

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MOUNTRAIL COUNTY PARK COMMISSION

September 21, 2023

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

Also in attendance were Morgan Olonia & Mallory Goff, Justin & Dawn Ritts, Jared & Krisitin Iverson, Jay Harstad, Wayne & Daleen Johnson, Steven Littlefield, Kyle Germundson, Harley Rath, and Bobbi Isakson.

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

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, 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 June 15, 2023 meeting. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Stephanie A. Pappa, Auditor supplied the financials for the 2023 year and reviewed the 2024 budgets.

Discussion was held on the estimate for paving through the White Earth Bay Cottage Site. The Board will not move forward to not pave at this time.

Kyle Germundson with Friends of Parshall Bay and Harley Rath discussed the letter that was approved on September 30, 2022 discussing the letter of denial to the ND Game & Fish and the Corps of Engineers for the fishing tournaments being held at Parshall Bay. Kyle Germundson stated the Board would like to work together with the managers of Parshall Bay. A collaboration meeting will be held with the Friends of Parshall Bay Board and the Managers of Parshall Bay.

CLEAR LAKE DISCUSSION:

Karen and Larry Fritel met to discuss Clear Lake. Auditor Pappa discussed the letter from the ND Health Department on the violations that need to be corrected. Auditor Pappa also gave an update on the water well drilling which should be completed in the Spring of 2024.

WHITE EARTH BAY DISCUSSION:

Discussion was held on the Corps of Engineers annual inspection.

Kristin & Jared Iverson, Managers of White Earth Bay gave an update on the park.

Amanda Young, Corps of Engineers met to discuss the new rules and regulations for the next year for seasonal camping. Eric Kelsey, Corps of Engineers discussed the plans in how to keep the ice fisherman off the park roads while leaving access open to the lakeshore.

PARSHALL BAY DISCUSSION:

Discussion was held on the Corps of Engineers annual inspection and reviewed the ND Health Department violation.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the Shell Creek Slips & Rentals Agreement to expire on December 31, 2024 if applicable with Barb & Kim Knudson. Upon roll call, Rice, Olson, DeGroot, Jaeger and Eide voted yes. Motion carried.

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

Amanda Young, Corps of Engineers discussed the offshore driving and the appreciation of working with the park managers to address the issues.

VAN HOOK PARK DISCUSSION:

Melissa Vachal, Planning & Zoning Administrator met with the board to discuss the procedure of building permits with the park board vs. planning and zoning.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Olson, to approve moving forward with Planning & Zoning office taking over the building permits with supplying a listing to the Park Board along with Dawn & Justin and supplying a survey of the lot. Upon roll call, Rice, Jaeger, Eide, DeGroot and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the verbiage of the lot leases to include the addition of all taxes must be paid in full within the county parks lots in order for the renewal of lot lease. Upon roll call, Eide, Olson, Rice and DeGroot voted yes except Jaeger who was absent at the time of the voting. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the Corps of Engineers inspection.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the transfers of Lot 8, Block 15 from Shirley Jenson to Emma Howe & Lot 11, Block 16 from Thomas & Donna Haustveit to Lynn & Carol Mehus. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Rice, seconded by Comm. DeGroot, to approve the building permits for Lot 11, Block 2 for Roger & Kelli Fyllesvold for a 16x76 mobile home; Lot 7, Block 16 for Duane & Tracy Thelen for a doublewide and Lot 8, Block 14 for Wayne & Daleen Johnson for a carport. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

Dawn & Justin Ritts Managers of Van Hook gave a park update.

Corps of Engineers had no comments.

More discussion will be held at the next park board meeting concerning the rental of the pavilion.

ONGOING DISCUSSION:

Discussion was held on the 2024 long term camping rates, camping rates and Van Hook lot rents.

Moved by Comm. Eide, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve keeping the camping rates the same. Upon roll call, Olson, DeGroot, Rice, Jaeger and Eide voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. DeGroot, seconded by Comm. Eide, to approve no increase for the lot rents for 2024. Upon roll call, DeGroot, Eide, Jaeger, Rice and Olson voted yes. Motion carried.

Moved by Comm. Olson, seconded by Comm. Rice, to approve the meeting dates of 2024 Park Board meeting as follows: January 18, 2024, March 21, 2024, June 20, 2024 and September 19, 2024. Upon roll call, all present voted yes. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

The Board adjourned at 11:26 A.M. to meet in regular session on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

Accepted and approved this 18th day of January, 2024.

Eric Jaeger

Mountrail County Park Commission

ATTEST:

Stephanie A. Pappa

Mountrail County Auditor