PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

June 18, 2020

The Board met in regular session on Thursday at 9:00 A.M. with Commissioners Eric Jaeger, Wayne Olson, Arden Eide and Daniel Uran on GOTOMEETING. Also present Amber Fiesel, Assistant State’s Attorney.

Also in attendance were Mallory Goff & Morgan Olonia; Justin & Dawn Ritts; Larry & Karen Fritel; Justin Scarborough; Peggy & Ron Stromstad; Andy Anderson; Jay Harstad; Nathan Busche; Amanda Young; Craig Mizera; Matthew Huettl; Jana Hennessy; and John Sauber.

Chairman Jaeger called the meeting to order.

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

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve the Minutes of the April 16, 2020 minutes and special meeting minutes of May 12, 2020 and May 29, 2020 meeting as corrected. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor reviewed the 2020 Financials for the Park.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve the financials for the park board. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Morgan Olonia and Mallory Goff, Managers gave an update on Parshall Bay. Manager Goff stated it is very busy. The garbage dumpsters are over flowing so would like the County to upgrade the dumpsters for more storage. The fish cleaning station was down for a few days due to the fish grinder being repaired. The Game and Fish offered to lower the outlets and due a cost share agreement. Manager Goff stated will be trying a tractor to maybe purchase in the 2021 year budget. Chairman Jaeger stated that the feedback from campers has been positive. Discussion was on how busy the office is for camping but Dawn Ritts stated if reservations are taken next year it will lighten the load. Thankful for all the help from the other managers of the parks.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve going into a cost share agreement with the Game & Fish for the moving of the electrical outlets in the fish cleaning station. Upon roll call, Olson, Jacobson, Uran, Eide, and Jaeger voted yes. Motion carried.

Engineer Hennessy along with John Sauber with Sauber Engineering discussed the CR 14 Parshall Bay road improvements. The paving of the road will go to the west boat ramp. The discussion was how to fund this project. Comm. Uran stated this would be fine to do in future but currently this is not the time. Comm. Uran stated maybe the best option for funding would be going through the grant process. Engineer Sauber stated the fair number for the preliminary engineering fees to be able to apply for the grants. Comm. Eide stated a lot of traffic utilizing from the subdivisions also on the road that would be paved. Comm. Jaeger stated whether the subdivisions have been contacted for helping with the funding or giving easements to the road. Chairman Jaeger will present this project to the Commissioners

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve Chairman Jaeger to present this paving project to CR 14 to the Commissioners. Upon roll call, Uran, Olson, Jacobson, Eide, and Jaeger voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on COVID-19 and how the park was handling it.

The Corps of Engineers discussed the inspection that was done. Also discussed was the Annual Management Plan that was approved by the Corps.

Discussion of White Earth Bay and Cottage Site Road. Engineer Jana Hennessy along with Craig Mizera and Matthew Huettl with HDR Engineering spoke to the Board concerning the upgrade of CR 9/100th Ave NW road project proposed improvement. Engineer Mizera discussed the different typical section options in the cottage site road.

Comm. Olson left at 10:00 a.m.

Justin Scarbarough, Manager gave an update on White Earth Bay. Manager Scarbarough stated hasn’t been real busy as of yet. Discussion was held on the storm that caused a lot of damage with the hail and wind.

Discussion was held on the COVID-19 process.

The Corps of Engineer discussed the inspection that was done. Manager Scarbarough discussed the fence options for the winter months and moving forward with the Corps to get this done.

Andy Anderson the President of White Earth Bay Development Corporation was requesting help with funding of the park equipment in White Earth Bay. The main cause of the shortage of funding is the downturn in the oil prices. Comm. Eide thinks this is a great idea to improve White Earth Bay Park and should invest in the playground equipment.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve paying $15,000 to the White Earth Bay Development Corporation in order to finish the playground equipment. Upon roll call, Uran, Eide, Jacobson and Jaeger voted yes. Motion carried.

Amber Fiesel, Assistant State’s Attorney spoke concerning the lawsuit filed by Zunich vs. Mountrail County and no additional things will be needed from the Mountrail County Park Board.

Larry and Karen Fritel were absent and no new updates on Clear Lake.

Managers Dawn & Justin Ritts gave a park update on Van Hook Park. Manager Ritts stated the park is crazy busy and full. Manager Dawn Ritts stated a lot of sanitizing but things are going good. Manager Dawn Ritts discussed the budget items that they would like to be approved for this summer. Discussion was held on replacement of vault toilet doors at all parks.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Uran, to replace doors on the vault toilets in all parks where needed. Upon roll call, Eide, Uran, Jacobson, and Jaeger voted yes. Motion carried.

Manager Dawn Ritts would like to purchase more concrete picnic tables.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve purchasing 10 concrete tables for Van Hook and 5 tables for Parshall Bay. Upon roll call, Eide, Uran, Jacobson and Jaeger voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the West Bathhouse and the upgrading of a new facility for the 2021 budget season. Discussion was also held on the East Bathhouse and upgrading and remodeling.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve the upgrading of the East bathhouse up to spending of $7,000. Upon roll call, Eide, Jacobson, Uran and Jaeger voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve moving forward with dust control up to the $5,000. Upon roll call, Uran, Jacobson, Eide and Jaeger voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the barracuda fish cleaning stations around the county and looking forward to upgrading all grinders throughout the County Parks.

Comm. Jacobson left at 11:18 a.m.

Discussion on the breakwater project and walking path.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve the transfer of Lot 11, Block 16 to Thomas & Donna Haustveit from Tom & Virginia Ripplinger and Lot 12, Block 4 to Kimberly Ann Johnson & Jared Andrew Johnson from Ordean Olson. Upon roll call, Eide, Uran and Jaeger voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve the building permits for Lot 5, Block 7, for Leslie Nelson for building a 10x16 front deck and Lot 10, Block 15 for Jeffrey & Janelle Verhey for a doublewide mobile home and a deck. Upon roll call, Eide, Uran, and Jaeger voted yes. Motion carried.

Amber Feisel, Assistant State’s Attorney discussed the Notice of Public Hearing on Vacation of a Portion of a Public Street and Replat in the Village of Van Hook.

Discussion was held on the COVID-19 process.

The Corps of Engineers spoke concerning no inspection will be done at Van Hook Park. Nathan Busche, with the Corp stated when replacing the concrete tables make sure they are ADA accessible for some sites still. Chairman Jaeger thanked the Van Hook Association for the corn-hole games that were established.

Chairman Jaeger gave an update on the North Day Use area with the Corps and would like to reach out to State’s Attorney to reach out to the delegations to try and keep this moving. A big disappointment with the entire board if this isn’t done by October’s meetings.

Manager Dawn Ritts discussed the surveying of all Block 20 and utilizing those surveys and being reimbursed from the lot holders. Chairman Jaeger stated to put this request in the 2021 budget.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve a special meeting to be held on July 7, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. for the replat and vacating of an unnamed street. Upon roll call, Uran, Eide and Jaeger voted yes. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 11:48 A.M. to meet in special session on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 8:30 A.M.

Accepted and approved this 29th day of October, 2020.

Eric Jaeger

Mountrail County Park Commission

ATTEST:

Stephanie A. Pappa

Mountrail County Auditor