

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

JANUARY 23, 2014

The Board met in regular session on Thursday at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners Arden Eide, Colleen Reese and Garry Jacobson present. Comm. Greg Boschee & Eric Jaeger were absent.

Also in attendance were Barb Knudson, Parshall Bay Manager; Kim Knudson with Parshall Bay; Lenny Eubanks, White Earth Bay Manager; Tim Kolke, Nathan Busche, Scott Frieden & Nick Herriage, with the Corps of Engineers; Mark Zaun, Supervisor of Van Hook Township Board; and David Miller with the Van Hook Improvement Association.

Motion was made by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Jacobson, to nominate Colleen Reese as acting chair due to the absence of the chair and vice-chair. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Acting Chair Reese called the meeting to order.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Jacobson, to approve the Minutes of the October 24, 2013 meeting. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Jacobson, to nominate Greg Boschee as Chairman and Eric Jaeger as Vice-Chairman. Nominations ceased. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on allowing the sale of ice at Parshall Bay. Manager Knudson stated the grocery store in Parshall would deliver ice to the park; the County would be responsible for the purchase of the cooler. The Board asked Manager Knudson to get an estimate for the cost of the cooler to present at the March meeting.

Kim Knudson mentioned the water well might be an issue this year and will need improvements. The Board authorized Knudsons' to get an estimate to fix the water well at Parshall Bay.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Jacobson, to approve the 2014 Annual Management Program for the Parshall Bay Recreational Area. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Jacobson, seconded by Comm. Eide, to authorize the purchase of six concrete tables from Monarch for Parshall Bay at a cost of \$3,106.95. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Jacobson, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve the purchase of a defibrillator for Parshall Bay at a cost not exceeding \$1,500. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Jacobson, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve the purchase of ten aluminum tables for Parshall Bay at a cost not exceeding \$4,000. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Jacobson, to authorize Manager Knudson to hire a contractor to paint 13 canopies including two tables in each canopy at a cost of \$4,215. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Kim Knudson discussed replacement of trees at Parshall Bay with a new Dutch Elm hybrid. Comm. Eide requested more information be presented at the March meeting, mainly if the trees would be replaced if they died within a year of planting.

Discussion was held on having a coin operated self serve vacuum at Parshall Bay. The Board requested more information and a firm estimate be presented at the upcoming March meeting.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Jacobson, to authorize the purchase of signage for Parshall Bay at a cost not exceeding \$1,000. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Tim Kolke with the Corps mentioned plans with Mountrail-Williams Electric Cooperative have not been finalized for Parshall Bay Recreational Area or at White Earth Bay Recreational Area. If plans are not finalized soon, projects could be delayed. Kenton Onstad with MWEC would be contacted for an update.

Mr. Kolke mentioned the seasonal campground program has been modified for the 2014 year and the process is uniform throughout all the parks. Mr. Kolke stated the date of the drawing for long term camping spots needs to be announced prior to the drawing.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Jacobson, to approve the 2014 Annual Management Program for the Van Hook Recreational Area. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the survey done by Sauber Engineering on encroachments in the north public use area at Van Hook Recreational Area. Mr. Kolke indicated that according to the deed the Park Board cannot have these infractions. Mr. Kolke stated this matter will need to be formally addressed. The Board would have State's Attorney, Wade G. Enget, at their upcoming March meeting.

Moved by Eide, seconded by Comm. Jacobson, to approve the transfer of Lot 6, Block 3, Traynor/Van Hook Park to Brittney N. Campbell. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Mark Zaun met with the Board to discuss a proposed development north of the Van Hook Recreational Area. Mr. Zaun indicated Van Hook Township Board is against this development and would like the Park Board's support to help stop development. Comm. Eide felt the Corps and Fish & Wildlife also need to get involved as the drainage from any large development north of the park will drain through Van Hook/Traynor Area. Mr. Zaun also stated he would like representation from the Park Board at any zoning hearings pertaining to this development. Mr. Zaun was instructed to let the County Auditor know when hearing(s) would be held so she could notify members of the Park Board.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Jacobson, to go on record opposing to any land classification change from agricultural zoned land to residential or to any other classification of land due to the large impact development would have on the Traynor/Van Hook Recreational Area. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on shoreline access. Mr. Kolke stated the Corps will no longer be managing shoreline access. If the County wants to pursue management of shoreline access, this item will need to be

included in annual management plans. The Board would include management of shoreline access in the Annual Management Plan for Van Hook and White Earth Bay but it is not certain whether managers will manage the shoreline access.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Jacobson, to approve the 2014 Annual Management Program for the White Earth Bay Recreational Area. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Manager Eubanks asked about signage to White Earth Bay from Highway 1804 going east. The Board instructed Mr. Eubanks to contact the ND Department of Transportation. Nathan Busch with the Corps indicated he could help with this request.

Manager Eubanks asked about having seasonal sites at White Earth Bay. Mr. Kolke stated seasonal sites for 2014 would not be allowed but they could be pursued for 2015 year.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Jacobson, to approve submitting a letter of request to the ND Game & Fish Department to cost share on 2014 projects at Van Hook, Parshall Bay, and White Earth Bay recreational areas. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Dave Miller with the Van Hook Improvement Association was present at the Park Board meeting to go on record opposing to any development north of Van Hook/Traynor Park.

The Board adjourned at 11:00 A.M. to meet in regular session on Thursday, March 27, 2014 at 9:00 A.M.

Accepted and approved this 27th day of March, 2014.

Colleen Reese, Acting Chair
Mountrail County Park Commission

ATTEST:

Joan M. Hollekim
Mountrail County Auditor