

Morton County Park Board Meeting Agenda

January 24, 2022

Commission Room, Morton County Courthouse

210 2nd Ave NW, Mandan ND

4:00 PM

Call to order

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of minutes of previous meetings (December 27, 2022)

Approve monthly bills & payroll- Wetsch

1. Reorganize the Board
2. User Fees
3. 1806 Crossing
4. Park Updates

*ISSUES MAY BE ADDED OR DELETED BY MEETING DAY

MORTON COUNTY PARK BOARD MEETING

December 27, 2022

The Morton County Park Board Meeting was called to order on December 27, 2022, at 4:05 PM by Chairman Wetsch at the Morton County Courthouse, 210 2nd Ave NW, Mandan, ND. Members present were Geiger, Graner, Himmelspach, Kist, Zachmeier and Boehm. Also present were Park Director Nilsen and Assistant Emergency Manager Joel Rostberg (recording minutes).

Chairman Wetsch called for approval of the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda by Geiger, seconded by Kist. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Wetsch called for approval of the meeting minutes of the November 22, 2022 meeting. Motion to approve the minutes by Graner, seconded by Kist. All voting aye, motion carried.

Chairman Wetsch called for approval of the monthly bills and payroll. Board member Kist reviewed these and motioned to approve the monthly bills and payroll, seconded by Graner. All voting aye, motion carried.

The first agenda item discussed was the bid from Knife River for crushed asphalt for Graner Park roads at a cost of \$112,785 for delivery of material, not spreading and packing at Graner Park. Director Nilsen stated that he would coordinate with the Morton County Highway Department for spreading and packing to save cost of this project. After some discussion on how to pay for this project, the board directed Director Nilsen to obtain estimates for spreading and packing the asphalt so the board would know the entire cost estimate for materials and finish work to proceed with working with Auditor Rhone for use of America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Once this was done, Director Nilsen would inform the Morton County Commission for approval of ARPA funds. Board member Geiger motioned to approve this action, seconded by Graner. All voting aye, motion carried.

The second agenda item discussed was the 1806 pedestrian crossing project. Director Nilsen presented cost estimates from WSB for two options on this project. Director Nilsen stated that he needed to get estimates for asphalt in addition to the crossing infrastructure estimates presented before moving forward with the project. Chairman Wetsch asked Director Nilsen to also pursue any additional state and/or federal grant opportunities and bringing these back to the board at a later date. Project will be tabled to a later date.

The third agenda item was proposed dates for the Park Board Meetings for 2023 as presented by Director Nilsen. These dates would be the 4th Tuesday of each month in 2023. Himmelspach motioned to approve the 2023 meeting dates as presented, seconded by Boehm. All voting aye, motion carried.

The last agenda item was Director Nilsen providing an update on all campground revenue funds received in 2022 in comparison to previous years. Tim also provided updates of all on-going maintenance and routine work being accomplished by the park employees.

Chairman Wetsch called for any other items and a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Kist, seconded by Himmelspach at 4:37 PM. All voting aye, motion carried.



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PB Notes 1.24.23

1. Reorganize the Board: It is that time of the year, we need to reorganize the Board.
2. User Fees: I have checked the rates charged at campgrounds around our area and found that we are one of the cheapest tickets in town. Last season while we were at \$20/night electrical and \$10/night primitive other campgrounds were at the same or higher. Using the same hookups as ours the State Parks were at \$25/night for electric and a vehicle pass of \$7/day or \$35 annually, Lake Tschida \$24/night electrical and \$14/ night primitive. General Sibley \$25/night electrical and \$12/ night primitive, Totten Trails \$26/night electrical and \$14/night primitive, Beulah Bay \$25/night electrical and \$12/night primitive. I would recommend that we would charge \$25/night electrical and \$15/night primitive. The shelter rental fees I recommend leaving them at \$20/day with electrical service and \$10/day with no electrical service. Monthly rate for Fort Rice Campground raising it to \$325/month to \$350/month. I will have some expense numbers to share at the meeting.
3. 1806 Crossing; I have included in your packet the Engineers Preliminary Estimate for the crossing. Grand total of \$357,400 would be the total project cost with all engineering included. I will have some grants for the crossing to discuss at the meeting.
4. Park Updates:
 - A. Our crew has been busy keeping lake access open to the ice fishing public. They have dropped two of the three large cottonwoods at Graner Park and in the near future the third one will come down. Currently they are performing the winter maintenance on the fleet of mowers. They are doing a remarkable job, please thank them if you would run into them.
 - B. Our end of year reports are coming along well, Game and Fish reports have been turned in and waiting for reimbursements. USACE lease agreements are nearly complete and should be complete by the meeting date.

