

Barnes County Park Board
Tuesday, April 3, 2012
Valley City, ND 58072

The Barnes County Park Board met on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 with all members present including: Bobby Koepplin, Rodger Berntson, John Froelich, Cindy Schwehr, Phil Leitner, Eldred Knutson, Bev Anderson, and Bob Nelson.

Bobby Koepplin, Park Board Chair, called the Park Board meeting to order.

A motion was made by Schwehr, seconded by Froelich to approve the minutes of January 17, 2012.

Bev Anderson had no report for the Park except there is a general spring clean up going on.

A discussion took place on Little Yellowstone Park concerning livestock waste, associated drainage that is contaminating the spring water; there was also a review on the tree planting project. There is a casing to seal up to stop the spring water contamination. Bobby Koepplin is going to check on this on Wednesday.

A discussion took place regarding Kerry Johnson's old shop pickup. Mr. Johnson will be getting his new vehicles any time now. The Park Board would like to purchase this pickup from the Hwy Department. Once funds get transferred from the Park Board to the Hwy Dept, the transaction will be completed. There will be bids on the old Park Board vehicle or it will go on public auction.

Bobby Koepplin discussed the Clausen Springs road repair project. Mr. Koepplin discussed the possibility of KLJ Engineering Services being hired to do the project, which is approximately 2 miles from the entrance to Clausen Springs to the dam. The design fee is not to exceed \$11,500.00 in which 94% would be covered by FEMA, 3% match by the State and 3% local matching funds to put Clausen Springs road back to the condition it was in. FEMA approved funds for \$340,000.00, and approximately \$5,000.00 was spent to re-grind the asphalt and re-lay it. Mr. Koepplin made a recommendation to the Emergency Management Committee for \$100,000.00 of the \$500,000.00 allocation to Barnes County, to go to the Park for road improvements. Duane DeKray, from Land Trust Department, wants more information on this. The Game and Fish Department requested Park Board members to attend their scheduled Litchville advisory meeting, after which they request that a special meeting with the Park Board take place. Mr. Koepplin asked the Portfolio holders to attend a special meeting with ND Game and Fish, the County Commission chair, and himself to discuss the maintenance agreement and what to do with the road and the cost. Chad Peterson of KLJ is looking into options. Mr. Koepplin asked Chad Peterson of KLJ to put together a bid document per FEMA spec. to do work from the roadway to the dam.

If the Board were to go with the "improved project," there would be a \$478,000.00 construction cost for the 2 miles of asphalt to the dam and with additional gravel and Engineering services, the project would cost \$574,000.00.

A motion was made by Schwehr, seconded by Knutson, that the Park Board recommended to the Commission to enter into a contract with KLJ for Design and Engineering with the local share coming out of the Park Board Budget, which is not to exceed 11,500.00 design fees, with Barnes County paying 3%, (\$350.00). Upon a roll call vote, with all voting "yes," motion carried.

There was a discussion on the Park Board manager job description and the responsibility and duties of the Assistants. The Park Board will send the job description to the States Attorney for approval. Schwehr made a motion, seconded by Knutson, to approve the job description as presented, subject to review by Mr. Grossman the Barnes County States Attorney. Upon a roll call vote, with all voting "yes," motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, Bobby Koeplin adjourned the meeting.