

+Hill County Park Board Meeting Minutes
In the Timmons Room, of the Courthouse
Monday, February 3rd, 2025, at 5:30 P.M.

Board Members Present: Chairmen Jeff Jensen, Larry Kinsella, Lou Hagener, Jake Strissel, Tony Reum, Pam Wilson, Bill Lanier, Dave Fanning, Sheri Willams and Park Superintendent Chad Edgar

Board Members Absent: All members present

Guests: Christy Ulmen (HWC), Isreal Hale (NMB), Lee Morse, Gilbert B Meyer

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Pam to approve the January Minutes. Seconded by Tony. Motion Passed.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Item/Agenda Requests: N/A

Cabin Business: N/A

Old Business:

Lodge:

Cash Flow Spread Sheet: Chad broke down the Cash Flow Spread Sheet the Park came up with and nothing is set yet. This is a basic spread sheet to see if it will work.

Lou and Pam asked about the monies FOBCP has accrued this far and asked if those funds can be added to the budget. Their amount will go into the donation section, the amount at this point is undetermined.

Cabin inspection Action Plan: Lou requested this be delayed to the next meeting. Motion made by Sheri to move to the March meeting. Seconded by Dave. Motion Passed.

New Business:

Bannack Group: Chase Rose and Jason Jimmerson joined the meeting via zoom. They work for Bannack Group who is a strategic consulting firm dedicated to supporting charitable organizations through comprehensive fundraising, strategic consulting, and organizational development services. Chase and Jason anticipate the fund raising of over 1 million dollars for the Lodge to take about one year. They charge \$90,000 per year, which is billed monthly at \$7,500. Some of the items they are able to help with include but are not limited to: Being able to add more names to the donor list, Creating a brochure, setting up pledge agreements (a way for donors to pay overtime) and so much more. Having their knowledge and experience on our side will be a great benefit for the Lodge project as they know who to contact and where to find the grants and funding we have been looking for. If the Board approves their services, they can begin work immediately.

Lou made a motion to ask the Commissioners to pursue professional fundraising entities' services. Seconded by Jake. Motion Passed.

Public Engagement Event: Chad spoke with the Friends of Beaver Creek Park (FOBCP) they are putting together a "Bringing Down the House" fundraising event which is still in the planning process.

Lou put together a binder of ideas for the community engagement event some of his ideas include a mailer be sent out to the public, open house style event with a town hall meeting after, group activities, no front of the room presentations, making posters giving information about the entire park and what goes on and answering questions.

Committee Reports:

Grazing Committee: Have not met. The Ad Hoc committee did start on the policies and procedures review. They will have more meetings to continue working on them.

Group Reports:

Cabin Owner's Report: N/A

Friends of Beaver Creek Park (FOBCP): N/A

Superintendent Report:

- Usage has been fairly busy with Ice Fishing and Snowmobiling.
- Lots of snow in the Park.
- Working with FEMA on the mitigation projects along with FWP who plan to meet in late February.
- Chad went to Helena to speak with the Long-Range Sub Committee in hopes to find funding for the Lodge.
- Working on sanding and staining picnic tables.
- Tank on the wash truck was replaced.
- Working on plowing and keeping camp cleared of the snow.
- FOBCP applied for the T-Mobile grant, however, they were denied the \$50,000 they were asking for.
- Triangle is adding fiber connections to all the cabins in the Park. The old copper lines will be removed, and construction will happen in the Park this year.

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

Public Comment: *Lee M.* - commented on Bannack's questions of what support does the Board have from the community? Lee said figure about 50% because that's how the bill got voted in. Suggesting the Board look into where that 50% came from in the first place.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M. : Sheri made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dave. Motion Passed.

Next meeting: Monday March 3rd, 2025, in the Timmons Room of the County Courthouse at 5:30 pm.

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