



COUNTY OF BECKER

Recreational Advisory Committee

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RAC Meeting Minutes

July 11th 2023

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Commissioners Board Room

Committee Members Present: Hank Ludke (VC), Karen Mulari (C), Del Bergseth, Phil Hansen, John Okeson, David Meyer

Absent: Paige Perry

Staff Present: Mitch Lundeen, Steve Skoog, Cody Piper

Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda: None

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Nominations:
 - a. Phil Hansen made a motion to nominate Karen Mulari as Chair, Hank Ludke seconded, all in favor, motion passed.
 - b. Karen Mulari made a motion to nominate Hank Ludke as Vice Chair, Phil Hansen seconded, all in favor, motion passed.
3. Bylaws and RAC Structure Discussion: Karen M asked RAC members to take RAC bylaws home, review them, make adjustments/comments, and bring back to the next RAC meeting. Major RAC member requests will be brought to the Natural Resources Management Committee (NRM) for further vetting and decision making. *Mitch will send out bylaws via email to RAC Members.*
4. 6/27/23 RAC Notes Review and Approval: Phil made a motion to approve meeting notes, Del seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
5. Recreation Budget Discussion: Phil asked how parks and recreation projects are funded. Staff discussed how revenue was generated before and after apportionment from timber sales, however there are many other local, state, federal, private grant sources available and should be thoughtfully considered while seeking out funding for projects. Discussion also revolved around the need for an additional forester/recreation position.

Below are apportionment percentages from revenues made from Tax Forfeited Lands (e.g. land sales, timber sales, recreational leases, etc.)

After Departmental Costs (Salaries, equipment, and operating costs), the remaining balance is dispersed (MN \$282.08) to the following:

- a. 30% - Forest/ Resource Development Fund – This pays for tree seedlings, site preparation, tree planting, deer browse protection (bud capping), forest road and trail maintenance.
- b. 20% - Recreation Fund – this allows for the purchase and/ or improvements to the infrastructure of the county’s amenities and for the recreational opportunities in Becker County.

FROM THE REMAINING BALANCE

- c. 40% - Becker County General Fund
 - d. 40% - School District the revenue was generated from
 - e. 20% - Township/ City the revenue was generated from
6. RAC Members/Staff had a lengthy discussion regarding current and ongoing projects. Couple priority projects to follow up on and keep in front of the RAC are:
- a. Eagle Lake Park (Frazee) – *Steve S. to follow up with Frazee City Administrator* regarding the status of this park. Is the plan for the City to keep maintaining the park, sell it, or hand over to Becker County to maintain in future?
 - b. Bike Path from Dunton Locks to Shoreham and Beyond: *Phil and staff will follow up regarding a potential path. Discussions need to be had between the city, Soo Pass Ranch, County, and Others.*
 - c. Primitive Camping, Recreational Locations, Shell Lake Block Mt. Biking, and Public Accesses – general discussion.
 - d. Heartland Trail Bonding Requests – Becker County submitted a \$1.8 Million bonding request for 2024.
7. Set up RAC Field Tour Late Summer/Fall once all RAC Members have been appointed or filled.
8. Discussion took place if we should consider having Microsoft TEAM as an option. No decision made, but it can be done if requested.
9. Staff will bring Per Diem spreadsheets for RAC members to next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:33pm

NEXT RAC MEETING SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 8th at 1PM. LOCATION TBD.