

**Hill County Park Board Meeting Minutes
In the Timmons Room, of the Courthouse
Monday, July 7th, 2025, 5:30 P.M.**

Board Members Present: Tony Reum, Lou Hagener. Dave Fanning, Jake Strissel, Jeff Jensen, Park Superintendent Chad Edgar

Board Members Absent: Larry Kinsella, Bill Lanier, Sheri Williams

Guests: Jack Brandon, Rose Cloninger, Renelle Braaten, Kylee Leeds (NMB) Christy Ulmen (HWC)

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Tony to approve the June minutes. Seconded by Dave. Motion Passed.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Jake to approve the July Agenda. Seconded by Lou. Motion Passed.

Public Comment on Agenda Item/Agenda Requests: Jeff asked if an advertisement has been placed for the Park Board member position that is open. Jake stated yes, Tiffany has posted it.

Cabin Business: #4 Sawmill Gulch Lane: Site Improvement Request. Motion made by Lou to approve an 8'x10' shed being added to the property. Seconded by Dave. Motion Passed.

Old Business:

Lodge: Had a zoom meeting with Bannack, Things are looking good for fundraising. Continuing to pursue avenues for donations. A&E was asked to complete plans for the Lodge, so everything is ready when advertising begins. We have the funds to pay for the rest of the plans to get it done. Plan goals include the Lodge demo starting in April.

Grazing & Haying: Ad hoc Group is working on Policies and Procedures. They will need a couple more meetings to get a rough draft ready for the County Attorney, then it will be brought to the board for a vote.

Cabin Non-compliance Action Policy: It is with the County Attorney for review. It needs to match up with the lease, some revisions to the lease may be necessary we will wait to hear back.

Haying Allocations: Advertised areas that need Haying. First Lake, and Dump to Kiwanis. Nothing was received for the Kiwanis to Dump site. Steve Faber would like the First Lake area. He was the only applicant. Motion made by Lou to allow Faber to cut First Lake area. Seconded by Jake. Motion Passed.

New Business:

Outhouse Fund Transfer: Motion made by Tony to approve the fund transfer from the General Budget to the Capital Improvement fund, to pay for the outhouse that was approved last year, to be installed by Frank Leeds Construction. Seconded by Jake. Motion Passed.

Barn Insulation: We received two bids for the barn insulation that were \$542 apart. The bids were from one local contractor and one contractor out of Great Falls. Wade Kultgen with Circle F Insulation bid \$25,000. He has been chosen as the contractor to blow in insulation on the barn located at Camp Kiwanis. Motion made by Lou to approve the contractor selected. Seconded by Dave. Motion Passed.

Cabin Lease: Waiting to hear back from the County Attorney.

Committee Reports:

Grazing Committee: Meeting at the end of the month.

Group Reports:

Cabin Owner's Report: Trying to find people selling their cabins, there are a couple of people looking.

Friends of Beaver Creek Park: Have not met.

Superintendent Report:

- Park usage has been busy over the last month. With Fresno not having much water, we are getting the impact.
- Fourth of July went smoothly considering the number of people that were in the Park. Only a couple of issues arose such as a car going off the road and fireworks being lit. With the extra traffic we had extra Patrol from the Park Warden and the Sheriff's Office all issues were under control quickly.
- Conditions have been dry; we do have green grass which is looking really nice.
- It was a productive month with the priority being cleaning and mowing which kept us busy.
- We performed road trimming a lot of it was done over the past month.
- Road grading over the last month and got the entire South end done.
- Cut the Bear Paw Nature Trail and Folf Course.

Claims: Motion made by Tony to approve the June claims. Seconded by Jake. Motion Passed.

Public Comment:

Rose C: Asked what the Spray Day dates were and if it was advertised.

Rose C. also asked about the Lupine and if you could hay it earlier or if it can be sprayed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 P.M.: Motion made by Dave to adjourn. Seconded by Jake. Motion Passed.

Next meeting: August 4th, 2025, in the Timmons Room of the Hill County Courthouse at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Danielle Eldridge Administrative Assistant to the Park Superintendent.