PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

June 15, 2023

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

Also in attendance were Morgan Olonia & Mallory Goff, Justin & Dawn Ritts, Krisitin Iverson and Jay Harstad.

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

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

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the Minutes of the March 30, 2023 meeting. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the Special Minutes of the May 2, 2023 meeting. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

Discussion was held on the chip sealing through the Van Hook Park road. Wade Enget, State’s Attorney presented a Joint Powers Agreement between the Park Board and the Commissioners on the funding of the chip seal project. More discussion will be held once the estimate is available.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to table signing the Joint Powers Agreement between the Park Board and Commissioners. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**VAN HOOK PARK DISCUSSION:**

Chairman Jaeger opened the public hearing to discuss the verbiage on the lot leases at Van Hook Park. Wade Enget, State’s Attorney discussed the recommended changes of the wording to add that the taxes need to be paid in full within the County Park lots in order for the renewal of the lease for the new year. No comments were received from the public.

Chairman Jaeger closed the public hearing with no comments.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve signing the Game & Fish cost share agreement with Van Hook & Parshall for the boat ramp repairs. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Jaeger reviewed the documents received from Houston Engineering on the consideration of the two different alternatives to repair the Southeast Breakwater. The two different options will include the removing and stockpiling existing rock riprap from the SE side and top of the existing breakwater; place imported materials to increase the breakwater height and width, and to create the pedestrian access; placing geotextile fabric and salvaged rock materials and adding as necessary to complete the structure and adding select materials along the pedestrian access and on selected paths to the shoreline access points. Alternative A include a bench area for pedestrian access along the breakwater and Alternative B only has access along the top. The cost is predicted to be over $1 million for either alternative which is way higher then the park board is willing to spend. A portable break water may be looked at in the future if needed.

Discussion was held on an anonymous complaint letter from lot holders concerning the Managers of Van Hook.

Dawn & Justin Ritts Managers of Van Hook gave a park update. Dawn Ritts stated the fishing is amazing.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the transfer of Lot 11, Block 2 from Loren & Bonnie Olson to Roger & Kelli Fyllesvold. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the building permits for Lot 2, Block 12 for Gene Brown for a mobile home and decks; Lot 3, Block 15 for Donald & Teri Brewster for a 28x30 garage and Lot 1, Block 17 for Jon Grundstrom for a 15x76 mobile home. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the building permit processes and changing the process for lot holders in the future. More discussion will be held at the next park board meeting.

Corps of Engineers were not present.

Jay Harstad with the Van Hook Association thanked the managers and the park board for the continued support.

**CLEAR LAKE DISCUSSION:**

No new updates on Clear Lake.

**WHITE EARTH BAY DISCUSSION:**

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

Kristin Iverson, Manager of White Earth Bay gave an update on the park. Kristin Iverson stated the new vault toilet is great and fishing is amazing. Manager Iverson discussed a possibility of a bathhouse in the future.

**PARSHALL BAY DISCUSSION:**

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

Mallory Goff and Morgan Olonia, Parshall Bay Managers gave an update on the park. The fishing in Parshall Bay is also amazing.

**ONGOING DISCUSSION:**

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve signing the G&F cost share for fish cleaning stations for Parshall Bay, Van Hook and White Earth Bay. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the dates for Corps of Engineers inspections of the parks.

Discussion was held on the 2024 budget and beyond for the future projects of the Parks.

**ADJOURN:**

The Board adjourned at 11:03 A.M. to meet in regular session on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

Accepted and approved this 21st day of September, 2023.

Eric Jaeger

Mountrail County Park Commission

ATTEST:

Stephanie A. Pappa

Mountrail County Auditor