PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

January 18, 2024

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

Also in attendance were Morgan Olonia & Mallory Goff, Justin & Dawn Ritts, Jared Iverson, John Sauber, Karen & Larry Fritel, Marcus Windingland & Wayne Johnson.

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

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

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the Minutes of the September 21, 2023 meeting. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

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

Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor supplied the financials for the 2023 year.

Melissa Vachal, P&Z Administrator met with the board to discuss the surveying of Van Hook with Sauber Engineering and the signing of the Professional Services Contract.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve signing of the Professional Services Contract with Sauber Engineering totaling $78,000 not to exceed. Upon roll call, Olson, Rice, Eide, DeGroot and Jaeger voted yes. Motion carried.

**CLEAR LAKE DISCUSSION:**

Karen and Larry Fritel met to discuss Clear Lake. Comm. Rice updated on the violations from the ND Health Department with the water well and the garbage. Karen and Larry Fritel are stepping down as the Park Managers. The Board thanked both Karen & Larry Fritel for the many years of volunteering at Clear Lake.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve advertising for managers of Clear Lake. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**WHITE EARTH BAY DISCUSSION:**

Discussion was held on the Corps of Engineers Annual Management Plan (AMP).

Jared Iverson, Manager of White Earth Bay gave an update on the park. Discussion was held on getting gates installed for the ice fishing access. Comm. Jaeger stated a location will need to be located for the bathhouse on the Annual Management Plan (AMP).

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson , to approve installing the cameras at the fish cleaning station from RTC totaling $3,877.42. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Eide, Rice and Olson voted yes and Jaeger abstained from voting. Motion carried.

Lindsay Johnson, Corps of Engineers met to discuss the AMP and what was needed when applying. Eric Kelsey, Corps of Engineers discussed the ongoing plans in how to keep the ice fisherman off the park roads while leaving access open to the lakeshore.

**PARSHALL BAY DISCUSSION:**

Discussion was held on the Corps of Engineers Annual Management Plan (AMP).

Chairman Jaeger discussed the 2024 budget and salaries for Parshall Bay.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the salaries as follows: Corie Haugeberg at $21 per hour; Kim Knudson at $25 per hour; Verla Walter at $17.50 per hour; Wayne Walter at $17 per hour and Dori Hill at $17 per hour. Upon roll call, Eide, Jaeger, Rice, DeGroot and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

Mallory Goff and Morgan Olonia, Parshall Bay Managers gave an update on the park.

Corps of Engineers had no comments.

**VAN HOOK PARK DISCUSSION:**

Discussion was held on the Corps of Engineers Annual Management Plan (AMP). Discussion was also held on the rental process of the pavilion. More discussion will be held at the next Park Board meeting.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the transfers of Lot 3, Block 4 from Pierre & Susan Carpentier to Scott Faul; Lot 10, Block 16 from Kris & Joselyn Nielsen to Kyle & Lacey Swallers; Lot 5, Block 12 from Jayce Harstad to Lorin & Brittney Johnson & Lot 2, Block 14 from Larry Berard to Rob Berard. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

Discussion was held with Wayne Johnson representing Van Hook Association with the funding of the continued phases of the tree planting and playground around the pavilion. The Van Hook Association was depending on Job Development Authority funding to finish out the project which the Association wouldn’t be eligible to apply due to the funding being supplied by the County General Fund. The recommendation of Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor was to have the County Parks amend the budget and request the additional funding from the Board of Commissioners. Wayne Johnson will supply the total cost of the project in order to finish.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve placement of the new playground by the pavilion. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Corps of Engineers had no comments.

**ONGOING DISCUSSION:**

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the Annual Management Plans for White Earth Bay, Parshall Bay, and Traynor/Van Hook. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve signing and sending the G&F cost share requests. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve signing and returning the G&F Fish Cleaning Station Management & Maintenance totaling $25,000. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the Annual Management Plans for White Earth Bay, Parshall Bay, and Traynor/Van Hook. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the request from North Dakota Water Resources to install a monitoring system on the south side of Clear Lake to measure water depths. The Board didn’t have any objections with the request.

**ADJOURN:**

The Board adjourned at 12:05 P.M. to meet in regular session on Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

Accepted and approved this 21st day of March, 2024.

Eric Jaeger

Mountrail County Park Commission

ATTEST:

Stephanie A. Pappa

Mountrail County Auditor