Barnes County Park Board Meeting September 10, 2021 Barnes County Courthouse

The Barnes County Park Board met in regular session on Thursday, September 10, 2021. The following were present: Bobby Koepplin, Dallas Dockter, Vicky Lovell, Bill Carlblom and Pete Paulson. Scott Tichy was absent.

Park Board Chairman Bobby Koepplin called the meeting to order at 7:01 a.m., the agenda was reviewed. Bill Carlblom moved to approve the agenda; Dallas Dockter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Carlblom moved to approve the May 13, 2021 minutes; Vicky Lovell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bill Carlblom moved to approve the 2021 year-to-date financials; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS/UPDATES included: New tires were put on the Side By Side.

Staffing: Vidette will soon be done working for the season. Duane Peterson will not be back as a part-time seasonal worker. Next year we will need to look for one part-time seasonal employee.

Office is completed. Air conditioner for the office is back ordered. DRN will have an access point in the office.

Hosts: A host that we had set up had medical issues so they could not host.

Table staining was contracted out for the 2nd coat. Tables remaining to be stained are under the shelters at the shop and two large shelters at Little Yellowstone.

Pickup had a fire inside the box from hot coals. The Tonneau cover melted from the fire so it no longer works. We will prime and spray paint the inside of the box where the fire scored it. Replacement of the pickup was also discussed.

OLD BUSINESS: Special Road Funds Application due November 30, 2021. Vicky made a motion to approve applying for Special Road Funds (50/50) and Outdoor Heritage Funds working with ND Game & Fish. Dallas Dockter seconded the motion. Motion carried. Parks would split up the required local share if applicable up to 50/50 with Game and Fish.

NEW BUSINESS: Nice beach sand was donated to the park. All the Park Board had to pay was \$180.00 per load for the trucking.

Cancellation Policy: Fees associated with Reservation Cancellations were discussed. Some suggestions were if the cancellation notice was less than seven days, there would be a \$10 charge, Rover Pass charges and Credit Card Charges.

ND Recreation & Parks Association & ND Trails Conference Sept 13-15 in Bismarck. Pete Paulson made a motion to have Bobby Koepplin attend the Conference; Vicky Lovel seconded the motion. Motion carried.

WIFI @ Clausen Springs and Little Yellowstone. DRN will donate the Access Point for WiFi. Placement of the Access Point at Clausen Springs was discussed. Cass County will donate a pole and light, an electrician hired by the Parks will need to put a receptacle at the top of the light pole for to power the WiFi access point.. Campers will pay \$5.00 a day directly through DRN for access to Wi-Fi. There will not be any charge to the Park Board. Wi-Fi at Little Yellowstone is more difficult as that is located in the valley, Cass County Electric was asked to check the Verizon cell strength at the top of the light pole at the park primary electric service in order to get a quote for phone booster in the park..

OTHER: \$42,525.00 Outdoor Heritage Grant was approved for the Munson Project. May need to look at different vendor for firewood. Current vendor is Legge's Portable Milling as he was challenged keeping up with demand last season.

PENDING: Quotes to relocate the playground shelter to lakeside or replace it.

2021 Monitor wood privy use in the loop at Little Yellowstone, consider demolition.

Vicky Lovell moved to adjourn; Dallas Dockter seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 a.m.

Julie Mindt
Barnes County Deputy Auditor

Bobby Koepplin, Chairman Barnes County Park Board