

Hill County Park Board Meeting Minutes
Timmons Room, Courthouse
Monday, November 6th, 2023, 5:30 P.M.

Board Members Present: Larry Kinsella, Lou Hagener, Pam Wilson, Tony Reum, Jake Strissel, Sheri Williams, Jeff Jensen, Park Superintendent Chad Edgar

Board Members Absent: Ursula Brese, Mark Peterson

Guests: Emma Korntheuer, Lee Morse, Patrick Johnston with HDN, Michael Rodriguez with NMBI

Approval of Minutes: Larry made a motion to approve the October minutes. Seconded by Lou. Motion Passed.

Approval of Agenda: Pam made a motion to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Tony. Motion Passed.

Public Comment on Agenda Item/Agenda Requests: None

Cabin Business: Not Present.

Old Business:

Park Fees: Pam passed around a draft for new Park fees. It also has the current fees to be easily viewed side by side. She broke down the bed tax and stated that fees haven't gone up since 2018. In the drafted fees the yearly Park permit was removed and split into two seasonal permits for the year. One for summer dates ranging from April 15th to October 15th and one for winter dates ranging from October 16th to April 14th.

A short-term committee with Lou Hagner, Lee Morse, Pam Wilson, Jake Strissel, and Chad Edgar will get together and talk about Park fees, so changes can be made intime for 2024 reservations.

Building trust & transparency - Improving communication internally and externally: Lou made a motion to reestablish and use an email list serve that will inform all park board members, and those members of the public that request to be on the list, of all the park board and park permanent or adhoc committee meetings along with reason(s) for the meeting and /or agendas at least 2 working days before the meeting time. Motion failed due to no second.

New Business:

Funding Source- Renewable Grant Program -House Bill 6 Authorization: Funding is available to the Park through House Bill 6. A planning grant is open for submission, the Park would need to have a Grazing plan in order to apply for the water shed funds available. Emma Korntheuer, who Lou invited to give the Park Board the information went into detail explaining how the grant works and what funds could possibly be available. With question from the board Jeff assigned Chad, Lou, Tony, and Sheri to look into grant to see if the board should move forward and apply for the Grant.

Shop Concrete Floor: Tabled to December.

Apparel: Lou made a motion that we purchase Stickers and sell them for \$5 and Hats that we sell for \$25. The money to pay for them will come from the Trust Fund and be returned to the Trust Fund. Amended the motion to include a one-thousand-dollar budget to start. Seconded by Pam. Motion Passed

Pam made a motion to purchase t-shirts to keep on hand in assorted sizes, using funds from the one-thousand- dollar budget for stickers and hats. Seconded by Jake. Motion Passed.

Lou made a motion to approve the "Retro Beaver Creek Park Sign" for the sticker choice. Seconded by Pam. Motion Passed.

Lodge Design: Using the big screen Lou shared the most recent Lodge design.

Pam made a motion to approve the design with the idea a few things might be changed. Seconded by Tony. Motion Passed.

Committee Reports:

Grazing Committee: Did not meet.

Group Reports:

Cabin Owner's Report: Not present

Friends of Beaver Creek Park: Not present

Superintendent Report:

- Cattle numbers are at 1735. Still some that are not on yet, dispersion of cows is good right now.
- One Cow was killed last month.
- Conditions are fairly wet with the snow and rainstorms we have been getting.
- Finished winterization, just a few things to pick up around the camp, the water is shut off, (will not be heating the Rec Hall this winter)
- The councilors' cabin budget is a concern as it was set at \$3500 and the sheeting for the bid is not the same. The paneling has doubled in price, it was around \$40 and now its around \$80. We will know more next month.
- Exploring extra funding for the Lodge, Chad will discuss more at the Lodge committee meeting.
- Spring Tank on the South End is complete.
- Illegal wood cutting in the Lions area is a big problem as they are cutting standing trees resulting in a tree falling onto a power line.
- Repaired broken windows in outhouses from vandalism.
- Still blowing the leaves off the grounds
- Graded a few roads.

Claims: Jake made a motion to approve the October Claims. Seconded by Tony. Motion Passed.

Public Comment:

Pam asked if the Claims could have a revenue line on the bottom.

Lou asked the commissioners about the Grazing applications since they are closed. Sheri stated as far as she knew Mark passed them on to Jeff or Chad. Jeff stated he didn't receive them, so Sheri went to the office to give him a copy before leaving. All applicants will be interviewed before a decision is made.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.: Pam made a motion to Adjourn. Seconded by Jake. Meeting Adjourned

Next meeting: December 4th, 2023, Timmons Room at Courthouse at 5:30 pm.