Parson approved the bonding authority of \$60.2 million for state park improvement projects. The revenue bonds will assist with completing 28 revenue bond funded projects at 22 different parks across the state.
  - Create new campground loop 14 sewer, 50-amp electric, water campsites, 1.9 Million dollar upgrade. This will also include a new camp host site.
  - In design phase, as we are fine tuning the details. Construction will start next year and should not affect the rest of the campground operation.
- I am thankful for Shanea and her team's hard work at Weston Bend!