

Hill County Park Board Meeting Minutes
Timmons Room, Courthouse
Monday, March 4th, 2024, 5:30 P.M.

Board Members Present: Larry Kinsella, Mark Peterson, Lou Hagener, Tony Reum, Jeff Jensen, Sheri Williams, Park Superintendent Chad Edgar, Assistant to the Park Superintendent Danielle Eldridge.

Board Members Absent: Jake Strissel, Ursula Brese, Pam Wilson.

Guests: Emma Korntheuer, Madison Colyer, Matt Wertheimer, Cathy Jamruszka, Renelle Braaten, Isreal Hale NMB, Patrick Johnston HDN

Approval of Minutes: Lou motioned to approve the January Minutes. Seconded by Mark. Motion Passed.

Approval of Agenda: Mark motioned to approve the March Agenda. Seconded by Larry. Motion Passed.

Public Comment on Agenda Item/Agenda Requests: Lou stated that Larry and Ursulas positions end, and he also requested that the Board reviews the Haying and Grazing fees.

Cabin Business: None.

Old Business:

Lodge: The basic design is done and was sent to a local contractor for estimated cost.

Finance and Rules Committee draft (Feb Agenda): Tony asked if the Board members have to apply. The Chair can recommend them however they should put a letter of interest in if they want to join. Tabled to next meeting so everyone can go over the drafted form.

Emma- Renewable Resource Grant Watershed Assessment/Plan/Grants: Emma with Big Sky Watershed Corps, went over the information for the water shed assessment. She stated that the Hill County Conservations Districts, core purpose is to local representation, and to ensure local water for use. She said that the assessment is done every 15-20 years and it's been 24 years, so they are due for another assessment. The college just did a study, and with this water shed assessment Emma and her team will elaborate on the college's study. She went over the sampling and analysis plan, which goes as follows: Sampling and Analysis plan, Water sampling, Sample Analysis, Analysis report Water Shed Restoration Plan (WRP), Projected projects. The cost is dependent on the study. She also cleared up some confusion, stating that she is not with NCRS even though they are in the same building.

New Business:

Bear Paw Marathon: Matt Wertheimer went over the details for the Marathon and included handouts for the board to view. Mark motioned to approve the Bear Paw Marathon. Seconded by Lou. Motion Passed.

June Meeting at Lodge: The Timmons Room will be under construction. Potluck for the June meeting possible at the Lodge to be added to the May Agenda.

Invasive Insect Trapping: Mark stated that they are looking for three locations for the Insect Trapping. It was recommended that they work with Chad on locations. Tony motioned to approve the Invasive Insect Trapping. Seconded by Sheri. Motion Passed.

Spring Tank Repair Issue: The two tanks are tied together and there is no agreement for the development. It will cost \$200 a year to get water off the state land. It was installed around 2000 and a compromise was made. Mark stated that we need to talk to Josh who he has a meeting with later this month.

Monitoring Progress Report (Feb) Lou- limited to 5-minutes: Lou stated that he sent out his 20 page report this morning to the Park Board members. He said most of it is Appendix and the Conservation District has a copy. The overall trend is non-conclusive. Lou spoke about water quality when it comes to Haying and Grazing.

Committee Reports:

Grazing Committee: Did not meet. Will look into the Spring Tank.

Commissioners announce new Grazing Committee members (Feb): Out of 8 candidates the Commissioners chose the following. Leon LaSalle, Bill Bradbury, Lee Morse, and Shawn Nystrom. They did not figure staggered terms.

Group Reports:

Cabin Owner's Report: None

Friends of Beaver Creek Park: They are working on Funding Sources for the Lodge.

Superintendent Report:

- Park usage: we have had Ice fisherman and Snowmobiles.
- It has snowed off and on in the last month and we have received 4-6 inches of snow. The current snow is 2-3 inches.
- The counselors' cabin is finished. Installed was two bedrooms and a hallway with a cleaning supply storage cabinet.
- January was cold and the water lines at the house froze but did not break. Temps. were -46 for 2 days.
- Plowed the Lions campground for snowmobiles.
- Started a new project in the office. Painting the ceiling and one wall white, took out the old counter and installed a new homemade one.
- Danielle is looking for an ergonomic sit/stand desk.
- Stromberg's is no longer selling Park Permits.
- Gary and Leo's IGA is willing to sell Park Permits at their service counter.

Claims: Larry motioned to approve the January Claims. Seconded by Mark. Motion Passed.
Larry motioned to approve the February Claims. Seconded by Mark. Motion Passed.

Public Comment: None.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 P.M.

Next meeting: April 1st, 2024, at 5:30 pm in the Timmons Room at Courthouse.

Respectfully submitted: Danielle Eldridge Assistant to the Park Superintendent.