

Hill County Park Board Meeting Minutes
Beaver Creek Perk Coffee Shop
Monday, December 2nd, 2024, 5:30 P.M.

Board Members Present: Chairman Jeff Jensen, Lou Hagener, Dave Fanning, Mark Peterson, Pam Wilson, Larry Kinsella, Toni Reum, Jake Strissel

Board Members Absent: Sheri Williams

Guests: Ranelle Bratten, Ray Kallenberger, Isreal Hale, Jach Solomon

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Mark to approve the November Minutes. Seconded by Jake. Motion Passed.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Item/Agenda Requests: Lou stated that two positions on the Grazing Committee are about to expire and asked that they be put on next month's Agenda.

Cabin Business: NA

Old Business:

Lodge:

USDA- Community facilities Loan program: Not much has happened over the last month however, some estimates did come in from the Architect on the studies. The Environmental study will cost \$40,000 and the Preliminary Architect report will be \$35,000. This is just to be eligible for the program. Chad will be checking to see if any of the fees can be waved or if we have any other options. The Architect report can be done by the Architect we already hired.

Cabin Inspection Action Plan: After a brief discussion it was decided that the Board will review the action plan and send any updates or changes to the Park office email to be gone over at the next Park Board meeting in January. Once the action plan is agreed upon a complete copy will be sent to the cabin owners.

Flood updates: Chad met with FEMA, FWP and Ashley from Hill County DES. FWP did their study of the area already, we are just waiting to see what they would like to do with the Lion's and Pagers area. Once we know what they would like us to do we can check to see if FEMA will cover the costs. Chad did give the Board a heads up about possibly moving the Pavillion in the Lion's area. He said that is the route they will most likely recommend.

Cattle: Allotment clarifications (Spouse/Daughter/Son etc.): & Cattle waiting list procedure: Jeff stated that he and Chad will be going over the ordinance and a committee will be set up in January to go over it.

Sale of vehicles: The firetruck and the 81 Chevy have been sold. Chad gave the guy who won the bid for the other Chevy until December 15th to pay in full. Motion made by Pam to allow Chad to go to the next highest bidder, if the first bidder doesn't pay for the truck by December 15th. Seconded by Dave. Motion Passed.

New Business: NA

Committee Reports:

Grazing Committee: Have not met. Lou requested that Grazing Fees be added to the Grazing Agenda.

Group Reports:

Cabin Owner's Report: NA

Friends of Beaver Creek Park: Have not met.

Superintendent Report:

- Park usage is minimal, a few hikers and skiers. Most of the Park is covered in snow.
- Cattle numbers are 1259. Mostly singles and no new traffic hits.
- Organizing the office and Shops. Lots of paperwork and phone calls this month.
- Met with Cody with FWP and Ashley from DES. FWP did their study in the Park.
- Submitted a claim for the Chapel to insurance it is covered just waiting to hear from insurance. If they say no FEMA should cover the costs. When it flooded it was a couple feet high and now there is a water mark around the Chapel
- You can now make donations on our web page bcpark.org by clicking on Buy a Park Permit Here (it will redirect you to our POS page), hit the drop-down arrow and select Park Donations, then follow the steps.
- Looking for bids on the barn insulation. The original plan was to use batting insulation in researching it's not the best option, doing a spray foam will be a more energy efficient. \$10,000 was the original budget amount but that won't cover the entire building, roughly \$13,000 for just the walls and \$27,000 for the walls and ceiling. There is an extra cost if done separately. Funds will come out of the Capital Improvement fund.

Claims: Motion made by Dave to approve the November Claims. Seconded by Pam. Motion Passed.

Public Comment: Lou- Asked Mark about the radio interview he did on November 1st about the spill way and below having riprap added to slow the water down the term "tail water" was used, which sparked confusion as to where the "tail waters" were.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.: Motion made by Dave to adjourn Seconded by Jake. Motion Passed.

Next meeting: January 6th, 2025, at the Beaver Creek Perk Coffee Shop
located at 137 2nd Street in Havre, the meeting will begin at 5:30 pm

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