



COUNTY OF BECKER

Recreational Advisory Committee

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RAC Meeting Notes

March 12th, 2024

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Becker County Courthouse

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

Absent: John Okeson

Staff Present: Mitch Lundeen, Steve Skoog, Cody Piper

Audience/Guest Participation: Craig Anderson, Mark Saba (Bass Lake Residents)

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. **Open Forum:** Mark Saba & Craig Anderson – Expressed concerns (security, maintenance, small lake) regarding camping and building trails at Chilton Park on Bass Lake. The RAC Committee would like to tour the potential camping sites and trails prior to anymore planning or implementation of sites or trails. Jack Pine Resort offers camping sites, is there anyway the county can partner with the resort to help them financially, add more sites, or link together trails to and from the resort? Mitch will send out Chilton Park Survey from 2018 to the RAC Committee.

3. **February 13th meeting notes:** Zachariason motioned to approve meeting notes from 2-13-24, seconded by Ludke. Motion carried.

4. **White Earth Land Transfer SF 3480:** Staff explained SF 3480. This bill would transfer a large amount of state acquired DNR lands immediately, followed up with a task force to convey future state and county owned/managed lands within the White Earth State Forest. Senate Hearing link below and Bill attached. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1EPNdUJ1n4&t=8160s>

5. **Becker County REC Plan Update:** Staff will make updates internally from RAC members' comments and notes. Much of the updating can be done by clerical staff. Committee members asked about funding sources identified within the plan, will the county allocate funds for RAC committee projects.

Current/Ongoing Projects:

6. Dunton Locks Park

- *Dunton Locks Shelter Grant-* Meadowland Surveying has completed the survey work needed and sent off to Apex Engineering for the preliminary site design for civil engineering concepts. Apex

engineering will provide a concept with and without the Pelican River Watershed (PRWS) Building. PRWS will need a place to store their pickups and boat so the building at Dunton Locks can be removed for additional parking.

- *Bike Path* – No update. Need to have conversation with Apex Engineering and Soo Pass Ranch to see how they're laying out the townhome development.
 - *Kayak Launch*- Committee not interested in placing a kayak launch at Dunton Locks at this time.
7. **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.
 8. **Wannigan Park**-Lobbying for \$1.8 Million for sewer and water connection. Will need to raise money for match grants. February 22nd Open house was well attended.
 9. **Eagle Lake Property**- City of Frazee currently owns property, intent is to keep the public access open. The city of Frazee may come to the County to transfer all or a portion of property to keep the public access open.
 10. **Heartland Trail**– No update.
 11. **ATV Ordinance** – Ordinance is set to the county board for public hearing on March 19th at 10:00 am.
 12. **Other**- Committee would like to plan a field tour to some sites for the next meeting. A couple proposed locations were Chilton Park, Pickeral Lake Campsites, Shell Lake Block, others located in eastern Becker County. Staff will work to formulate a field trip on April 9th pending the weather and try to get a transit bus reserved.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:39pm

NEXT RAC MEETING DATE – Tuesday, April 9th, 2023 (AM FIELD TOUR)

2024 Meeting Dates (1-2:30)

4-9-2024 – Field Tour, Pending Weather.

5-14-2024

6-11-2024

7-9-2024

8-13-2024

9-10-2024 10-8-2024 11-12-2024 12-10-2024.