PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

March 31, 2022

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

Also in attendance were Morgan Olonia; Justin & Dawn Ritts; Nathan Busche; Darrel Edenloff; Peg Stromstad; Megan Fritel; Sam Fritel; Steven Littlefield and Jay Harstad.

Chairman Jaeger called the meeting to order.

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

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the Minutes of the January 20, 2022 minutes. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve signing a one-year contract for the 2022 agreement for fish cleaning stations O&M at Van Hook, Parshall Bay and White Earth Bay. Upon roll call, Uran, Olson, Jaeger, Eide and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor supplied the financials for the 2022 year.

**CLEAR LAKE DISCUSSION:**

Karen & Larry Fritel, Clear Lake Park were absent.

Sam Fritel was present to renew the Conditional Use permit to remove clay from Clear Lake Park.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to table the discussion of the extension of the Conditional Use Permit. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Eide, to untable the discussion of the extension of the Conditional Use Permit.. Upon roll call, Rice, Jaeger, Eide, Olson and Uran voted yes. Motion carried.

Wade Enget, State’s Attorney and Melissa Vachal, Planning & Zoning Administrator discussed the Planning & Zoning ordinance which will need to have a conditional use permit from Planning & Zoning until the new awaiting ordinance is adopted.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Uran, to authorize the extension of the Conditional Use Permit pending the approval of Planning & Zoning. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the product price of 50 cents per ton for the clay product. Upon roll call, Uran, Rice, Olson, Eide and Jaeger voted yes. Motion carried.

**WHITE EARTH BAY DISCUSSION:**

Justin Scarborough, White Earth Manager was absent.

Andy Anderson, White Earth Bay Development Corporation discussed a request for 12 picnic tables and installing lights at the pavilion and a vault toilet.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve purchasing 12 picnic tables totaling $13,309.24 for the White Earth Bay pavilion. Upon roll call, Eide, Jaeger, Uran, Rice and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve moving forward with a vault toilet not to exceed $18,000. Upon roll call, Jaeger, Uran, Olson, Rice and Eide voted yes. Motion carried.

Nathan Busche, Corps of Engineers discussed the vault toilet was approved on Annual Management Plan packet in 2019. Corps of Engineers Busche stated the boat ramp would still be accessible with the low water. Chairman Jaeger will keep the Corps of Engineers updated on the water level conditions.

Andy Anderson, White Earth Bay Development Corporation requested to be able to utilize one off road vehicle during clean-up day at White Earth Bay. Corps of Engineers Busche stated once the cleanup date is established forward the general route to the Corps for approval.

**PARSHALL BAY DISCUSSION:**

Discussion was held the G&F Cost Share Agreement.

Chairman Jaeger discussed the cost share agreement on the reconstruction of the East Boat Ramp which was cost shared by G&F with approval of $80,000 with Bob Frohlich as the General Contractor. The recent Cost share agreement is stating the G&F will cost share 75 percent up to $60,000 for the reconstruction of the East Boat Ramp without Bob Frohlich being the General Contractor due to not having time. Chairman Jaeger will help Mallory and Morgan to accomplish getting contractors to see if the East Boat Ramp can be reconstructed this year.

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

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve Chairman Jaeger along with the Parshall Bay Managers to solicit quotes for the rebuilding of the East Boat Ramp. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Rice, to accept the approved Annual Management Plan. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried

Morgan Olonia, Manager gave an update on Parshall Bay. Chairman Jaeger discussed the boat ramps and the low water access. Discussion was held on the Parshall Bay signs that need to be installed by the R&B and Comm. Olson will discuss with R&B Engineer.

Nathan Busche, Corps of Engineers discussed the parking situation due to the low boat ramp access.

**VAN HOOK PARK DISCUSSION:**

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

Dawn & Justin Ritts, Managers of Van Hook gave a park update. Van Hook Manager Ritts will continue to work with the Corps of Engineers to have access with low water ramps. The Gull Island road and ramp shouldn’t have to be utilized as of yet. Phase I is to remove major silt at the west boat ramp, main boat ramp will be shallow but major silt removal and the east ramp will hopefully be used for small watercraft. Marathon Oil has donated precast concrete slabs to extend the launch access. Phase II is to construct a low water access road to access and launch boats from the sand spit located immediately to the east of the breakwater and south of camping section k which will include metal grates for the surface launching area. Phase III would to be a road to Gull Island and utilize the boat ramps there which would be the last resort. Van Hook Manager Ritts discussed the paving of the Van Hook Road which should start soon. The composite of pavement will be stockpiled and will be eligible to be purchased. Discussion was held on the possibility of low water vehicle driving around on the beaches which will need Park Manager, G&F and Corps of Engineer corporation for enforcing the rules. Manager Ritts is working on having an access road for the shore fisherman. Discussion was held on the upgrading of the poles and electrical with Mountrail Williams Electric.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the building and the plans for the picnic shelter. Upon roll call, Jaeger, Eide, Olson, Uran and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve the building and the plans for the bathhouse. Upon roll call, Uran, Eide, Olson, Jaeger and Rice voted yes. Motion carried.

Elliot Waldock, with RTC discussed the different options for the surveillance cameras to be installed at the fish cleaning stations in Van Hook Park. Jay Harstad, with Van Hook Association thinks this product would be invaluable.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve purchasing and aid the construction for the fish cleaning stations surveillance cameras totaling $7,416.67. Upon roll call, Olson, Rice, Eide and Uran voted yes except for Jaeger who abstained. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to amend the motion from January 21, 2022 meeting for the over seeder from $8,000 to $12,100 not to exceed. Upon roll call, Olson, Uran, Rice, Jaeger and Eide voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the transfer of the Lot 2, Block 12 to Gene & Pat Brown from Steven Holmes and Lot 1, Block 4 to Robert & Mary Beth Timian from Shirley Longtin. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Nathan Busche, Corps of Engineers will need more information on the material composite from the road to see if its possible to utilize. Corps of Engineer Busche stated the low water boat access is top priority. Discussion was held on the grates and precast slabs. Dave Beck with the Corps of Engineers discussed the usage of the boat ramps which looks like the West Boat ramp will be usable. The board is pleased with the extensive work with the Corps of Engineers with assisting to make sure the park has boat access. The annual meeting with the Corps of Engineers conference will be held on April 11th at the MHA Interpretive Center at 10 a.m.

**ONGOING DISCUSSION:**

Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor discussed the late payments for lot holders in Van Hook and stated this year went a lot better than prior years.

The Board adjourned at 11:39 A.M. to meet in regular session on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

Accepted and approved this 16th day of June, 2022.

Eric Jaeger

Mountrail County Park Commission

ATTEST:

Stephanie A. Pappa

Mountrail County Auditor