



COUNTY OF BECKER

Recreational Advisory Committee

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RAC Meeting Minutes
May 2nd, (Thursday), 2019
County Board Room
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Karen Mulari, Hank Ludtke, Ben Grimsley, Larry Knutson, Del Bergseth, Dennis Hopman

Staff Present: Guy Fischer, Marsha Watland, Dan McLaughlin

Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda: Matt Davis, Dan Josephson

1. Chair Welcome & Introductions - Mulari
2. January Meeting Minutes: Review/Approval
 - *M. by Ludtke to approve Mtg. Minutes; 2nd by Hopman, motion carried*
3. May Agenda: Review/Approval
 - *M. by Hopman to approve agenda; 2nd by Ludtke, motion carried*
4. Open Forum
 - *Ludtke: attended recent GMRPTC meeting to discuss making a regional park out of Kelly Schafer Property No. of Frazee. Potential for camping, trails, water trail, and crossroads for No. Country Trail, Heartland Trail and State Water Trail. 240-250 acres. Will be forming a committee soon to meet to determine next steps.*
5. Master Trails Plan
 - *SRF was chosen to be consultant by County Board; Contract prepared for Board signature; discussed interest of Board members in attending or participating on Project Management Team (PMT) – seeking meeting in next two weeks for the PMV to meet with the consultant to discuss next steps/process/information/data needed. Some RAC members expressed interest in attending to listen.*
6. Mt. Bike Vision Presentation – Matt Davis
 - *Presentation on opportunities and health and economic benefits of developing more mt. bike trails in the County; LAMBAT in discussion with City of Detroit Lakes is exploring numerous sites around Detroit Lakes which may be good for developing mt. bike trails for all skill levels and is exploring working with the City to apply for planning grant funds from IMBA's Trail Accelerator grant.*
7. FYI: Heartland Trail Update
 - *Work around Acorn Lake (Utility may move lines across Hwy 10), Bridge planning for spanning Co. Hwy 10 is underway could be built/started later this year; Acorn Lake to Underpass bid this summer – potential fall construction; DNR seeking to provide its own Legacy funds for construction of trail between Co. Hwy 10 and Hwy 87; Hwy 87 project will take place in 2020-2021. Conversations with Dan Farnsworth regarding making a bonding request for trail planning/development this year; may be opportunity to piggyback onto presumed MNDOT request for hwy projects along Hwy 34 Corridor between Osage and Park Rapids.*
8. FYI: Dunton Locks County Park: Dry Dock Lake Outlet Channel Reconstruction Project Update

- *Grant has been awarded for \$45,913 – contract will be provided to County Board in conjunction with acceptance of grant on May 7th; \$5,000 from Pelican River Watershed District who will also help with obtaining CC crew; County to provide bridge (up to \$14,300); Soil and Water to assist with vegetative replanting; DNR to provide onsite project management; anticipate Fall construction*
9. FYI: Trail Connection Project Phase I (i.e. Mountain Link Trail project):
 - *Contract signed (to release funds); Seeking easement prior to project bid; Fall construction*
 10. FYI: Mountain Link Trail Phase III – grant application submitted to WCI on the 2nd.
 - *We did not get funding; TA grant suggestion was to try again, but shore up easements along the way. Will explore legacy grant angle to obtain funding for Phase III and/or Phase IV. Discussion about where DL/DMRA was at per their last Legacy grant request (Acquisition/Trails/Parking) and most project should be done by June 2020. Some work related to ROW along the proposed Phase III route may be underway by DL.*
 11. FYI: Dunton Locks – VFW Shelter, Septic and Signage Improvements – Dan
 - *Assessments underway to explore make improvements to kitchen, bathrooms and septic. Estimates will be brought back to RAC/NRM. Kitchen needs a variety of updating, new septic, etc., per discussion a desire to see a lighter paint used on exterior and interior area of both main shelters to brighten it up a bit. Water from water pump tastes terrible – anything that can be done about that?*
 12. Pine Grove Rest Area (by Osage/Navillus Rd.)
 - *MNDOT environmental assessment underway; anticipate demo of old vault toilet structure this summer; MNDOT ADA recommendations relative to the satellite rest room and access are not costly; satellite structure will need a platform capable of containing any spillage and satellite must be strapped to platform to prevent possible tipping of structure.*
 13. FYI: Lake Eunice Project Update
 - *Grant submitted; may not receive grant per application stipulations, but exploring other grant sources/avenues to replace existing access.*
 14. Other Issues/Business/Adjournment
 - *June 6th is next RAC meeting*