

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

January 15, 2026

The Board met in regular session on Thursday at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners Eric Jaeger, Arden Eide, Jason Rice present and John DeGroot & Wayne Olson via GoToMeeting. Wade Enget, State's Attorney was absent.

Also in attendance were Justin & Dawn Ritts, Jared Iverson, Steve Nelson, Steve Littlefield, Malory Goff and Morgan Olonia.

Chairman Jaeger called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the agenda as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the Minutes of the September 18, 2025 meeting. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve as corrected the special Minutes of the November 4, 2025 meeting. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to nominate Eric Jaeger as Chairman. Nominations ceased. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to nominate Arden Eide as Vice Chairman. Nominations ceased. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor reviewed the 2025 financials with the board.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the signing of the corrected Construction Agreement between the Park Board and Tooz Construction for the building of the bathhouses at Van Hook, Parshall Bay and White Earth Bay totaling \$1,244,421. Upon roll call, Eide, Jaeger, Rice, Olson and DeGroot voted yes. Motion carried.

VAN HOOK PARK DISCUSSION:

The building permits were supplied to the board.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the transfer of Lot 9, Block 2 from Robert Helseth to Ryan Nesheim. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Dawn & Justin Ritts Managers of Van Hook gave a park update.

Loretta Hansen, Corps of Engineers had no comments.

CLEAR LAKE DISCUSSION:

Steve Nelson, Manager of Clear Lake gave an update. Discussion was held on the 2026 budget and salaries for Clear Lake.

WHITE EARTH BAY DISCUSSION:

Jared Iverson, Manager of White Earth Bay gave an update on the park.

Loretta Hansen, Corps of Engineers discussed the ongoing paperwork for the bathhouse on the AMP.

PARSHALL BAY DISCUSSION:

Mallory Goff, Parshall Bay Manager gave an update on the park. Discussion was held on the salaries for 2026.

Moved by Comm. Jaeger, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve the salaries of \$20 an hour for John & Kelly Larson; Corie Haugeberg at \$23 an hour; Kim Knudson at \$25 an hour; Verla Walter at \$19 an hour & Dori Hill at \$19 an hour. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Loretta Hansen, Corps of Engineers had no comments.

ONGOING DISCUSSION:

Discussion was held on the 2026 Annual Management Plans with deadline being March 31, 2026.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve the Annual Management Plans to the Corps for 2026. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the G&F cost share requests for 2026. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Jaeger, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve the signing of the G&F O&M agreement for the fish cleaning stations totaling \$25,000. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Jaeger, to move the March 19th meeting to March 30th. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

The Board adjourned at 10:38 A.M. to meet in regular session on Monday, March 30, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

Accepted and approved this 30th day of March, 2026.

Eric Jaeger

Mountrail County Park Commission

ATTEST:

Stephanie A. Pappa

Mountrail County Auditor