



COUNTY OF BECKER

Recreational Advisory Committee

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RAC Meeting Notes

January 10th, 2023

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Becker County HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT
1771 North Tower Road, Detroit Lakes, MN

Committee Members Present: Hank Ludke, Phil Hansen, Keith Zachariason, David Meyer, Jim Granger, Karen Mulari

Absent: Del Bergseth, Howard Kluender, John Okeson

Staff Present: Mitch Lundeen, Steve Skoog, Cody Piper

Audience/Guest Participation Per Agenda: None

1. **Welcome & Introductions**
2. **Open Forum:** NONE
3. **12/12/23 RAC Notes Review and Approval:** Granger made a motion to approve meeting notes, Hansen seconded. All in favor, motion passed.
4. **2024 Becker County Land Use Plan Public Survey Results/2011 Becker County REC Plan:** Committee reviewed the survey results from nearly 600 respondents, specifically those responses related to parks, recreation, and natural resources which ranked within the top three following housing and jobs/economic development of which respondents showed their greatest interest or concerns with. The committee also looked at ways to update and align the Becker County Recreation Plan (2011) so it's incorporated into the new BC Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Staff will reach out to a consulting firm that's putting a new land use plan together to see how this should be incorporated.
 - a. **The Committee tasked itself with Reviewing and Updating outlined Goals and Strategies within the 2011 Recreation Plan and will have a working session during the next few committee meetings. – Mitch will send out a reminder for everyone to do their homework** 😊
 - b. The committee would like a larger map (3x5) to showcase existing trails, public lands, accesses, etc. Mitch will get a print a couple different versions or subsets of maps on colored plotter. Eventually it would be nice to have an interactive map on the county website that could show all these features and up to date provide information on them. Discussion about branding or

signing Becker County parks, beaches, trails, and other significant infrastructure should be done.

- c. Future Meeting Presentations: DNR Representative (Parks, Trails, Public Lands Inventory and Operations and Maintenance Supervisor) and Wayne Hurley from West Central Initiative to explore possible grant options for future parks and trail projects.

Current/Ongoing Projects:

5. Dunton Locks Park
 - *Dunton Locks Shelter Grant*- Staff working with Apex Engineering on the preliminary site design for civil engineering. This site design will paint a better picture of proposed parking area, sidewalks, shelter layout, future and existing trails, etc. Plan is to have a new shelter up by Fall 2024. Pelican River Watershed is still looking for alternative building site, weed conveyor will be removed prior to construction.
 - *Bike Path* - Continued Discussion on future bike path routes from Dunton Locks south. Will likely need perpetual easement if any state/federal funds are used to assist with bike path project.
 - *Small Shelter*- Staff replaced one of the small shelters near the Tram this winter, plan is to replace the one further to the south this spring or after the new shelter is put up.
6. **Toad Mountain Property** – Trust for Public Land (TPL) has made an offer to the landowner of Toad Mountain. No update other than that at this time.
7. **Wannigan Park**- They have 4.3 million in grants for 2024. City of Frazee is the owner of Wannigan Park and Manages it.
8. **Heartland Trail**–Becker County Engineer and Detroit Lakes City Administrator still working with the landowner to purchase land for trail construction. Once the legislative session starts we should be talking with local legislators about the bonding requests.
9. **Woods n Wheels/ATV Ordinance** – Staff working on a ATV ordinance to allow Class 1 ATVs to travel on a stretch of the road from Balmi Cemetery to the City of Wolf Lake. Staff will need to have more in depth conversations regarding some topics on the draft ordinance.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:33pm

NEXT RAC MEETING DATE – Tuesday, February 13th, 2023.

Proposed 2024 Meeting Dates (1-2:30)

2-13-2024

3-12-2024

4-9-2024

5-14-2024

6-11-2024

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