PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

June 12, 2025

The Board met in regular session on Thursday at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners Eric Jaeger, Arden Eide and John DeGroot present Wayne Olson and Jason Rice present via GoToMeeting. Wade Enget, State’s Attorney & Samantha Ledahl, Law Student Externship were present.

Also in attendance were Justin & Dawn Ritts, Terry Fleck, Steve Nelson, Mallory Goff and Morgan Olonia.

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

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

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2025 meeting. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the Minutes of the May 6, 2025 special meeting as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

**VAN HOOK PARK DISCUSSION:**

Discussion was held on the park replat on parcels #45-0019001, #45-0019002, #45-0019003, #45-0019005 & #45-0019006 regarding the deed from the Corps of Engineers exchanging the .60 acres from public use to lot holder use. Chairman Jaeger presented the history on the timeline of the current parcels. Wade Enget, State’s Attorney discussed the leases have the potential to have the footage changed for the parcels listed. Terry Fleck discussed the issue with not being able to utilize his lot. Chairman Jaeger presented the lot sizes and the average square footage of the lots in Van Hook. Manager Dawn Ritts discussed the lot holders are not being encroached by the campers. James Murray a lot holder discussed the issues of not knowing where the lot lines are located and the campers encroaching. Terry Fleck suggested tabling the discussion until September to be able to do more research and invite all lot holders affected by the changes.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Jaeger, to table the discussion for the parcels of #45-0019001, #45-0019002, #45-0019003, #45-0019005 & #45-0019006 until September Park Board meeting. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Wade Enget, State’s Attorney discussed the Reservation Telephone Company easement for the fiber installation. The legal description for the easement will need to be more specific to the Lots and Blocks rather than including the whole park for the easement.

The building permits supplied by the Planning & Zoning were reviewed.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the transfers of Lot 5, Block 2 from Doug Beard to Kyle & Peggy Bauer & Lot 4, Block 11 from Leslie Walters to Troy Walters & Lesli Stortz Walters. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

The Annual Management Plan was approved with the Corps of Engineers.

Dawn & Justin Ritts Managers of Van Hook gave a park update. Van Hook Association will be implementing a kayak launching system and has been conditionally approved from the Game and Fish.

Manager Ritts discussed the possibility of installing T-posts for Section E with a rope for the sites located on #45-0019001, #45-0019002, #45-0019003, #45-0019005 & #45-0019006

The board approved installing the T-posts and a rope for temporary use on #45-0019003 pending approval from Murrays.

No one was present with the Corps of Engineers.

**CLEAR LAKE DISCUSSION:**

Steve Nelson Manager of Clear Lake gave an update.

**WHITE EARTH BAY DISCUSSION:**

Jared & Kristin Iverson, White Earth Bay Managers gave park updates.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Jaeger, to approve moving forward with the lease renewal with the Corps of Engineers for another 10 years. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

No one was present with the Corps of Engineers.

**PARSHALL BAY DISCUSSION:**

Mallory Goff and Morgan Olonia, Parshall Bay Manager gave park updates.

The Annual Management Plan was approved with the Corps of Engineers.

Joan Koob, with the Corps of Engineers didn’t have any comments.

**ADJOURN:**

The Board adjourned at 11:31 A.M. to meet in regular session on Thursday, September 18, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

Accepted and approved this 18th day of September, 2025.

Eric Jaeger

Mountrail County Park Commission

ATTEST:

Stephanie A. Pappa

Mountrail County Auditor