



COUNTY OF BECKER

Recreational Advisory Committee

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RAC Meeting Notes

October 10th, 2023

1:00 – 2:15 pm

Becker County Boardroom

Committee Members Present: Hank Ludke, Del Bergseth, Phil Hansen, John Okeson, Keith Zachariason, Howard Kluender, David Meyer.

Absent: Paige Perry, Karen Mulari

Staff Present: Mitch Lundeen, Steve Skoog, Cody Piper

Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda: Mark Bjerke, Dave Suppa, Amy Stearns

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Open Forum:

- A. Bike Trail Update - We Fest General Manager, Mark Bjerke & Soo Pass Ranch Manager, Dave Suppa described three possible routes for a bike path going through We Fest Grounds. Designs and plans are in place to develop 8-15 lots along Lake Sallie. We Fest camping locations will stay in place. The committee discussed all three possible bike path routes. Apex engineering to do a bike path study from Dunton Locks to Shoreham in the future. Staff to find out what the maximum grade and slope can be for the bike path.
- B. Troll Update- Project 412 Executive Director, Amy Stearns discussed the possibility of locating the future troll closer to the eagle's shelter at Dunton Locks to avoid congestion on the bike path. Due to a recent archaeological survey, the committee recommends establishing a troll near bike path location.

3. Appointments: Commissioner Meyer is searching for a member from District 2.

4. 9/12/23 RAC Notes Review and Approval: Hansen made a motion to approve meeting notes, Zachariason seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

Current/Ongoing Projects:

5. Dunton Locks Park

- *Dunton Locks Shelter Grant-* Staff will be meeting with engineers and architect to redesign the proposed new shelter due to limitations imposed by the archaeological study. The committee also discussed additional parking needs and possible relocation of the PRWS building.

- Park Signage (Ordinance)– The Committee acknowledged that some signage stating park rules and hours needs to be replaced now and some after the new shelter is in place.
6. **Bucks Mill**– Still awaiting the fencing contractor to begin, staff may need assistance relocating 3 survey pins to ensure fence follows property boundary.
 7. **Wannigan Park** – Starting the signage and structures should be complete next spring. They are closing on the property and will donate to the City of Frazee on 10/31/23.
 8. **Chilton Park**- Staff shared a survey that was done in 2018 regarding the vision of creating some donated property (Chilton) and adjacent Becker County tax forfeited land into Chilton Park and Recreation area. Staff to put together a project timeline and budget for creating some primitive campsites and bring to future NRM Meeting.
 9. **Pickeral Lake** – Staff have begun creating three primitive campsites along pickerel lake. Brushing and grubbing are complete. Staff plan to post camping locations on the county website.
 10. **Heartland Trail**– No update
 11. **Woods n Wheels** – Staff put together a draft agreement with Woods n Wheels ATV club to reroute multi use trail thru Becker County land, the next phase will to be create an ordinance to allow class 1 ATVS along the shoulder of the County Road 38 from Balmi Cemetery Road to City of Wolf Lake.
 12. Hansen made a motion to adjourn, Bergseth 2nd, Motion Passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:17pm

NEXT RAC MEETING DATE TBD – Possibly December 12th, 2023.