

Morton County Park Board Meeting Agenda

January 26, 2021

Commission Room, Morton County Courthouse

210 2nd Ave NW, Mandan ND

4:00 PM

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Call to order

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of minutes of previous meetings (December 22, 2020)

Approve monthly bills & payroll--Boehm

1. Reorganize Board
2. Camping and Shelter Fees
3. Fort Rice Camping
4. Park Updates
 - a. Fort Rice Lease
 - b. Iron Ranger
 - c. Game & Fish O&M

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MORTON COUNTY PARK BOARD MEETING

December 22, 2020

The Morton County Park Board Meeting was called to order on December 22, 2020, at 4:00 PM by Chairman Wetsch. The meeting was held virtually and others present were Members Zachmeier, Geiger, Graner, Himmelspach, Kist and Boehm. Also present were Park Director Nilsen and Auditor Rhone.

Zachmeier moved and Geiger seconded to approve the agenda. All voting aye, motion carried.

Geiger moved and Kist seconded to approve the minutes of the November 24, 2020 meeting. All voting aye, motion carried.

Zachmeier moved and Geiger seconded to approve bills and payroll. All voting aye, motion carried.

Geiger moved and Graner seconded to approve the 2021 meeting dates as presented. All voting aye, motion carried.

Zachmeier moved and Kist seconded to approve a 25 year lease with the Corp of Engineers for the Ft Rice Recreation Area. All voting aye, motion carried.

Zachmeier moved and Graner seconded to adjourn at 4:47 PM. All voting aye, motion carried.

PB Notes 1.26.2021

1. Reorganize Board: It's that time of the year again.
2. Camping and Shelter Fees: I hope to have some prices of area agencies. I have not had much luck so far. State Parks are set by the legislature, so we will not know if they change their prices till this fall. The prices we had last season were for camping \$10/night primitive camping, \$20/night electrical camping, and shelter reservations \$10/day for no electricity, \$20 /with electricity. Monthly reservations at Fort Rice were \$325. I feel we should leave our prices alone for another season. One thing I would recommend is, when prices are raised keep them at \$5 increments.
3. Fort Rice Camping: We have an inquiry concerning camping at Fort Rice. Currently we allow reservations for a month long time frame. This opportunity was utilized on 5 occasions throughtout the whole season. There has been an individual that would like to possible reseve one site for a three month period. I feel our intent behind the reservation for a month, was to get campers back to using this campground. We have 4 sites that are available for the monthly resevations, at no time were all four utilized at the same time. I would like the Board to consider letting people reserve these sites for a longer time frame. This should not create any problems until there are more people using this reservation plan. Please think about this and have some ideas for the meeting.
4. Park Updates:
 - a. I have the paperwork finish and sent into the Corp for the 25 year Lease of Fort Rice Recreation Area.
 - b. The permit has been completed and sent to the Corp for the Iron Ranger. Charging for primative camping will not be a issue. The only issue could be in the location of where the iron ranger is placed. Im confident we will be able to find a suitable location.
 - c. Maintenance and Management paper work has been completed and sent into ND Game and Fish. We have received our payments for the maintenance of the Fish Cleaning Stations at Fort Rice and Graner Park (\$7,000), and the maintenance for the last half of 2020 season at Sweet Briar, Fish Creek, Danzig Dam, Crown Butte, Nygren Dam, and the Little Heart Boat Ramp (\$6,000).

Have a GREAT WEEKEND and stay SAFE! Tim