

The Barnes County Park Board met in regular session on Thursday, December 8, 2022. The following were present: Bobby Koeplin, Bill Carlblom, Dallas Dockter and Scott Tichy. Tyler Jacobson, Shawn Olauson and Pete Paulson were absent.

Park Board Chairman Bobby Koeplin called the meeting to order at 7:03 a.m. The agenda was reviewed. Bill Carlblom moved to approve the agenda; Dallas Dockter seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dallas Dockter moved to approve the August 11, 2022 minutes; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dallas Dockter moved to approve the 2022 year to date financials; Bill Carlblom seconded the motion. Motion carried.

REPORTS/UPDATES:

A portion of park supplies are being stored at the Weed Department cold storage and at the Highway Department. Clausen Springs camper sites 7 through 10 have been graveled and sites 7 through 12 have been seeded with help from the Highway Department. Footbridges have been repaired and stained. Tree removal and tree trimming of large trees have been done with help from the Highway Department. Monson Park fencing has been done with two gate punch list items outstanding. Trail easements are in process and orchard signs are being proofed. There was a major railroad slump. Final work is being done on non-motorized hiking trail easements. Several orchard trees will be replaced through the ND Forest Service Grant. Campground hosts that we currently have plan to continue in 2023. Staffing for 2023 was discussed.

OLD BUSINESS:

2.7 miles of asphalt repair and crack seal has been completed. Construction costs were \$174,480.10; Engineering costs were \$13,629.63; Design Engineering was \$6,000.00 for a total project cost of \$195,109.73. The Park Board received \$75,000.00 from ND Game & Fish and we will receive \$94,155.00 from Special Road Funds (NDDOT). The Park Board share was \$25,954.73.

NEW BUSINESS:

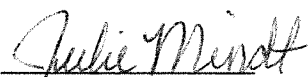
The 2003 park pickup has 244,800 miles on it. 6,900 miles were put on during the 2022 year. It is currently being stored in the Sheriff's Department storage. Commission plans to replace the pickup when one becomes available, possibly from another Barnes County department. We are looking into a possible firewood supplier for 2023. Currently, wood is \$6.00 a bundle. Look at increasing the bundle rate for the 2023 season. Waiting on a contract from Fatman Trash for 2023 garbage. Reviewing rates and may recommend increasing camping rates for the 2023 camping season. The wood outhouse at Little Yellowstone may be able to be used for wood storage rather than demolition.


The Park Management Contract for 2023 was discussed increasing the hourly rate to \$42.00. Bill Carlblom made a motion to approve the contract; Scott Tichy seconded the motion. Motion carried with contract now moving onto the Barnes County Commission for final approval.

PENDING ITEMS:

Reimbursement request for Special Road Funds to be submitted to NDDOT December 8, 2022. \$3,000 per contract for 2022 year end maintenance will be requested of ND Game & Fish when year-end financials are closed. Website and Operating Manual updates need to be completed. Building a shelter at the beach area at Clausen Springs is contingent on available grants. Constructing a shower house at Little Yellowstone is pending on grant funds.

Dallas Dockter moved to adjourn; Scott Tichy seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 a.m.


Julie Mindt
Barnes County Deputy Auditor


Bobby Koeplin, Chairman
Barnes County Park Board