



COUNTY OF BECKER

Recreational Advisory Committee

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RAC Meeting Minutes

June 27th 2023

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Commissioners Board Room

Committee Members Present: Phil Hansen, Del Bergseth

Absent: Paige Perry, Karen Mulari, Hank Ludke, Mark Knutson

Staff Present: Mitch Lundeen, Steve Skoog

Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda: None

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Previewed existing RAC committee list and bylaws.
3. Staff provided an update on current and ongoing projects:
 - a. Dunton Locks Shelter Replacement Grant – Becker County received a grant to build a new outdoor shelter. This shelter will be approximately 32' x 60' (double the size of the existing VFW pavilion). It will include a winter warming area, bathrooms, water fountains, electrical outlets, janitors closets, etc. Currently waiting for approval from Office of State Archeologist to continue planning and construction.
 - b. Bucks Mill Dam Acquisition – Becker County has a DNR CPL Grant to acquire 1.6 acres of land and riverbed on the Pelican River in Lakeview Twp. Becker County is planning to close on property early-mid August 2023, once ownership is transferred Becker County will install a fence along private landowner property. DNR Fisheries and Pelican River Watershed District will then began to submit proposals to LSOHC for dam removal and stream restoration.
 - c. Middle Cormorant Beach (MCB) & Osage Swimming Beach (OSB)- Ongoing maintenance projects at MCB. Discussed expansion of the OSB and potential surveying/acquisition needs.
 - d. Primitive Camping, Recreational Locations, and Public Accesses – general discussion.
 - e. Heartland Trail Bonding Requests – Becker County submitted a \$1.8 Million bonding request for 2024. (See Resolution)
 - f. Wannigan Park – No Update
 - g. Dunton Locks to Shoreham Potential Bike Path – continued discussions to create a bike path from Dunton Locks Park to Shoreham Area. Need to have a discussion with SOO PASS RANCH and City of Detroit Lakes.
 - h. Eagle Lake Public Beach (Frazee) – general discussion.
4. Becker County Organizational Layout and Current Staffing Needs. – Staff discussed how the Land Use Department is currently organized and how they were historically. The county used to have a EDA/Parks and Recreation Coordinator. Turnover in staffing and the pandemic created lag in RAC

activity. Becker County Staff are currently working to keep existing parks and other recreational areas maintained and in working order.

5. RAC Responsibilities. – Discussed RAC members responsibilities and roles. Committee members will need to be engaged and take some ownership in new and emerging projects; as Becker County currently does not has the resources to commit to new and emerging projects, grant writing, etc
6. Meeting Adjourned.

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