PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

March 30, 2023

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

Also in attendance were Larry & Karen Fritel, Morgan Olonia & Mallory Goff, Justin & Dawn Ritts, Lindsay Johnson, Jared Iverson, Jay Harstad and Brian Varloe.

Chairman Jaeger called the meeting to order.

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

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve the Minutes of the January 19, 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 January 19, 2023 meeting. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

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

Chairman Jaeger discussed the Mountrail County recreation statistics.

**CLEAR LAKE DISCUSSION:**

Karen & Larry Fritel, Clear Lake Park gave an update on the park. Karen Fritel stated that they had received a lot of complaints with the increase of long-term camping rates.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the rate of $1,200 for long-term camping for Clear Lake only. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Olson, Rice, Eide, and Jaeger voted yes. Motion carried.

Larry Fritel presented a business card from ND State Water Commission for the potential of reaching water this spring.

**WHITE EARTH BAY DISCUSSION:**

Jared Iverson, Manager of White Earth Bay gave an update on the park. Jared Iverson discussed the proposed marina which the estimates are coming in double the amount. Manager Iverson also stated a new website is being developed, the vault toilet doors need replaced and the fish cleaning station drainage will need repairs. The ice fishing access is being utilized all along the shore which Manager Iverson stated only two access points per the Corps of Engineers. Chairman Jaeger stated it was brought to his attention of the need for an ADA loading ramp. Bob Frohlich with ND Game & Fish stated this would be cost shared for the ADA loading ramp.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve moving forward with the cost share request with the G&F for the ADA loading ramp to be placed at the White Earth Bay up to $2,000. Upon roll call, Jaeger, DeGroot, Olson, Eide and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

**PARSHALL BAY DISCUSSION:**

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve signing the Game & Fish cost share agreement with Parshall Bay. Upon roll call, Olson, DeGroot, Jaeger, Rice and Eide voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Ackerman-Estvold drain field plans.

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

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the purchase of a golf cart not to exceed $10,000. Upon roll call, Jaeger, Olson, DeGroot, Eide and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the purchase of three cameras to be located at the West Fish Cleaning Station. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, DeGroot, Eide voted yes and Jaeger abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Lindsey Johnson, Corps of Engineer discussed the AMP to have all field drain plans forwarded to get approved.

**VAN HOOK PARK DISCUSSION:**

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve signing the Game & Fish cost share agreement with Van Hook. Upon roll call, Jaeger, DeGroot, Olson, Rice and Eide voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the North Dakota Community Foundation for the endowment agreement for a grant procedure for the amount of $25,000 minimum starting for repairs and maintenance on utilizing the west pavilion.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve signing the North Dakota Community Foundation endowment grant in the amount of $25,000 or any dollars donated for the maintenance upkeep on utilizing the west pavilion. Upon roll call, Olson, Eide, DeGroot, Jaeger and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Jaeger thanked the Van Hook Association especially Wayne Johnson and Steven Littlefield for the building of the west pavilion.

Dawn & Justin Ritts Managers of Van Hook gave a park update. Dawn Ritts stated the low boat ramp access and may utilize the concrete slabs that were provided last year.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve the food and lodging license for the west pavilion through the ND Health Food and Beverage License. Upon roll call, Olson, Rice, DeGroot, Jaeger and Eide voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the purchase of a tractor at Border Plains totaling $45,075. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Olson, Eide, Jaeger and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the purchase of grass seed, vault doors and new signage. Upon roll call, Olson, Rice, DeGroot, Eide and Jaeger voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the transfers of Lot 3, Block 8 from Scott & Jackie Rudolph to Jackie Rudolph and Lot 9, Block 14 from Tim Johnson to Justin & Heidi Nielsen. Upon roll call, Rice, DeGroot, Eide, Jaeger and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve the building permits for Lot 8, Block 17 for Steven & Krista Littlefield for a stick-built 28x42 house and a 10x42 porch and Lot 12, Block 6 for Adam Jensen for a 1011 sq. ft stick-built house and a covered porch and Lot 5, Block 2 for Curtis & Shirley Dokken a mobile home. Upon roll call, Olson, Jaeger, Eide, DeGroot and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on lot holders utilizing more than one lot in Van Hook which is against the rules and regulations and the unpaid mobile home taxes.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to un-table the discussion on the delinquent taxes and the rules and regulations for lot holders utilizing more than one lot. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve changing the lot lease to include the taxes have to be paid on the lot within Van Hook. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Eide, Jaeger, Olson and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

Lindsay Johnson, Corps of Engineers stated the slabs were approved last year but may need an extension.

Comm. Eide stated a building was torn down last fall and was dumped on the Corps land and Brian Varloe, Colin Haddeland, and Wayne Johnson took care of cleaning up the mess that was left.

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

**ONGOING DISCUSSION:**

Further discussion was held on the big projects to pursue in the near future for the county parks. The future projects suggested would be to increase the height for breakwater at Van Hook, paving road to Parshall Bay, increasing the campgrounds at Parshall Bay, and a storage building at the Clear Lake. Discussion was held concerning the funding and the bigger projects having a joint powers agreement between the County and the County Park Board.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Eide, to amend the budget for the 2023 for engineering services up to $25,000 for the south break water in Van Hook. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, Jaeger, Eide and DeGroot all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Jaeger discussed the House Bill 1538 which is relating to the powers of the director of the game and fish department, and to create and enact a new section to chapter 201-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fishing contests. Chairman Jaeger suggested that he is in opposition of this bill. Discussion was held on moving forward if the park managers should give approval for the fishing tournaments or if the park board should start approving them. The Board recommended no changes will be made.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve writing a letter of opposition for House Bill 1538 which is relating to the powers of the director of the game and fish department, and to create and enact a new section to chapter 201-02 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to fishing contests. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

**ADJOURN:**

The Board adjourned at 12:07 P.M. to meet in special session on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 8:30 A.M.

Accepted and approved this 15th day of June, 2023.

Eric Jaeger

Mountrail County Park Commission

ATTEST:

Stephanie A. Pappa

Mountrail County Auditor