

The Barnes County Park Board met in special Zoom session on Tuesday, March 28, 2023. The following were present: Bobby Koeplin, Bill Carlblom, Pete Paulson, Scott Tichy, Tyler Jacobson. Also attending were Scott Kohler and WSB representatives David Overbo, Jess Karls and Nate Wingerter. Shawn Olauson and Dallas Dockter were absent.

Park Board Chairman Bobby Koeplin called the special Zoom meeting to order at 12:00 noon. The only agenda item was the rehabilitation of ND Highway 46 with respect to approaches and impact to Little Yellowstone Park.

David Overbo introduced himself and his team members, Bobby Koeplin introduced Park Board members and Scott Kohler as the Parks on-site manager.

David Overbo gave a project overview and shared an approach drawing highlighting approach design, rights of way and planned shoulder improvements. The Highway 46 rehabilitation project includes roadway and approach work from ND Highway 1 east to ND Highway 32.

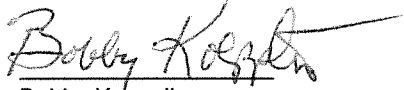
Pending funding the project would be bid as a 2025 project.

The following items were discussed.

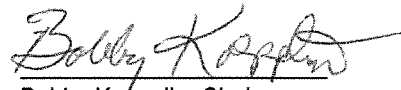
1. Any wooden post signage on NDDOT Right of Way would be eliminated and or replaced with telespar.
2. All new or repurposed signage if applicable to be placed on County property and maintained by BC Parks shall be 2" telespar with 2.25" bases. Signage within NDDOT Right of Way would be the responsibility of NDDOT.
3. Approach pavement elevations will flow into/match existing pavement elevations so that long campers or motor homes will not have access issues. Likewise, finished topsoil placement and shoulder slopes along approaches shall be conducive to mowing with Park deck mowers.
4. Tentatively no significant construction access is required. If equipment access should be needed on County property, new trees will be saved, relocated as approved or replaced with same species and size.
5. Contractor will provide camper access and applicable signage and/or flag person as applicable during prime camping season May through October 31.
6. Contractor will provide their own restroom facilities, not located in Little Yellowstone Park.
7. No loaded trucks on pavement within Little Yellowstone Park.
8. Contractor will maintain access to dump station during construction.
9. Discussed runoff, slumping at Approach 1 and erosion of frontage road between Approach 1 and 2. Engineer will review, discuss with NDDOT and consider a recommendation. Alternative having millings placed on roadway between Approach 1 & 2 with possibility of eliminating Approach 1. Also, request NDDOT provide a couple loads of quality millings for primitive loop roadway improvements/repairs.
10. Loss of Revenue, as BC Parks typically posts on Parks website construction schedules issues etc. Engineer will check but not aware of any loss of revenue payments as Park will remain open but camper access on ND Highway 46 may be delayed and campers on site will be impacted with construction noise, including possible early morning or late evening, dust, dealing with flag cars etc. which may impact campers utilizing Little Yellowstone Park.
11. Engineer will check culvert at SW corner of approach 2 (currently has debris in north opening) and address water drainage, ditch elevations to make the culvert useable.
12. Other: Safety - Scott Kohler referenced truck traffic especially on Sundays when campers are leaving the Park. As trucks tend to increase speed above speed limit on the downhill in an effort to make the grade going out of the valley faster with less shifting.

After review of Approach 1 and on-site conditions in Spring, the Park Board will be updated. When applicable the Park Board will be asked to forward a recommendation to the County Commission to sign off via a Letter of Understanding which will indicate the Park Board and County have discussed the project, understand the impacts and have provided input into the project to assist NDDOT in making the roadway shoulder and access points safer to complete the project.

Tyler Jacobson moved to adjourn; Pete Paulson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.



Bobby Koeplin,
Acting Secretary



Bobby Koeplin, Chairman
Barnes County Park Board