

The Barnes County Park Board met in regular session on Thursday, August 10, 2023. Bobby Koeplin, Bill Carlblom, Tyler Jacobson, Dallas Dockter and Pete Paulson were present. Shawn Olason and Scott Tichy were absent.

Park Board Chairman Bobby Koeplin called the meeting to order at 7:10 a.m. The agenda was reviewed. Bill Carlblom moved to approve the agenda. Tyler Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried upon roll call vote with all present members voting yes.

Bill Carlblom moved to approve the April 13, 2023 meeting minutes. Dallas Dockter seconded the motion. Motion carried with roll call vote with all present members voting yes.

#### **FINANCIALS:**

Bill Carlblom moved to approve the 2023 Year to Date financial reports. Pete Paulson seconded the motion; Motion carried with all members voting yes. The 2024 Budget has been submitted to the County Commission. Pete Paulson requested information on Economic Impact of County Parks, Byway and Water Trail to Barnes County taxpayers.

#### **REPORTS/UPDATES:**

Website, Brochures, Maps, and kiosks have been updated. A floating kayak launch was installed on the long-wheeled dock at Clausen Springs. Part-time staff are Caden Amerman, Jason Joy and Duane Peterson. Ross Tree Service trimmed the deadheads in parks. Barnes County Commission approved a flatbed trailer replacement at a cost of \$4,495. Clausen Springs Beach Shelter Project cost \$54,009. The parks were approved for a 2024 RTP Grant in the amount of \$43,206. The park will tentatively receive approval of \$2,000 each from ND Wildlife Federation and Barnes County Wildlife Federation. An ADA Picnic table will be donated to Barnes County Park by ND Historical Society. The park budgeted \$9,800 from Barnes County Budget for miscellaneous site work and price changes into 2024. All vehicles in the park are to remain on roadways including Motorcycles, Mini-Bikes, Side by Side, and Golf Carts. All vehicles must be currently licensed. No ATV's or Snowmobiles will be allowed. There is some flooding present and flooded sites are closed in Clausen Springs Park until we can get assistance with gravel delivered.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Monson Park: Park staff are mowing, Monson Nature Park Trail to east of Park has one Recreational Trail Easement remaining (2020 Auto., Orchard tree and shrub signs are assembled, Park sign was installed. A pollinator sign is on hand. An orchard sign is pending. Highway Department will drill holes and complete final trail grade on lots to east of Monson Park and install a barricade to prevent motorized vehicle access at east end. Several orchard trees and shrubs will be replaced through the ND Forest Service Grant. A Park Superintendent position was discussed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Little Yellowstone wood outhouse needs to be converted to interim wood storage or removed due to long term maintenance concerns.


Highway 46 Reconstruction 2024 will include widening and replacement of approaches accessing the Park located on NDDOT Right of Way. Consensus to have Bobby Sign the Concurrence Agreement and forward to NDDOT with reference to concerns of restrooms provided by contractor, no trucks in Park and separate agreement for on-site storage adjacent to the west approach for equipment and materials if applicable.

Bill Carlblom moved to purchase a 3,200 watt 20-amp Honda EU3200IA Generator at a cost of \$2,500.00. Dallas Dockter seconded the motion. Motion carried up roll-call vote with all present members voting yes.

**PENDING:**

Parks Operations Manual and Operation Reports will continue to be updated. Picking up tree debris and trimming campsite markers and tree saplings along campsites are on the list of jobs to do. Filling of potholes, topsoil placement and seeding will be done when conditions are applicable. The hillside step area between the loop and center camping area at Clausen Springs needs to be repaired. Consider replacement of RV dump station in Little Yellowstone.

Bill Carlblom moved to adjourn the meeting; Tyler Jacobson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 a.m.

  
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Bobby Koeplin, Chairman  
Barnes County Park Board