PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

October 21, 2021

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

Also in attendance were Mallory Goff & Morgan Olonia; Justin & Dawn Ritts; Bob Anderson; Nathan Busche; Peggy Stromstad, Rick Roan, Jana Hennessy, Terry Fleck, Jay Harstad, Matthew Huettl and Wayne Johnson.

Vice Chairman Eide called the meeting to order.

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

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the Minutes of the June 17, 2021 minutes & special minutes of September 7, 2021 as presented. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Jana Hennessy, Engineer along with Matthew Huettl, HDR Engineering gave an update on the design on CR 15, Van Hook project. The bidding process will be advertised either in November or December 2021. Engineer Hennessy stated there will be some delays but will work with the Park Managers to update on tournaments etc. Wayne Johnson wondered if the road would be closed and if they would be shifting traffic to the township road. Engineer Hennessy stated CR 15, Van Hook will not be closed for traffic at any time.

Justin Scarborough, White Earth Manager was not present. Bob Anderson with the White Earth Bay Development Association discussed the low water ramp located east of the bait shop. Nathan Busche, Corps of Engineers stated an internal meeting will be held next week for the drought and what can be done. Corps of Engineers Busche stated there has been discussion to have a regional permit done to get this completed quicker. Corps of Engineers Busche stated if there is a ramp to be utilized this option wouldn’t be available. Bob Anderson asked if federal funding isn’t available through the Corps of Engineers but either with the Game & Fish or other avenues if it would be possible to move forward with the project. Corps of Engineers Busche stated as long as it’s included in the Annual Management Plan.

Nathan Busche, Corps of Engineers had no comments for White Earth Bay.

Discussion was held on moving forward on the compliance with the State Health Department concerning Clear Lake being a licensed campground. Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor discussed the two things left to accomplish are fixing the pump for the water and removal of garbage.

Discussion was held on the tree quotes for the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve signing the quote for the trees from Lowe’s Garden Center totaling $25,352.75. Upon roll call, Rice, Uran, Olson and Eide voted yes. Motion carried.

Karen & Larry Fritel gave an update on Clear Lake.

Mallory Goff & Morgan Olonia, Managers gave an update on Parshall Bay. The basketball court which was included in the Annual Management Plan is fully funded and moving forward. The west boat ramp is being rebuilt while the water is low.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve the basketball court upon approval of the Corps of Engineers at no cost to the county. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the AMP approved by the Corps of Engineers on July 15, 2021.

The seasonal camping was approved from the Corps of Engineers for Parshall Bay to the year ending 2030.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the agreement between Mallory Goff and Morgan Olonia as Managers of the Park until 2026. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Nathan Busche, Corps of Engineers expressed his appreciation for the Managers of Parshall Bay. Corps of Engineers Busche stated for budget purposes the barracuda fish stations after about four years of usage require some replacing of the blades with an estimated cost totaling $2,200.

Dawn & Justin Ritts, Managers of Van Hook discussed the bathhouse construction update and should be completed in 2022.

Moved by Comm. Uran, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve extending the funding from the 2021 to 2022 budget for the bathhouse remodel. Upon roll call, Uran, Rice, Olson and Eide voted yes. Motion carried.

The seasonal camping was approved from the Corps of Engineers for Van Hook to the year ending 2030.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve the Third Party Lease Agreement with Dawn & Justin Ritts ending December 31, 2026. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Wayne Johnson, with the Van Hook Association proposed a 60 x 100 picnic shelter project at Van Hook by the boat docks.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve the picnic shelter being built by Van Hook Association by the boat docks at no cost to the county. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Dawn & Justin Ritts updated the board on the Van Hook Park. Manager Dawn Ritts stated all electrical in the campground has been updated.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the transfers of the Lot 4, Block 2 to Jonathan & Sandra Johnson from Joe & Lorna Lautenschlager; Lot 2, Block 11 to David & Lisa McQueen from Sandra McQueen and Lot 10, Block 13 to Jayden Harstad from Jerome Harstad. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Uran, to approve the building permits of Lot 15, Block 16 for George & Alyce Killmer to build a 28x56 Trailer House and 14x14 shed and decks; Lot 4, Block 2 for Jonathan & Sandra Johnson to build a 27x52 manufactured home and 28x36 garage; and Lot 7, Block 6 for Keith & Peggy Horntvedt to build a 30x30 garage which is contingent on Planning & Zoning approval. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Nathan Busche, Corps of Engineers expressed his appreciation for the Managers of Van Hook.

Discussion was held on the Van Hook Lot Holders rent. Wayne Johnson, discussed the lot rents should not be continually raising year after year. Comm. Uran had some concerns with the COVID-19 and economy and suggested no increase for lot rents. Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor did discuss that the small increases each year might be more viable than one large increase in years to come. Auditor Pappa also discussed with the board with the low water issues and no funding from the federal side of things and the Game & Fish being asked for cost shares that the cash reserves may take a hit on the county side. Terry Fleck did suggest this is a real problem and is working with the Legislatures and US Army Corps of Engineers for help rather than it landing on the counties laps. The lot rents will stay the same for the 2022 year.

Discussion was held on the 2022 long term camping rates and 2022 camping rates for all parks.

Moved by Comm. Uran, to approve increasing the electrical camp sites from $22 to $24; electrical & water camp sites from $26 to $28; full hook up sites from $28 to $30; non electrical rv from $15 to $17; non electrical tent camping from $10 to $12 and seasonal camping from $1,050 to $1,288. Motion failed with no second.

No increases for the 2022 long term camping rates and camping rates.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. Olson, to set the meeting dates for 2022 to January 20, March 31, June 16 and September 30, 2022. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Terry Fleck with the Van Hook Association would like to thank the park board and Dawn & Justin Ritts for the continued support.

The Board adjourned at 11:22 A.M. to meet in regular session on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

Accepted and approved this 20th day of January, 2022.

Arden Eide

Mountrail County Park Commission

ATTEST:

Stephanie A. Pappa

Mountrail County Auditor