

Hill County Park Board Meeting Minutes  
Timmons Room, Courthouse  
Monday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, 5:30 P.M.

**Board Members Present:** Jeff Jensen, Mark Peterson, Larry Kinsella, Sheri Williams, Jake Strissel, Ursula Brese, Lou Hagener, and Park Superintendent Chad Edgar.

**Board Members Absent:** Tony Reum

**Guests:** Lowell Alcock, Renelle Braaten, Rose Cloninger, Margaret Standing Bear, Voyd St. Pierre, Cathy Jamruszka, Lee Morse, Jody Bachini, Ron Maynard, Kyle Leeds NMB, Michael Rodriguez NMB and Patrick Johnson HDN

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by Ursula to approve minutes as corrected. Seconded by Lou with a correction to the Committee reappointment section from the June meeting to read “Continue to contact the Committee members to find out where they stand before moving on...”. Motion Passed

**Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Lou to approve the agenda, seconded by Jake. Motion Passed

**Public Comment on Agenda Item/Agenda Requests:** No Comments.

**Cabin Business:** None

**Old Business:**

**Lodge Committee:** At the previous Lodge committee meeting members requested more info on who would be onsite for visits and references. A&E and Becki Miller sent in their information. Becki will be the onsite person visiting about every 2 weeks. Ben Erickson group removed themselves as they were too busy and would not be able to work on Lodge until next year. Jeff called Becki informing her they got the contract. Now just waiting for paperwork to come back before contract approval.

**New Business:**

**Chairman appointment:** Larry nominated Jeff as Chairman. Seconded by Ursula. Mark made a motion that nomination cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Jeff. Seconded by Jake. Motion Passed

**Vice Chairman appointment:** Larry nominated Tony for the Vice Chair position. Seconded by Ursula. Motion Passed

**Committee appointments:** 4 people applied for the 2 Board positions. One dropped out early and another dropped out before interviews. Pam Wilson and Lou Hagener were interviewed. Pam was appointed and Lou was reappointed to the Board by the Commissioners.

**Committees:** Jeff is working on them. Lou asked if these positions were advertised. Jeff had talked to a few of them. Those on the Rules and Regulation Committee will continue to serve, however there are several on the Finance Committee who do not want to serve another term.

**Committee Reports:**

**Rules and Regulations Committee:** None.

**Finance and Planning Committee:** None.

**Grazing Committee:** They will meet at the end of July to discuss allotments. Allotments will be brought to the Aug. Board meeting for approval.

**Group Reports:**

**Cabin Owner's Report:** None

*Friends of Beaver Creek Park: None*

**Superintendent Report:**

- Park usage is High. The month of June went smoothly. July 4<sup>th</sup> was busy with no incidents.
- Park conditions are very wet with 3.8 inches of rain for June.
- Mowing non-stop, keeping up with the grass and growing conditions.
- Cleaning, weed eating.
- Nature trail has been cut.
- The Disk Golf Course has been cut and trimmed.
- New tables have been placed at Shambo; old ones removed. Rotating tables.
- Chad has been grading roads, grading trail to Mt Otis trail head and Alkali Springs Road.
- Final draft for the Kiosk at the north end has been completed. Will go to the printers next week.
- MAT performance in June in Eagles went well.
- Father's Day fishing derby at Rotary was well attended.
- Marathon took place in June and went well.
- Lodge has been busy: 3 weddings, 1 family reunion and 3 youth camps in June.

**Claims:** There are 2 additions to the claims for June that need to be added. A new claims sheet will be emailed to the Board members. Motion made by Mark to approve the June claims as amended. Seconded by Ursula. Motion Passed.

**Public Comment:** Lowell asked about the lodge. Jeff said the committee is looking at the lodge being 5000 square feet. All will depend upon the design staying within the money allotted, which also includes landscaping.

Rose asked about gravel on Alkali Spring road by the culvert. Lowell will bring in some clean shale to place around it. Chad approved that.

Jody stated the Adopt A Highway signs are up.

Lou stated that he attended the NARC field day at the Fort. There is a person there talking about the Mesonet project dealing with weather stations. Lou wanted to know if he could look into the weather station project and try to get one or two for the Park. That was approved.

**Meeting adjourned 6:00 P.M.:** Jake made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Sheri

**Next meeting:** August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Timmons Room at Courthouse at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Pamela Wilson