

Hill County Park Board Meeting Minutes
Hill County Library
Monday, July 1st, 2024, 5:30 P.M.

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

Board Members Absent: All members present.

Guests: Emma Korntheuer (HCCD), Madison Colter (HCCD), Rose Cloninger, Lowell Alcock, John Perrodin, Vicki Ruskamp, Isreal Hale (NMB),

Approval of Minutes: Pam motioned to approve the June minutes. Seconded by Jake. Motion Passed.

Approval of Agenda: Larry moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mark. Motion Passed.

Public Comment on Agenda Item/Agenda Requests: Lou requested that the Cabin Inspections be added to the August agenda.

Cabin Business:

#4Phelps Lane (Cabin Transfer): Transfer from Katie Kuhr to Jarred Williams. Motion made by Sheri to approve the transfer. Seconded by Jake. Motion Passed.

#12 Sawmill Gulch Lane (Removal of an Owner): Cabin lease for John and Lenora Holmes removing John Holmes from the lease. Motion made by Tony to approve the removal. Seconded by Mark. Motion Passed.

#14 Sawmill Gulch Lane (Cabin Transfer): Transferring cabin from Helen Manaras to daughter Joan. Motion made by Mark to approve the transfer. Seconded by Sheri. Motion Passed.

#12 Phelps Lane (Adding to Lease): Michael and Shirlee Perrodin adding son John to lease. Motion made by Pam to approve the lease addition. Seconded by Jake. Motion Passed.

Old Business:

Lodge: Korb, Sletten and Clausen are the three bids that have been received from contractors. We do not have all of the information such as cost and rating as of yet. A&E will get back to us once the numbers are in, plans to proceed in May 2025.

New Business:

Grazing Fees: Lou stated that Fall of 2022 the Board talked about increasing the fee for Grazing as currently its \$16 and we add \$3 AUM. The amount of forage for 1000LBS cow/calf pair we are selling forage they are consuming higher than an AUM. One strategy Lou proposed is 1.3 factor for cow/calf pairs saying consider 1.3 factor for pairs stay the same for singles. Lou also stated he worked backwards from Chads' 2021 information more in line with market price for what we sell. He suggested that we raise the Land management fee from the current \$3 to \$4 and salt would be taken out of the Land management fund paid and billed. Jeff wants to table this and have it go to the new Finance and Rules Committee once the group is established. Jeff requested that we re-advertise for the Finance and Rules Committee.

Committee Reports:

Grazing Committee: The committee has not met. Chad called the Committee members they would have met for Hay fees. Hay looks good this year so no action needed to be taken. The Board discussed taking Hay samples. Mark stated that the extension office has the equipment, and he is willing to take some samples. He would core 5 bales in each area. Jeff asked what the cost to have it done is. Mark will check the price.

Group Reports:

Cabin Owner's Report: Getting things cleaned up and ready for the 4th of July.

Friends of Beaver Creek Park: N/A

Superintendent Report:

- Park usage- very busy compliance is good, no major instances everything is going smooth.
- Park conditions are still wet, timely rains and dry period, getting more rain this week.
- Park work- Mowing and cleaning outhouses and pavilions, going smooth for the most part, flooding and repairs are time consuming. FEMA has been out they assessed a few spots it was a quick visit to see if it is considered a disaster or not.
- Graded around roads to make passable, Blackie Coulee has major problems. The culvert at the top of the coulee plugged and washed the road out, (2–3foot ruts). Patrick's brought out fill for the road. With no help from FEMA, it will be expensive.
- Lions B- the creek is a constant problem, Chad did some work there, Fish and Game is not content with the work that was done. Fish and Game wants us to move the pavilion, unsure if it will fall apart trying to tear down or move. There may be funding for the whole area from Fish and Game. They want the creek to be able to release bed load because the flood plain is constantly fighting it. It will be a big decision when the time comes. Fish and Game is willing to design that area for us. We are working with them for the permits for the work.
- Mowed the Nature Trail.
- Korb poured the Barn slab. Need some time before we are able to drive on it.
- When we have time, we repair picnic tables and stain them.
- Rec-Hall has paint peeling off so working on cleaning up and getting ready for prime and paint.

HR asked if they could raffle off a Park pass for 2025-2026 camping season at the fair. Motion made by Pam to approve the Park pass to be raffled off. Seconded Larry. Motion Passed.

Claims: Lou motioned to approve the June claims. Seconded by Mark. Motion Passed.

Public Comment: Lowell A.- Asked about how much the Lodge would cost. Jeff replied we got 3 Mills.

Emma K.- Stated she was contacted on Lions B campground about the accessors report to DEQ. There is a list of coordinates that have an ongoing investigation and more correspondence to the County.

Pam W.- Finished cabin site leases and has issues with RVs inside fence. RVs outside of the fence have not moved at all and have no permit present. They must have a Park permit and they must be moved every 14 days. She asked who monitors old campers at cabin sites. She also talked about the Schellenberger's she had to walk up ¼ mile and the only thing left was metal pieces. Can this be reclaimed? It was taken in the 2017 fire.

Lou H.- Concerned that Chad reaches out to people, and they thumb their nose at him the Board needs to back him up. The Board needs to write the policy and keep in mind time factor. There needs to be a penalty somewhere.

Chad said we need a formal statement in steps. Step 1. Contact owner for intentions. Step 2 Come to the Board with their timeline. Step 3 Board for action and send certified mail.

Cabin inspections will be discussed at the August meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 P.M.: Motion made by Lou to adjourn. Seconded by Jake. Motion Passed.

Next meeting: August 5th, 2024, in the Beaver Creek Perk Coffee Shop located at 137 2nd Street at 5:30 pm.