

Hill County Park Board Meeting Minutes
Timmons Room, Courthouse
Monday, August 7th, 2023, 5:30 P.M.

Board Members Present: Jeff Jensen, Larry Kinsella, Sheri Williams, Tony Reum, Lou Hagener, and Park Superintendent Chad Edgar.

Board Members Absent: Mark Peterson, Jake Strissel, Pam Wilson, Ursula Brese

Guests: Lowell Alcock, Renelle Braaten, Michael Rodriguez NMB

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Lou to approve minutes with amendments. Seconded by Tony. Motion Passed

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Larry to approve the agenda. Seconded by Sheri. Motion Passed

Public Comment on Agenda Item/Agenda Requests: Lou requested that “Internal communications/notices and Public notices” be added to next month’s agenda.

Cabin Business: #10 Alkali Springs Lane- Move to September meeting.

#6 Quarter Gulch- Larry made a motion to approve the siding and color. Seconded by Lou.
Motion Passed.

Old Business:

Lodge Committee: Got the contract for A&E it looks good to the Lodge committee. The cost is 10% of the monies we have for the lodge. The County Attorney will take a look at it and once it is approved, there will be a meeting at the lodge to make sure the ground is stable with a Geotech study. Jeff drafted a letter looking for a loan to help with payments along the way for the architect and contractor throughout the project. He will reach out to the local banks first. Lou nominated Chad to be the representative for the contract.

New Business:

Committee appointments: Lou raised a question about Grazing Committee appointments stating, “There is not uniform understanding concerning appointment to this committee” Sheri will look into this. Going to move to the next meeting not enough board members present.

Committee Reports:

Rules and Regulations Committee: None.

Finance and Planning Committee: None.

Grazing Committee: Met & discussed allotments, it was agreed to run with the three-year average this year for grazing. A recommendation for the Park Board to approve the three-year average for this year was discussed.

Larry made a motion to approve the three-year average. Seconded by Tony. 1 opposed. Motion Passed.

Spring tanks repairs and developments talked about a number of repairs that are needed on lots of Spring tanks. Several of them have overflow issues and one is silted in pretty bad. The committee felt that these are things that we should get repaired this year, understanding that the Land Management Fund will cover most of these repairs. They also talked about new developments if they have the money to do one or two Spring Developments in certain areas, on the South end in particular.

Larry made a motion to fix some of the water tanks. Seconded by Tony. Motion Passed.

Group Reports:

Cabin Owner's Report: None.

Friends of Beaver Creek Park: Not Present

Superintendent Report:

- Park usage slowed down in August. The month as a whole has been smooth.
- Park conditions are dry but did receive rain 0.8 on Friday and 0.2 on Saturday. South end had a down pour, rain on the North end would be nice.
- Mowing has slowed down giving time for other projects.
- Park Work: 20 new garbage can post and hanger project nearly complete.
- Installed 2 new garbage can racks.
- Pagers installed benches one at their site and one at their 39 site, they also stained their bridge.
- Began ash clean-up project that we do once a year. We emptied firepits and removed debris from around the fire pits and removed trees as needed.
- In their spare time they have been fixing/sanding/staining picnic tables 12 for the month.
- Fence maintenance on the South end completely done, along with Kiwanis, now moving North.
- Trimming roadsides through the campgrounds that get overgrown and, on the highway, south of Loins area. Would like to see if the Road department would help some day with a big project to get the bigger leaning trees off the road right of way.
- Trimming of the brush at Kiwanis as well as edging the sidewalk.
- The Kiosk at the North end the proofs are in at Rock Art. The company we used should be done by Labor Day if all goes well.
- There are Algae Blooms present at First Lake.

Claims: Larry made a motion to approve the claims for July. Seconded by Tony. Motion Passed.

Public Comment: Lowell commented as far as the Kallenberger situation going on and the selections of committee reappointments should be chosen more wisely so we don't have conflict later.

Comment asking for a copy of the Bid for the Lodge. Stating that the public need to be more involved/ informed as it was approved.

A question about the break in near Taylor Road asking if the cameras have been looked at. Chad stated he was working with the Sheriff's office and reviewing hours of video.

A statement was made about charging more for the RV dump, as the dump fee in town is roughly \$10.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.: Tony made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Larry.

Next meeting: September 11th, 2023, Timmons Room at Courthouse at 5:30 pm.