

Hill County Park Board Meeting Minutes
Beaver Creek Perk Coffee Shop
Monday, October 7th, 2024, 5:30 P.M.

Board Members Present: Dave Fanning, Tony Reum, Mark Peterson, Larry Kinsella, Pam Wilson, Sheri Williams, Lou Hagener, Jeff Jensen, Park Superintendent Chad Edgar

Board Members Absent: Jake Strissel

Guests: Rose Cloninger, Lowell Alcock, Cody Nagel, Christy Ulmen (HWC), Isreal Hale (NMB)

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Lou to approve the corrected September minutes. Seconded by Dave. Motion Passed.

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by Pam to approve the Agenda. Seconded by Mark. Motion Passed.

Public Comment on Agenda Item/Agenda Requests: Cattle Business for next meeting add- Allotment Clarification for immediate family and what that means Spouse/Daughter/Son etc. to the November Agenda. Also add evaluate the cattle waiting list to make a bid for an allotment.

Cabin Business: NA

Old Business:

Lodge: The committee met with A&E and Becky the cost was high and at this point we don't have enough funds. Before we decide how to proceed, let us see what help we can get from our local community before we decide how we will pursue the Lodge. Lou said what they offered was a similar cost to before. We are in a place where we have to tell the public we missed judged it and we need to make more money than we thought. Lou continued saying Dan offered ideas about cutting out things we might not need such as the extra room in the basement and the canopy around the outside. The cost was not much less after removing the items. Jeff said if we cut what we really want for bids to just come in not much lower than they were, we are better off to build it how we designed it. Pam said we as a board agreed to the mil levy and the Lodge, so we are committed to this Lodge and it's going to cost us money. Why are we not talking about fundraising? We keep it in the meeting instead of opening it up for the public. Further saying she has a few people ready and willing to help.

Flood repairs and Stream Management: In August FWP region six met with folks out of Helena including Peter Brown who majored in stream restoration. They checked the creek from the East Fork Reservoir to the Beaver Creek Reservoir. Adam the Habitat Bureau Chief sent a letter to the commissioners with an overview of the visit. Cody briefly went over the letter noting that they did not see any trouble areas downstream of Bear paw Lake. He said that the biggest need is in the Lions Campground. With the minor flood we had in September parts of the creek breached the bank. With the help of FWP and a good field survey the stream can be fixed. Cody let the board know that the pavilion at the Lions Campground might need to be moved out of the flood plain. The long-term plan along with monitoring is going to be left up to the Park Board. The Lions area is the main priority however, Cody is up for discussion and would like to work closely with the Park Board to get the stream fixed. Chad and Cody will stay in contact until this matter is resolved with Chad reporting back to the Park Board with updates.

Grazing Fees: Have not met.

Cabin Inspection Findings: An ad-hoc committee will put together meetings to take care of this issue.

New Business: NA

Committee Reports:

Grazing Committee: Did not meet.

Group Reports:

Cabin Owner's Report: Getting ready for winter.

Friends of Beaver Creek Park: NA

Superintendent Report:

- Park usage- relatively slow- busier than normal for this time of year.
- Park conditions-4.6" of rain over the last month.
- Cattle report- 970 Pairs on right now, a large quantity will go on later this month, four cows have been hit this year speed seems to be a factor.
- Maintaining the outhouses and garbage with the current Park usage we have.
- Winterizing is almost complete.
- Chad needed to tear down the old closed in porch and built a patio on the East side of the house.
- Preparation for the siding of the house/office has begun.
- Had a mini flood after the big rain- trees downed with the windstorm last weekend worked on tree cleanup.
- Chad postponed the vehicle sale until November to get the word out to the public.
- New mower was purchased, it is definitely an upgrade.
- Still mowing Camp Kiwanis, tapering off this week.
- Pam and Dave had the Lights and Skylights help clean out items in the Lodge.
- FEMA was out to assess the flood from May, A mitigation meeting is set for later this month.

August Claims: Motion made by Lou to approve the September Claims. Seconded by Mark. Motion Passed.

Public Comment:

Lowell M.: Fundraisers get a good group together.

Rose C.: I keep hearing you are finding out how the public feels about this. How are you doing this? When are you going to do this? So many people do not have a clue what it is going to look like.

Motion made by Mark to adjourn. Seconded by Pam. Motion Passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 P.M.

Next meeting: November 4th, 2024, Beaver Creek Perk Coffee Shop located at 137 2nd Street starting at 5:30 pm
Respectfully submitted by Danielle Eldridge Administrative Assistant to the Park Superintendent.